

RESOLUTION NO. PC-2026-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA RECOMMENDING THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA ADOPT AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND TITLE 13 OF THE CITY'S MUNICIPAL CODE (PLANNING, ZONING, AND DEVELOPMENT) TO UPDATE SPECIFIC NON RESIDENTIAL LAND USE CLASSIFICATIONS, USES AND STANDARDS (PCTY-2026-0001)

THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA FINDS AND DECLARES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS, the City of Costa Mesa Municipal Code, Title 13 Planning Zoning and Development Code was last significantly updated in 1997, and since that time has been periodically amended;

WHEREAS, Title 13 Planning, Zoning, and Development Code serves as the primary regulatory framework governing land use and development throughout the City, and a clear and modern Zoning Code supports economic development by providing certainty for property owners, tenants, and investors while ensuring that new development remains consistent with the City's General Plan and community objectives;

WHEREAS, new business types, including wellness-oriented services, specialized fitness facilities, active entertainment venues, artisan production spaces, food halls, ghost kitchens, commercial kitchens, and e-sports-related uses are increasingly common but are not clearly addressed within the City's existing regulatory framework;

WHEREAS, this Ordinance would amend the following Chapters in Title 13 of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code to implement amendments to the Zoning Code to facilitate clarity and regulation requirements:

- a. Chapter I, Article 2, Definitions
- b. Chapter IV, Citywide Land Use Matrix
- c. Chapter V Development Standards, Article 3, Commercial Development Standards
- d. Chapter V Development Standards, Article 4, Establishments Where Food or Beverages are Served
- e. Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts

f. Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 3, Development Standards

g. Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations;

WHEREAS, a Study Session was held by the Planning Commission on April 13, 2026 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the amendments;

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on June 22, 2026 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the amendments; and

WHEREAS, after holding a public hearing, the Planning Commission conducted a discussion, re-opened the public hearing, and continued the item to the July 13, 2026 hearing; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Planning Commission on July, 2026 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the amendments, and the Planning Commission recommended the City Council approve the proposed amendments;

WHEREAS, the proposed amendments have been reviewed for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The proposed amendments are exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the Common Sense Exemption, because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that adoption of the ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment. The amendments primarily involve updates to land use classifications, definitions, and administrative development standards. Additionally, portions of the amendment may be categorically exempt pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 (Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations).

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the evidence in the record the Planning Commission, in its independent judgement, hereby **RECOMMENDS APPROVAL** of the Zoning Code amendments incorporated herein as Attachment 1, Exhibits A through F:

Attachment 1 – Draft City Council Ordinance 26-XX,

- Exhibit A: Chapter 1, Article 2, Definitions;
- Exhibit B: Chapter IV, Citywide Land Use Matrix;
- Exhibit C: Chapter V, Development Standards, Article 3, Commercial Development Standards;

- Exhibit D: Chapter V Development Standards, Article 4, Establishments Where Food or Beverages are Served;
- Exhibit E: Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts;
- Exhibit F: Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 3, Development Standards; and
- Exhibit G: Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Costa Mesa Planning Commission does hereby find and determine that adoption of this Resolution is expressly predicated upon the activity as described in the staff report, and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if any section, division, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this resolution, or the document in the record in support of this resolution, are for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13th day of July, 2026.

Jeffrey Harlan, Chair
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE)ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, Carrie Tai, Secretary to the Planning Commission of the City of Costa Mesa, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. PC-2026-__ was passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City of Costa Mesa Planning Commission held on July 13, 2026, by the following votes:

AYES: COMMISSIONERS

NOES: COMMISSIONERS

ABSENT: COMMISSIONERS

ABSTAIN: COMMISSIONERS

Carrie Tai, Secretary
Costa Mesa Planning Commission

ATTACHMENT 1 – Draft City Council Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-XX

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THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY FIND AND DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

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Districts;

f. Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 3, Development Standards; and

g. Chapter IX, Article 24, Group Instruction/Setting & Small Fitness Studio.

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WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held by the City Council on _____, 2026 with all persons having the opportunity to speak for and against the amendments; and

NOW, THEREFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COSTA MESA, CALIFORNIA DOES HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City Council, in its independent judgement, hereby adopts the Zoning Code amendments incorporated herein as Exhibits A through G:

- Exhibit A: Chapter 1, Article 2, Definitions;
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- Exhibit G: Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations;

Section 2. Inconsistencies. Any provision of the Costa Mesa Municipal Code or appendices thereto inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance, to the extent of such inconsistencies and no further, is hereby repealed or modified to that extent necessary to affect the provisions of this Ordinance.

Section 3. Severability. If any chapter, article, section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance, or the application thereof to any person, is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this Ordinance or its application to other persons. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance and each chapter, article, section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases, or portions of the application thereof to any person, be declared invalid or unconstitutional. No portion of this Ordinance shall supersede any local, State, or Federal law, regulation, or codes dealing with life safety factors.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its final passage.

Section 5. Certification. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be published or posted in the manner required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

John Stephens, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Brenda Green, City Clerk

Kimberly Hall Barlow, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF ORANGE) ss
CITY OF COSTA MESA)

I, BRENDA GREEN, City Clerk of the City of Costa Mesa, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing Ordinance No. 2026-xx was duly introduced for first reading at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the ____ day of _____ 2026, and that thereafter, said Ordinance was duly passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council held on the ____ day of _____, 2026, by the following roll call vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereby set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Costa Mesa this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Brenda Green, City Clerk

EXHIBIT A
Chapter I, Article 2
Definitions

§ 13-5. Purpose.

The intent of this article is to define certain words and phrases which are used in this Zoning Code. Additional definitions may also be given in conjunction with the special regulations contained in Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations, and Chapter XII, Special Fee Assessments.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97)

§ 13-6. Definitions.

Abutting. Sharing a common boundary, of at least one point contiguous to, having district boundaries or lot lines in common (i.e., not separated by an alley, public or private right-of-way, or street).

Accessory building. A building or part of a building which is subordinate to, and the use of which is incidental to that of the main building or use on the same lot.

Accessory dwelling unit (ADU). See Chapter V, Article 2, section 13-35.

Accessory use. A use incidental and subordinate to and devoted exclusively to the main use of the land or building thereon that does not change the character of the structure or use.

Accessory use, residential. A use that is a part of, and clearly incidental and secondary to, a residence; located on the same lot as a residence; and that does not change the character of the residential use such as:

- (a) Accessory dwelling unit (ADU)
- (b) Home occupations
- (c) Personal property sales (i.e., garage or yard sales).

Active Entertainment. A commercial use that provides interactive, participant-based amusement, recreation, or game-oriented activities for individual or group participation and is limited to a maximum of 15,000 square feet. Active Entertainment does not include spectator-oriented uses, live performance theaters, adult entertainment businesses, physical fitness facilities, or event centers.

Adjacent. Same as abutting, but also includes properties which are separated by a public right-of-way, not exceeding 120 feet in width.

Adult business. See Chapter IX, Special Land Use Regulations, Article 1, Adult Businesses, for specific definitions and terms.

Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facility. Adult alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities that are licensed pursuant to section 11834.01 of the California Health and Safety Code. Alcoholism or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities are a subset of residential care facilities.

Alteration (structure). Any construction, addition or physical change in the internal arrangement of rooms or the supporting members of a structure, or change in the appearance of any structure, except paint.

Ambient noise level. The all-encompassing noise level associated with a given environment, being a composite of sounds from all sources, excluding the alleged offensive noise, at the location and approximate time at which a comparison with the alleged offensive noise is to be made.

Amusement Center. A commercial use that provides interactive, participant-based amusement, recreation, or game-oriented activities for individual or group participation and is larger than 15,000 gross square feet. Active Entertainment does not include spectator-oriented uses, live performance theaters, adult entertainment businesses, physical fitness facilities, or event centers.

Antenna. Any structure, including, but not limited to, a monopole, tower, parabolic and/or disk shaped device in single or multiple combinations of either solid or mesh construction, intended for the purpose of receiving or transmitting communication to or from another antenna, device or orbiting satellite, as well as supporting equipment necessary to install or mount the antenna.

Antenna, amateur radio. An antenna array and its associated support structure, such as a mast or tower, that is used for the purpose of transmitting and receiving radio signals in conjunction with an amateur radio station licensed by the Federal Communications Commission.

Antenna, communication. All types of receiving and transmitting antennas, except satellite dish antennas and amateur radio antennas. Communication antenna includes, but is not limited to, cable television antennas, cellular radiotelephone cell antennas, FM digital communication antennas, microwave telephone communication antennas, and shortwave communication and other similar antennas.

Antenna height. The distance from the property's grade to the highest point of the antenna and its associated support structure when fully extended.

Antenna, satellite dish. An antenna intended for the purpose of receiving or transmitting communication to or from an orbiting satellite.

Antenna, whip. An antenna and its support structure consisting of a single, slender, rod-like element which is supported only at or near its base.

Apartment. A rental or lease dwelling having kitchen facilities in a structure designed or used to house at least one family, as the term "family" is defined in this Zoning Code.

Artisan Studio. A workspace for the creation, display, and retail sale of artwork and hand crafted goods, including custom woodworking and furniture making, where products are primarily created by the artist or artisan on-site; excluding automotive repair and food related production. Examples include, but are not limited to, artist studios and workshops, photography studios and commercial photography, recording studios, music studios, galleries, and showrooms.

Assembly use. A use conducted in a structure or outdoor venue for the purpose of gathering of persons for a civic, education, political, religious, or social function, or

for the consumption or receipt of food and/or beverages. Assembly use does not include sexually oriented businesses.

Association (homeowners'). The organization of persons who own a lot, parcel, area, airspace, or right of exclusive occupancy in a common interest development and who have interests in the control of common areas of such project.

Attached (structure). Any structure that has a wall or roof in common with another structure.

Attic. Any non-habitable area immediately below the roof and wholly or partly within the roof framing.

Awning. A roof-like cover that projects from the wall of a building for the purpose of shielding the sun or providing an architectural accent.

Basement. A space wholly or partially underground and having more than 1/2 of its height, measuring from floor to ceiling, below the average grade. If the finished floor level directly above the basement is more than four feet above grade at any point, the basement shall be considered a story.

Boardinghouse. A dwelling unit, other than a hotel, wherein rooms are rented under two or more separate written or oral rental agreements, leases or subleases or combination thereof, whether or not the owner, agent or rental manager resides within the dwelling unit. Boardinghouse, small means two or fewer rooms being rented to a maximum of three occupants per dwelling unit. Boardinghouse, large means three to six rooms being rented to a maximum of six occupants per dwelling unit. Boardinghouses renting two or fewer rooms and having more than three occupants, or renting more than six rooms and/ or having more than six occupants, per dwelling unit are prohibited.

Building. Any structure having roof and walls and requiring permanent location on the ground, built and maintained for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, chattels or property of any kind.

Building height. The distance from the finished grade (as defined in this section) to the highest point on the roof, including roof-top mechanical equipment and screening.

Building, main. The building or buildings within which the principal use permitted on the lot is conducted.

Carport. A permanent, roofed structure, not completely enclosed which is used for vehicle parking.

Central administrative office. An establishment primarily engaged in management and general administrative functions performed centrally for other establishments of the same company.

Churches and other places of religious assembly. A type of assembly use which has the principal purpose of religious worship and for which the primary space is a sanctuary. Religious activities and services held in the sanctuary are conducted at scheduled times. The use may also include accessory facilities in the same or separate building that includes classrooms, assembly rooms, restrooms, kitchen, and a library. Other uses such as, but not limited to, day care facilities, nursery schools, schools, retail sales, and services to businesses, are not considered a

primary function of churches and other places of religious assembly.

Cigar bar. See Smoking lounge.

City. City of Costa Mesa.

Commercial Kitchen. A food preparation facility used by one or more food operators for the preparation, cooking, processing, packaging, and storage of food or beverages for off-site consumption, distribution, catering, wholesale, or other commercial purposes, with no on-site dining, retail sales, customer pick-up, or delivery service to the general public. A commercial kitchen may include catering kitchens, commissary kitchens, shared-use kitchens, and food production facilities, but does not include a restaurant, ghost kitchen, food hall, or other food service establishment where food orders are accepted from customers and fulfilled directly from the premises.

Common area. Those portions of a project area which are designed, intended or used in common and not under the exclusive control or possession of owners or occupants of individual units in planned development projects or common interest developments.

Common interest development. A development as defined in State Civil Code section 1350, containing two or more common interest units, as defined in Civil Code section 783; a community apartment project, as defined in State Business and Professional Code section 11004, containing two or more rights of exclusive occupancy; and a stock cooperative, as defined in Business and Professional Code section 11003.2, containing two or more rights of exclusive occupancy.

Conditional use permit. A discretionary approval usually granted by the planning commission which allows a use or activity not allowed as a matter of right, based on specified findings.

Convenience stores, mini-markets. A retail store, generally less than 10,000 square feet in area, that sells a variety of convenience foods, beverages and non-food items. Fresh dairy products, produce and/or meat may be offered on a limited basis.

County. County of Orange.

Covered parking space. A garage, carport or parking space which is completely covered by a roof.

Density bonus. A minimum increase of 25% over the allowable residential dwelling unit density as specified by the zoning classification.

Development. The division of land into two or more lots; the construction, reconstruction, conversion, structural alteration, relocation, or enlargement of any structure; any mining, excavation, landfill, or land disturbance; and any use or extension of the use of land.

Development review. The processing of a development plan when authority for approval is vested in the planning division.

Development services department means the Development Services Department of the City of Costa Mesa.

Development services director. The director of development services of the City of Costa Mesa, or his or her designee.

Disabled shall have the same meaning as handicapped.

Dormer. A vertical window in a projection built out from a sloping roof.

Driveway, common. A paved area for vehicle circulation and parking purposes which features joint use between two or more parties.

Driveway, individual. The paved area strictly leading to the garage/carport of a residence. This paved area serves vehicle parking purposes and does not extend beyond the garage/carport unless a curvilinear design is necessary for the turning radius.

Dwelling, single-family. "Dwelling, single-family" or "single-family dwelling" is a building of permanent character placed in a permanent location which is designed or used for residential occupancy by one family. A single mobile home on a foundation system on a single lot is a single-family dwelling. (See Manufactured housing).

Dwelling, multi-family. "Dwelling, multi-family" or "multi-family dwelling" is a building or buildings of permanent character placed on one lot which is designed or used for residential occupancy by two or more families.

Dwelling unit. One or more rooms in any building designed for occupancy by one family, and containing one kitchen unit, including manufactured housing. (See Manufactured housing).

Easement. A grant of one or more property rights by the owner for use by the public, a corporation or another person or entity.

Efficiency unit. A dwelling unit for occupancy by no more than two persons conforming to California's Health and Safety Code § 17958.1 with a minimum floor area of 150 square feet that provides bathroom facilities and a partial kitchen equipped with a sink, cooking appliance, and refrigerator.

Electronic cigarette. An electronic and/or battery-operated device used to provide an inhalable dose of nicotine by delivering a vaporized solution. The term includes any such device manufactured, distributed, marketed, or sold as an electronic cigarette, an electronic cigar, an electronic cigarillo, an electronic pipe, an electronic hookah, or any other product name or descriptor. The term does not include any medical inhaler prescribed by a licensed doctor.

Electronic game machine. Any electronic or mechanical device which upon insertion of a coin, slug, or token in any slot or receptacle attached to the device or connected therewith, operates, or which may be operated for use as a game, contest, or amusement through the exercise of skill or chance.

Electric vehicle charging station. As defined by Government Code Section [65850.7](#).

Electric vehicle supply equipment. The hardware, including connectors, fixtures, devices, and other components required to charge an electric vehicle.

Emergency shelters. A facility that provides immediate and short-term housing for homeless persons that is limited to occupancy of six months or less. Supplemental services may include counseling and access to social programs. No individual or household may be denied to emergency shelter because of an inability to pay.

Employee housing. Shall have the same meaning as "employee housing" described

in California Health and Safety Code Section 17021.5, and as set forth in California Health and Safety Code Section 17008 for farmworkers.

Entertainment (live). Any act, play, revue, pantomime scene, dance act, musical performance, or any combination thereof, performed by one or more persons whether or not they are compensated for the performance.

E-Sports or Electronic Sports. Means a participant-based organized competitive playing of video games using digital gaming platforms.

E-Sports Arena. A facility designed and operated primarily for organized electronic gaming competitions, tournaments, exhibitions, broadcasts, live-streaming events, or similar events where spectator viewing and attendance are the principal activities.

Establishment where food or beverages are served. Any commercial use that sells prepared food and/or beverages for consumption on site or off site, either solely or in conjunction with an ancillary or complementary use. Excluded from this definition are grocery stores, convenience stores, movie theaters, and other such uses, as determined by the development services director, where the sale of food or beverages is clearly incidental to the primary use. All establishments selling alcoholic beverages for consumption on-site are included within this definition

Event Center- A facility designed for assembly use and to accommodate organized events, competitions, ceremonies, meetings, entertainment, spectator viewing, or similar group activities. Event Centers are also referred to as Banquet Facilities, Assembly Halls, and Arenas.

Fair housing laws. The Federal Fair Housing Act, the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, as each statute may be amended from time to time, and each statute's implementing regulations.

Family. One or more persons occupying one dwelling unit and living together as a single housekeeping unit.

Family day care home, large. A home which provides family day care to seven to 14 children as defined in section 1596.78 of the State Health and Safety Code.

Family day care home, small. A home which provides family day care to eight or fewer children as defined in section 1596.78 of the State Health and Safety Code.

Fitness studios.- means an indoor commercial use of more than 2,500 square feet but less than 15,000 square feet that provides instructor-led instruction, training, or structured physical activity, either in a group setting or one-on-one, including, but not limited to: dance, martial arts, yoga, Pilates, high-intensity interval training (HIIT), circuit training, and similar small-group fitness activities. These uses are characterized by scheduled classes or training sessions and are limited in scale and intensity. This use does not include large health clubs, commercial gyms, indoor sports training facilities, or uses greater than 15,000 square feet of gross floor area.

Floor area ratio. The gross floor area of a building or project divided by the project lot area upon which it is located.

Food Hall. A single, integrated food and beverage establishment, or restaurant, containing three or more independently operated food or beverage vendors or

counters within a shared building or tenant space, with common customer seating, shared circulation, and shared amenities. A food hall may include accessory alcohol service, entertainment, retail, or event programming when allowed by applicable permits, but does not include ghost kitchen or commercial kitchen.

Garage. An accessory or attached enclosed building with doors, designed and/or used for vehicle parking.

Garage sale. An event for the purpose of selling or trading personal property. Garage sale includes yard sale.

General plan. The City of Costa Mesa General Plan as adopted or amended from time to time by the city council.

Ghost Kitchen. A food preparation facility used by one or more food operators for the preparation of meals or beverages for off-site consumption through delivery, mobile ordering, or customer pick-up, with no dine-in restaurant service. A ghost kitchen may include multiple virtual restaurant brands, shared order fulfillment areas, delivery driver staging, and limited pick-up lobby areas, but does not include a catering kitchen, commercial kitchen, or food hall.

Grade. The lowest point of the finished surface elevation of either the ground, paving or sidewalk within the area between the building and the property line, or when the property line is more than five feet from the building, between the building and a line five feet from the building.

Grade, finished. The surface of the ground at a stated location as it exists after completion of precise grading.

Grade, natural. The unaltered natural surface of the ground at a stated location.

Gross acreage. The total area within the lot lines of a lot of land before public streets, easements or other areas to be dedicated or reserved for public use are deducted from such lot, and not including adjacent lands already dedicated for such purposes.

Gross floor area. The area of all floors within the walls of a structure except elevator and other vertical shafts (including stairwells) and elevator equipment areas.

Gross floor area (Nonresidential). The total horizontal area of all floors within the exterior walls of a structure that contribute to the building's occupancy or intensity of use. Nonresidential gross floor area excludes garages or carports used for parking, elevator and stair shafts, mechanical shafts, pipe chases, equipment and mechanical rooms, electrical rooms, and other accessory storage, utility or service spaces, that are devoted exclusively to development operations and maintenance.

Gross leasable area. The total floor area designed for tenant occupancy and exclusive use, including both owned and leased areas.

Group home. A facility that is being used as a supportive living environment for persons who are considered handicapped under state or federal law. A group home operated by a single operator or service provider (whether licensed or unlicensed) constitutes a single facility, whether the facility occupies one or more dwelling units. Group homes shall not include the following: (1) residential care facilities; (2) any group home that operates as a single housekeeping unit; (3) any group home without an operator.

Guestroom. A room occupied or intended, arranged, or designed for occupancy by one or more guests.

Handicapped. As more specifically defined under the fair housing laws, a person who has a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities, a person who is regarded as having that type of impairment, or a person who has a record of that type of impairment, not including current, illegal use of a controlled substance.

Hazardous materials. Any material of quantity, concentration, physical or chemical characteristics, that poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and safety or to the environment if released into the work place or environment; or any material requiring a Material Safety Data Sheet according to Title 8, section 339 of the State Code of Regulation.

Health club. See Physical Fitness Facility.

Height. See Building height and Antenna height.

Home occupation. Any business or commercial use conducted within a dwelling unit.

Hookah lounge. See Smoking lounge.

Hotel. Any building or combination of buildings generally three or more stories in height containing six or more guest rooms offering transient lodging accommodations to the general public and providing incidental guest services such as food and beverage service, recreation facilities, retail services and banquet, reception and meeting rooms. Typically, room access is provided through a main or central lobby.

Household includes all the people occupying a dwelling unit, and includes people who live in different units governed by the same operator.

Integral facilities. Any combination of two or more group homes which may or may not be located on the same or contiguous parcels of land, that are under the control and management of the same owner, operator, management company or licensee or any affiliate of any of them, and are integrated components of one operation shall be referred to as integral facilities and shall be considered one facility for purposes of applying federal, state and local laws to its operation. Examples of such integral facilities include, but are not limited to, the provision of housing in one facility and recovery programming, treatment, meals, or any other service or services to program participants in another facility or facilities or by assigning staff or a consultant or consultants to provide services to the same program participants in more than one licensed or unlicensed facility.

Integral uses. Any two or more residential care programs commonly administered by the same owner, operator, management company or licensee, or any affiliate of any of them, in a manner in which participants in two or more care programs participate simultaneously in any care or recovery activity or activities so commonly administered. Any such integral use shall be considered one use for purposes of applying federal, state and local laws to its operation.

Intersection. The general area where two or more roadways join or cross.

Kitchen. Any room, all or part of which is designed and/or used for storage,

refrigeration, cooking and preparation of food.

Landscaping. Plant materials such as lawn, groundcover, trees and shrubs.

Loft. An intermediate floor placed within a room, where the clear height above and below the loft is not less than seven feet, and where the aggregate area of the loft does not exceed 1/3 of the area of the room in which it is located.

Lot.

- (a) A parcel of real property when shown as a delineated parcel of land with a number or designation on a subdivision map or parcel map recorded in the office of the county recorder, and created in conformance with the Subdivision Map Act and applicable local ordinances.
- (b) A parcel of real property when shown on a record of survey map or deed filed in the office of the county recorder, when such map or deed was filed as the result of and was made a condition of a lot division approved under the authority of prior ordinances.

Lot area. The total land area of a project after all required dedications or reservations for public improvements, including, but not limited to, streets, parks, schools, and flood control channels. This phrase does not apply in the planned development zones where the phrase "site area," as defined in Chapter V, Development Standards, is used.

Lot, corner. A lot abutting on and at the intersection of two or more streets which intersect at an angle that is equal to or less than 135 degrees.

Lot, depth. The average of the horizontal distance between the front and the rear lot lines.

Lot, development. The master lot or project site upon which a development will be constructed.

Lot, individual dwelling unit. An individual building site or lot within a development intended for construction of a single attached or detached dwelling unit.

Lot, interior. A lot abutting only one street, or a lot abutting two streets which intersect at an angle greater than 135 degrees.

Lot, width. The horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at right angles to the lot depth at the front building setback line.

Low barrier navigation center. Shall have the same meaning as "low barrier navigation center" as set forth in Government Code Section 65660.

Major modification. A discretionary entitlement, usually granted by the zoning administrator, which permits limited deviation from the strict application of the development standards contained in this Zoning Code, based on specified findings.

Manufactured housing. Detached housing that is built to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, including structures known as manufactured homes and mobile homes. For the purpose of this Zoning Code, a factory- built single-family structure that is manufactured under the authority of 42 U.S.C. section 5401, the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act, transportable in one or more sections, built on a

permanent chassis and used as a place of human habitation, shall be considered a single-family home and shall be reviewed under the same standards as a sitebuilt structure.

Marijuana. Has the same definition as that set forth in California Health and Safety Code section 11018.

Marijuana cultivation and/or medical marijuana cultivation. The planting, growing, harvesting, drying or processing of marijuana plants or any part thereof for any purpose, including medical marijuana, and shall include both indoor and outdoor cultivation.

Master plan. The overall development plan for a parcel or parcels which is depicted in both a written and graphic format.

Master plan of highways. The graphic representation of the city's ultimate circulation system contained in the general plan. It illustrates the alignment of the major, primary, secondary and collector highways.

Median. A paved or planted area separating a parking area, street, or highway, into two or more lanes or directions of travel.

Medical marijuana. Marijuana used for medical purposes in accordance with California Health and Safety Code section 11362.5.

Medical marijuana dispensary. A facility or location where medical marijuana is cultivated or by any other means made available to and/or distributed by or to three or more of the following: a primary caregiver, a qualified patient, or a person with an identification card in strict accordance with State Health and Safety Code sections 11362.5 et seq., and 11362.7 et seq., which shall include, but not be limited to, any facility or location engaging in the retail sale, dispensation, or distribution of marijuana for medical purposes that does not have an active role in the cultivation of the marijuana product that it sells, dispenses, or distributes, or when its cultivation of the marijuana product is off-site from the facility or location for retail sale, dispensation, or distribution.

Minor conditional use permit. A discretionary approval granted by the zoning administrator which allows a use or activity not allowed as a matter of right, based on specified findings.

Minor modification. A discretionary entitlement granted by the planning division, which permits limited deviation from the strict application of the development standards contained in this Zoning Code, based on specified findings.

Mixed use development. The development of lot(s) or structure(s) with two or more different land uses such as, but not limited to a combination of residential, office, manufacturing, retail, public, or entertainment in a single or physically integrated group of structures.

Mobile home. See Manufactured housing.

Mobile home park. Any area or tract of land where two or more mobile home lots are rented or leased, held out for lease or rent, or were formerly held out for rent or lease and later converted to a subdivision, cooperative, condominium, or other form of resident ownership, to accommodate manufactured homes or mobile homes. A mobile home park also means a mobile home development constructed according

to the requirements of Part 2.1 (commencing with section 18200) of Division 13 of the State Health and Safety Code, and intended for use and sale as a mobile home condominium or cooperative park, or as a mobile home planned unit development.

Motel. Any building or combination of buildings of one to three stories in height having six or more guest rooms with parking located convenient to the guest rooms and providing temporary lodging for automobile tourists and transient visitors. Typically, guest rooms have direct access to available parking without passing through a common lobby area. Motels also include auto courts, tourist courts, motor lodges, motor inns and motor hotels.

Municipal Code. City of Costa Mesa Municipal Code.

Open space. An area that is intended to provide light and air, and is designed for either environmental, scenic or recreational purposes. Open space may include, but is not limited to, lawns, decorative planting, walkways, active and passive recreational areas, playgrounds, fountains, swimming pools, wooded areas; first floor decks; unenclosed patios with solid or lattice roofs; water courses; and surfaces covered by not more than five feet in depth by projections which are at least eight feet above grade.

Open space shall not include the following: driveways; parking lots; other surfaces designed or intended for vehicular travel; and upper floor decks, balconies or areas under projections which are less than eight feet above grade.

Open space, common. An area of land reserved primarily for the leisure and recreational use of all residents of a planned development or common interest development and owned in common by them, generally through a homeowners' association.

Open space, private. An area of land located adjacent to an individual dwelling unit, owned or leased and maintained by its residents, and reserved exclusively for their use.

Operator means a company, business or individual, including an in-house manager, who provides residential services, i.e., the placement of individuals in a residence, setting of house rules, and/or governing behavior of the residents as residents. Operator does not include a property owner or property manager that exclusively handles real estate contracting, property management and leasing of the property and that does not otherwise meet the definition of operator.

Organizational documents. The declaration of restrictions, articles of incorporation, bylaws, and any contracts for the maintenance, management or operation of all or any part of a project.

Parcel. Same as Lot.

Parkway. The area of a public street that lies between the curb and the adjacent property line or physical boundary definition, which is used for landscaping and/or passive recreational purposes.

Paved area. Ground surface covered with cobblestone, clay-fired bricks, concrete precast paver units, poured concrete with or without decorative surface materials, or asphaltic or rubber mixture which may include sand, stone, or gravel as an ingredient to create a hard surface. A graded natural surface or one covered with

rolled stone or overlaid with loose gravel is not considered paved area.

Peak hour. The hour during the AM peak period (typically 7:00 a.m.—9:00 a.m.) or the PM peak period (typically 3:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.) in which the greatest number of vehicle trips are generated by a given land use or are traveling on a given roadway.

Permitted use. Any use allowed in a land use zoning district without requiring a discretionary approval, and subject to the provisions applicable to that district.

Personal Services. A commercial use that provides personal care, grooming, wellness, aesthetic, or convenience services directly to individuals. This category does not include group fitness uses, medical offices, or other uses involving medical diagnosis or clinical treatment.

Personal Services, Group. A commercial use that provides personal care, grooming, wellness, aesthetic, or convenience services directly to individuals that include group instruction or group setting. This category does not include group fitness uses, medical offices, or other uses involving medical diagnosis or clinical treatment.

Physical Fitness Facility means a facility, building, or portion thereof designed and operated for physical fitness, athletic training, sports instruction, exercise, recreation, or wellness activities conducted individually or in groups, with a gross floor area of 15,000 square feet or greater. Such facilities may include exercise equipment, fitness classes, courts, fields, training areas, locker rooms, spectator seating accessory to the primary use, and related support amenities. Also see Health Club.

Planned development. A land area which is developed as an integrated unit under single ownership or control and having planned development zoning designation.

Planning application. A broad term for any development project or land use which requires the discretionary review and approval of either the planning division, zoning administrator, planning commission, or city council. Planning applications include major modifications, conditional use permits, development reviews, variances, etc.

Planning division. The planning division of the Community Development Department of the City of Costa Mesa.

Project. See Development.

Property line. A line of record bounding a lot which divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private street or any other public space.

Property line, front. For interior lots, the narrowest property line of a lot abutting a public or private street. If two or more equal property lines are narrowest, the front shall be that property line across which the development takes its primary access (if the primary access is determined to be equal, there shall be two front property lines). However, for non-residentially zoned property, any property line abutting a public street designated as a secondary, primary or major street on the master plan of highways shall be deemed a front property line. A non-residentially zoned property shall have more than one front property line when it abuts more than one street designated as secondary, primary, or major on the master plan of highways.

For R-1 zoned property located on corner lots, the front property line may be the property line towards which the front of the dwelling unit is oriented.

Property line, rear. The property line opposite the front property line. A corner lot with more than one front property line shall have more than one rear property line. Irregularly shaped lots may also have more than one rear property line.

Property line, side. Any property line which is not a front or rear property line.

Property line, ultimate. The boundary of a lot after the dedication of land for use as public right(s)-of-way, whether dedicated in fee or by easement. A setback is measured from the ultimate property line.

Public area. Establishments where food or beverages are served. That portion of an establishment reserved for the exclusive use of the public for the receipt or consumption of food and/or beverages. For the purpose of this Zoning Code, public area shall not include restrooms, kitchens, hallways or other areas restricted to employees only.

Public hearing. A public proceeding conducted for the purpose of acquiring information or evidence which may be considered in evaluating a proposed action, and which affords to any affected person or persons the opportunity to present their views, opinions, and information on such proposed applications. "Mandatory hearings" are those required to be held by law, and "discretionary hearings" are those which may be held within the sole discretion of the hearing body.

Public right-of-way. A strip of land acquired by reservation, dedication, prescription or condemnation and intended to be occupied by a road, trail, water line, sanitary sewer and/or other public uses.

Recyclable materials. Reusable materials, including, but not limited to, metals, glass, plastic and paper which are intended for reuse, remanufacture or reconstruction. Recyclable materials do not include refuse, hazardous materials or hazardous waste.

Recycling. The process by which waste products are reduced to raw materials and transformed into new products.

Recycling and collection facility. A building or enclosed space used for the collection and processing of recyclable materials for preparation for shipment, or to an end user's specifications, by such means as baling, briquetting, compacting, flattening, grinding, crushing, mechanical sorting, shredding, cleaning or remanufacturing.

Referral facility. A residential care facility or a group home where one or more person's residency in the facility is pursuant to a court order or directive from an agency in the criminal justice system.

Residential care facility. A residential facility licensed by the state where care, services, or treatment is provided to persons living in a supportive community residential setting. Residential care facilities include, but may not be limited to, the following: intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled (Health & Safety Code §§ 1267.8, 1267.9); community care facilities (Health & Safety Code § 1500 et seq.); residential care facilities for the elderly (Health & Safety Code § 1569 et seq.); residential care facilities for the chronically ill (22 C.C.R. § 87801(a)(5); Health & Safety Code § 1568.02); alcoholism and drug abuse

facilities (Health & Safety Code §§ 11834.02—11834.30); pediatric day health and respite care facilities (Health & Safety Code § 1760 et seq.); residential health care facilities, including congregate living health facilities (Health & Safety Code §§ 1265—1271.1, 1250(i), 1250(e), (h)); family care home, foster home, group home for the mentally disordered or otherwise handicapped persons or dependent and neglected children (Wel. & Inst. Code §§ 5115—5120).

Residential, multi-family. Apartments, common interest developments, townhouses and similar multiple-family residential developments, including detached single-family homes where there is more than one primary dwelling unit on a lot.

Residential, single-family. Detached single-family home where there is no more than one primary dwelling unit on a lot.

Room, bedroom. A fully-enclosed room designed or intended to be used for sleeping purposes within a residence that typically includes a closet and is separated from the other living spaces with a door.

Room, home office. A room designed and intended to be used for a household office or small business related activity within a residence. Within a single-family detached residence, this room is strictly not intended for sleeping purposes, and lacks direct access to a bathroom. The home office may also be referred to as a studio, den, study or library.

Senior congregate care facility. A structure(s) providing residence for 13 or more senior citizens with kitchen, dining, recreational, etc. facilities with separate bedrooms and/or living quarters.

Setback. The required distance that a building, structure, parking or other designated item must be located from a property line or lot line. A setback is measured from the ultimate property line.

Single housekeeping unit. The occupants of a dwelling unit have established ties and familiarity with each other, including joint use of and responsibility for common areas, which includes interaction with each other, shared meals, household activities, and expenses and responsibilities; where residency is mutually agreed by all residents, is not transitory in nature and the residential activities of the household are conducted on a not-for-profit basis.

Single room occupancy unit. A dwelling unit that serves as the primary residence of its occupant(s) and is offered on a monthly rental basis or longer. Single room occupancy units may contain kitchen and/or sanitary facilities. If the units do not contain kitchen and/or bathroom facilities, shared kitchen and/or bathroom facilities must be provided within the building.

Single room occupancy residential hotel. A residential hotel, allowed in certain commercial zones, that contains units designed for long-term occupancy by a single person, although double occupancy may be permitted.

Slope. The degree of deviation of a surface from the horizontal plane, usually expressed in percent or degrees.

Small Fitness Studio. means an indoor commercial use of less than 2,500 square feet that provides instructor-led instruction, training, or structured physical activity,

either in a group setting or one-on-one, including, but not limited to: dance, martial arts, yoga, Pilates, high-intensity interval training (HIIT), circuit training, and similar small-group fitness activities. These uses are characterized by scheduled classes or training sessions and are limited in scale and intensity.

Small lot subdivision. A residential development containing a maximum of 15 detached or townhome style units with no common walls where each unit is independently constructed on an individual parcel and the land is subdivided into fee simple parcels containing each unit. Each individual lot is provided with either a direct access to public street/alley or an easement access through a recorded subdivision map.

Smoking lounge. Any facility or location whose business operation, whether as a primary use or an ancillary use, is characterized by the sale, offering, and/or preparation of smoking of tobacco, cigars, hookah, electronic cigarettes, or similar products, including but not limited to establishments known variously as hookah parlors, vaping lounges, or cigar bars.

Smoking/vaping retailer. A smoke shop, electronic cigarette retailer, vapor cigarette retailer, or any other retail business that sells tobacco, electronic cigarettes, and related products primarily for off-site consumption. Smoking/vaping retailers shall not include food or beverage service, outdoor seating, or an indoor seating area greater than 100 square feet in area.

Sober living home. A group home for persons who are recovering from a drug and/or alcohol addiction and who are considered handicapped under state or federal law. Sober living homes shall not include the following: (1) residential care facilities; (2) any sober living home that operates as a single housekeeping unit; (3) any sober living home without an operator.

Specialty store. A retail store less than 3,000 square feet in area with hours of operation between 6:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. A specialty store offers a combination of foods and beverages for off-site use or consumption and provides for alcoholic beverage sales that are incidental to the primary use. No more than 10% of the total merchandise area of the retail floor may be devoted to display or sale of alcoholic beverages and only non- refrigerated alcoholic beverages may be offered. A specialty store must comply with the operational standards of section 13-200.72.

Specific plan. A plan consisting of text, maps, and other documents and exhibits regulating development within a defined area of the city, consistent with the general plan and the provisions of State Government Code section 65450 et seq.

State. State of California.

Story. For purposes related to zoning regulations, a story is that portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it. If there is no floor above it, then the space between such floor and the ceiling next above it shall constitute a story. An attic shall not be considered a story. A basement or cellar shall not be considered a story, if the finished floor level directly above the basement or cellar is less than four feet above finish grade at all locations. Any uncovered deck or activity area above the first story shall be considered a story.

Streamlined development review. The streamlined processing of a development

plan when authority for approval is vested in the planning division.

Street. A public or private thoroughfare that provides primary access to adjacent land and local traffic movements. Streets do not include driveways which only provide access to parking areas.

Structure. Anything, including a building, located on the ground in a permanent location or attached to something having a permanent location on the ground.

Studio Fitness. See Small Fitness Studio.

Supportive housing. Housing with no limit on length of stay, that is occupied by the target population, as defined in Section [50675.14](#) of the California Health and Safety Code, and that is linked to on site or off site services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community.

Tandem parking. An arrangement of parking spaces one behind the other in a row of maximum two cars including one in the garage space. Tandem garage parking is defined as the placement of standard parking spaces one behind the other within the enclosed area of a garage.

Townhouse. A single-family attached dwelling unit located on an individual dwelling unit lot, and is part of a row of units that contains three or more dwelling units.

Transitional housing. A development with buildings configured as rental housing developments, but operated under program requirements that call for the termination of assistance and recirculation of the assisted unit to another eligible program recipient at some predetermined future point in time, which shall be no less than six months. *Trip (vehicle).* A one-way vehicular journey either to or from a site, or totally within the site i.e. internal trip. Each trip has two trip ends, one at the beginning and the other at the destination.

Trip rate (vehicular). The anticipated number of vehicle trips to be generated by a specific land use type or land use classification. The trip rate is expressed as a given number of vehicle trips for a given unit of development intensity (i.e., trip per unit, trip per 1,000 square feet, etc.).

Uncontrolled environment. A location where there is the exposure (to radiofrequency radiation) of individuals who have no knowledge or control of their exposure. The exposures may occur in living quarters or work places where there are no expectations that the exposure levels may exceed the exposure and induced current levels permitted for the general public.

Underroof. All of the area within the walls of the building that a roof covers. Areas under porches, roof overhangs, garage protrusions, breezeways and other similar architectural design features are not considered as underroof.

Unit. A particular building or structure, or portion thereof, that is designed, intended or used for exclusive occupancy, possession or control of individual owners or occupiers, whether or not they have interests in common areas of the project.

Use. The purpose (type and extent) for which land or a building is arranged, designed, or intended, or for which either land or a structure is occupied or maintained.

Warehouse, mini. A structure or group of structures for the dead storage of customer's goods and wares where individual stalls or lockers are rented out to different tenants for storage and where at least one of the stalls or lockers has less than 500 square feet of floor area.

Warehouse, public. A structure or group of structures for the dead storage of customer's goods and wares where individual stalls or lockers are rented out to different tenants for storage and where all the stalls or lockers have more than 500 square feet of floor area.

Vacancy rate (common lot development conversion). The ratio of vacant apartments being offered for rent or lease in the City of Costa Mesa, shown as a percentage of the total number of apartments in the city.

Vape lounge. See Smoking lounge.

Vape shop. See Smoking/vaping retailer.

Variance. A discretionary entitlement, usually granted by the planning commission, which permits departure from the strict application of the development standards contained in this Zoning Code, based on specified findings.

Yard. Any open space on a lot unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward, except an inside court.

Yard, front. The yard between the front line of a building and the front line of the lot upon which the building is located.

Yard, rear. The yard extending from the extreme rear line of the main building to the rear lot line on which the building is situated.

Yard, side. The yard extending from the front yard, or from the front lot line where no front yard is required, to the rear yard or rear lot line, between the side lot line and the nearest wall of the main building or any accessory structure attached thereto.

Zero lot line. The location of a structure on a lot in such a manner that one or more of the structure's sides rest directly on a lot line.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 98-5, § 4, 3-2-98; Ord. No. 00-5, § 1(a), 3-20-00; Ord. No. 01-16, § 1a., 6-18-01; Ord. No. 05-11, § 2a., 7-19-05; Ord. No. 06-18, § 1, 9-5-06; Ord. No. 09-3, §§ 1a., b., 5-19-09; Ord. No. 09-4, § 1a., 5-5-09; Ord. No. 10-13, § 1, 10-19-10; Ord. No. 10-14, § 1, 11-16-10; Ord. No. 11-10, § 1, 9-20-11; Ord. No. 13-1, § 2A., 3-19-13; Ord. No. 13-05, § 1, 12-3-13; Ord. No. 14-04, § 2A., 4-1-14; Ord. No. 14-13, § 1, 10-21-14; Ord. No. 15-10, § 2A, 9-15-15; Ord. No. 15-11, § 1, 11-17-15; Ord. No. 16-01, § 1, 1-19-16; Ord. No. 18-03, § 2, 1-16-18; Ord. No. 21-03, § 3, 3-2-21; Ord. No. 21-20, § 1, 12-7-21; Ord. No. 26-03 § 04-07-26)

EXHIBIT B
CHAPTER IV
CITYWIDE LAND USE MATRIX

§ 13-30. Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to provide a comprehensive list of uses which are permitted, conditionally permitted, or prohibited in the various zoning districts, as represented by Table 13-30, Land Use Matrix. In evaluating a proposed use, the following criteria shall also be considered:

- (a) Uses determined as permitted may be subject to a discretionary review when construction is proposed, pursuant to Chapter III, Planning Applications.
- (b) Uses proposed in the planned development zones are subject to verification of consistency with the master plan adopted for planned development zones. A proposed use not expressly allowed by the adopted master plan may require additional discretionary review pursuant to Table 13-30, Land Use Matrix.
- (c) All listed uses in the matrix are subject to verification of compliance with density and floor area ratio limits, parking requirements and performance standards which may, in certain cases, prevent the establishment of the use.
- (d) Any proposed use not listed in the Land Use Matrix shall be reviewed by the development services director to determine its similarity to another listed use. If no substantial similarity exists, the proposed use shall require approval of a conditional use permit prior to establishment of the use.
- (e) For the purpose of Table 13-30, Land Use Matrix, the various zoning districts are labeled as follows:

Residential zones: R1, R2-MD, R2-HD, and R3

Commercial zones: AP, CL, C1, C2, C1-S, and TC

Industrial zones: MG and MP

Planned Development Residential zones: PDR-LD, PDR-MD, PDR-HD, and PDR-NCM

Planned Development Commercial zone: PDC Planned Development

Industrial zone: PDI

The Parking zone: P

Institutional and Recreational zones: I & R, I & R-S, and I & R-MLT

- (f) For zoning districts located in a specific plan area, please refer to the appropriate specific plan text to determine if any additional regulations related to land uses are applicable.
- (g) For the mixed-use overlay district located in an urban plan area, please refer to the appropriate urban plan text for additional regulations related to development standards and allowable land uses as applicable.

**TABLE 13-30
CITY OF COSTA MESA LAND USE MATRIX
ZONES**

LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
RESIDENTIAL USES																						
1. Single-family dwellings (single housekeeping units)	P ⁴	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	P	•
2. Multi-family dwellings	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	P	•
2.1 Common interest developments, residential	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	P	•
2.2 Small lot subdivisions, residential	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
3. Mobile home parks	•	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•
4. Boarding-house, small ⁷	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
5. Boarding-house, large ⁷	•	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•
6. Residential care facility, six or fewer persons (State licensed)	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	P	•
7. Group homes, six or fewer	S	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	P	•	P	•
7.1 Sober living homes, six or fewer	S ⁵	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	S ⁶	P	•	•	•
8. Residential care facility, seven or more	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	P	•	•	•
9. Group homes, seven or more	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	P	•	•	•
9.1 Sober living homes, seven or more	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	C ⁶	P	•	•	•

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10. Referral facility (Subject to the requirements of section 13-32.2, referral facility).	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
11. Single room occupancy residential hotel (subject to City Council Policy 500-5)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
Employee housing, six or fewer	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	P	•
Supportive housing	P ¹²	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	•	•	•	•	•	P ^{11,12}	•	•	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	P ^{11,12}	•	•	P ^{11,12}	•
Transitional housing	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	•	•	•	•	•	P ¹²	•	•	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	P ¹²	•	•	P ¹²	•
Low barrier navigation center	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ¹³	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ¹³	P ¹³	•	•	P ¹³	•
ACCESSORY USES																						
12. Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Accessory Use (subject to the requirements of Chapter IV, 13-30)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²
13. Animals, keeping of	SEE TITLE 3, ANIMALS AND FOWL																					
14. Antennas: Amateur radio, Satellite dish, Communication	SEE CHAPTER IX, ARTICLE 2, ANTENNAS																					
16. Day care facilities (15 children or more) (see also Nursery	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	•

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schools)																						
17. Family day care—Large (7 to 14 children) (subject to the requirements of section 13-37, large family day care homes)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P	•	P ²	•
18. Family day care—Small (up to 8 children)	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P ³	P ³	P	•	P ³	•
19. Garage/yard sales—No more than 2 events permitted a year, not to exceed 3 consecutive days	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P ³	P ³	•	•	P ³	•
21. Home occupations (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 6, home occupations)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ²	•	P ²	•
22. Home occupations that generate traffic and do not involve more than 1 customer/ client at a time or more than 8 customers/clients per day (subject to the requirements of ch. IX, article 6, home occupations)	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	•	MC ^{2,3}	•
22.1 Non-residential accessory uses in a residential development not otherwise specified in this table	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
21. Home occupations (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 6, home occupations)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ^{2,3}	P ^{2,3}	P ²	•	P ²	•
22. Home occupations that generate traffic and do not involve more than 1 customer/ client at a time or more than 8 customers/clients per day (subject to the requirements of ch. IX, article 6, home occupations)	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	MC ^{2,3}	•	MC ^{2,3}	•
22.1 Non-residential accessory uses in a residential development not otherwise specified in this table	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
22.2 Accessory dwelling unit (subject to the requirements of ch. V, section 13-35, accessory dwelling units)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	P ²	•
22.3 Junior accessory dwelling unit (subject to the requirements of ch. V, section 13-35, accessory dwelling units)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	P ²	•
22.4 Temporary real estate and construction offices (subject to the requirements of ch. IX, art. 10, temporary trailers)	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
INSTITUTIONAL AND RECREATIONAL USES																						
23. Cemeteries	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
24. Churches and other places of religious assembly (Subject to the requirements of article 4.5, development standards for churches and other places of religious assembly)	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	P ²	P ²	C ²	C ²	P ²	P ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	P ²	C ²	C ²	•
25. Civic and community clubs	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	P	•
26. Convalescent hospitals; nursing homes	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•
27. Country clubs; golf courses	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	P	C	•	•
28. Crematories (See also Mortuary services)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
29. Fairgrounds; outdoor festival (permanent)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
30. Hospitals, general	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	P	•
31. Libraries, privately-operated	C	C	C	C	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	•	•
31a. Marijuana and/or medical marijuana cultivation	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
31b. Cannabis and/or marijuana distributor	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁹	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁹	•	•	•	
31c. Cannabis and/or marijuana manufacturer or	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁹	•	•	•	•	•	C ⁹	•	•	•	

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processor																						
31d. Cannabis and/or marijuana retail sales storefront	•	•	•	•	•	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	
31e. Cannabis and/or marijuana retail sales nonstorefront (deliveries)	•	•	•	•	•	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	C ^g	•	C ^g	•	•	•	•	•	C ^g	•	•	•	•
31f. Cannabis and/or marijuana research and development and/or testing laboratories	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ^g	•	•	•	•	•	C ^g	•	•	•	
32. Mortuary services without crematories	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
32a. Needle exchange program	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
33. Nursery schools—See also Day care facilities for 15 or more children	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	•
34. Parks and playgrounds	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	•
35. Public offices and facilities, such as city halls, courthouses, police/ fire stations, etc.	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	•	•	•
36. Schools: primary, secondary and colleges	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	•
37. Schools: trade and vocational; group counseling	•	•	•	•	•	MC	P	P	P	P	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	P	MC	P	P	•	•
38. Senior congregate care facility	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	C	•	•	•

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39. Swap meets	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•
39a. Emergency shelters	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ¹⁰	•	•	•	•	•	P ¹⁰	•	•	•	•
SPECIAL SEASONAL EVENTS																						
41. Christmas tree lots; pumpkin patches; fireworks stands; produce stands (subject to the requirements of title 9, chapter II, regulation of certain businesses)	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL USES																						
42. Acupressure; massage (subject to the requirements of title 9, chapter ii, article 22, Massage establishments and practitioners)	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•	•
42a. Active Entertainment (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 5, electronic game machines and Article 26, Active Entertainment)	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	MC	MC	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
43. Adult businesses (See Sexually-oriented businesses)																						
44. Aggregate batch plants; Rock or asphalt crushing; Sand	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
blasting																						
45. Ambulance services	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•
46. Amusement centers (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 5, electronic game machines, and Article 26, Active Entertainment/Amusement Center)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•
47. Animal hospitals; veterinary services (kenneling only when incidental to principal hospital use)	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	P	P	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•	•
48. Animal shelters, pounds, kennels, training schools	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
48a. Antique malls	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	P	MC	•	•	•	•
49. Artisan Studio	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
50. Auction houses	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•
51. Automobile (See Motor vehicle)																						
52. Banks; savings and loans; and other financial institutions	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
53. Bars; nightclubs (See Establishments where food or beverages are served)																						

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54. Reserved																						
55. Billiards parlors	•	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•
56. Botanical gardens; Zoos	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
57. Bowling centers	•	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•
58. Breweries; Distilleries	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
59. Reserved																						
60. Building supplies; Hardware stores (retail)	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•
61. Business services—See Offices																						
62. Car washes	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•
63. Carts— Outdoor retail sales in conjunction with an established business	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•
64. Catering	•	•	•	•	•	MC	P	P	P	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
65. Coffee roasting	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
66. Coffee roasting (in conjunction with establishments where food or beverages are served)	•	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•
67. Commercial art; Graphic design	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
68. Commercial testing laboratories	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
69. Computer and data processing	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
70. Contracting: general contractors; operative builders	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	P	C	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
71. Convenience stores; mini-markets (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 16, liquor stores, convenience stores, and mini-markets)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•
72. Department stores (retail)	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•	•
73. Electronic game machines (four or more), incidental to the primary use, (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 5, electronic game machines)— Excluding amusement centers listed separately	•	•	•	•	•	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	•	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	MC ²	•	•	•	•
74. Engineering; architectural; and surveying services— See Offices																						
75. Entertainment, live or public	•	•	•	•	•	SEE TITLE 9, ARTICLE 11, REGULATORY PERMITS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT							•	SEE TITLE 9, ARTICLE 11, REGULATORY PERMITS FOR PUBLIC ENTERTAINMENT							•	•
76. Establishments where food or beverages are served	•	•	•	•	•	SEE CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 4, ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE SERVED							•	SEE CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 4, ESTABLISHMENTS WHERE FOOD OR BEVERAGES ARE SERVED					•	•	•	•
77. Event Center (subject to the	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	C	C	C	•	•	•	•

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requirements of chapter IX, article 25, Event Center)																						
78. Flower stands— See also Carts	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•
79. Electric Vehicle Charging Station, Primary Use (subject to the requirements of Chapter IV, 13-30)	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²
80. Grocery stores— See also Supermarkets; excluding convenience stores; and liquor stores listed separately	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•
81. Hazardous waste facilities, off-site (subject to chapter IX article 9, off-site hazardous waste facilities)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•
82. Heliports; Helistops	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•
83. Hotels—Excluding motels listed separately	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	P	•	•	•	C	C	C	P	•	•	•	•	•
84. Landscape services (installation and maintenance)	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	P	P	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
85. Reserved																					•	
86. Leather tanning and finishing	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•
87. Limousine services	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•
88. Liquor stores (subject to the	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	•	•	•	•	•

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requirements of chapter IX, article 16, liquor stores, convenience stores, and mini- markets)																						
89. Lumber and building materials dealers, (wholesale)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
90. Manufacturing: Light EXCEPT the following which are prohibited: • Manufacture of fertilizer • Manufacture of products involving the use of explosives Manufacture of rubber (including tires), steel	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	P2	•	•	•	•
91. Manufacturing of chemical products, paints, pharmaceuticals, and plastics	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	•	•	•	•
92. Manufacturing of stone, clay, glass and concrete products EXCEPT the following which are prohibited: • Manufacture of flat glass • Manufacture of cement and structural clay products • Manufacture of concrete, gypsum and plaster products • Manufacture of	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•

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abrasive and asbestos products • Manufacture of nonclay refractories and crucibles • Processing and preparation of clay, ceramic and refractory minerals																						
93. Manufacturing or processing of foods and beverages EXCEPT the following which are prohibited: • Meat and poultry packing plants • Grain mills • Sugar refining • Fats and oils processing mills • Seafood canneries and packaging (See also Breweries; Distilleries; Coffee roasting)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•
94. Massage— See also Acupressure (subject to the requirements of title 9, chapter II, article 22, massage establishments and practitioners)	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•	•
95. Medical laboratories	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	P	P	P	P	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•
96. Metal fabrication, welding, foundry, die casting (subject to subsection 13-54(a), performance	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•

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standards)																						
97. Motels— (Subject to requirements of chapter IX, article 8, motels) Excluding Hotels listed separately	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
98. Motion picture and television studios	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
99. Motion picture theaters and other theaters not within 200 feet of residential zones	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•	•
100. Motion picture theaters and other theaters within 200 feet of residential zones	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•	•
101. Motor oil, used—Collection facility (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 9, off-site hazardous waste facilities)	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•
102. Motor vehicle, boat, and motorcycle retail sales, leasing, rentals and service with two or more outdoor display parking spaces	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•
103. Motor vehicle, boat, and motorcycle retail sales, leasing, and rentals with one or less outdoor display parking space and no service (subject to verification	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
of parking availability)																						
104. Motor vehicle service stations	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	C	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	.	.	.	.	.
105. Motor vehicle service stations with concurrent sale of alcoholic beverages (subject to requirements of chapter IX, article 3, concurrent sale of alcoholic beverages and motor vehicle fuel)	.	.	.	.	.	.	C ²	C ²	C ²	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	C ²	.	.	.	.	.
106. Motor vehicle; boat; and motorcycle repair services (including body and paint work), not within 200 feet of residential zone (subject to subsection 13-54(b))	.	.	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	.	P	P	.	.	.	.	P	P	.	.	.	.
107. Motor vehicle; boat; and motorcycle repair services (including body and paint work), within 200 feet of residential zone (subject to subsection 13-54(b))	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	C	C	.	C	C	.	.	.	.	C	C	.	.	.	.
108. Nurseries (retail with no bulk fertilizer)	.	.	.	.	.	C	C	P	P	.	C	C	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
109. Offices: central administrative	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	.	.	.	.	P	P	.	.	.	.
110. Offices: engineering; architectural; and surveying services; management; consulting and public	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	.	MC	MC	MC	P	P	.	.	.	.

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
relations																						
111. Offices: general	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	MC	P	P	•	•	•	•
112. Reserved																						
113. Offices: medical and dental	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	P	MC	MC	•	•	•
114. Offices: services to businesses such as bookkeeping and data processing	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
115. Off-street parking lots and structures including related maintenance buildings	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	P	C	C	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	•	P
116. Off-street parking lots and structures, incidental uses within	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	MC
117. Oil fields; oil wells (see chapter XIV, oil drilling)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
118. Pawn shops	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
119. Photocopying; blueprinting and related services	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
120. Photofinishing laboratories	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
121. Photofinishing stores	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
122. Personal Service	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	•
123. Personal Service with Group Instruction/Setting (see Chapter IX Article 24	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
Group Instruction/Setting including Studio and Fitness Uses)																						
124. Physical fitness facilities	.	.	.	.	.	.	C	C	C	C	C	C	.	.	.	.	C	C	.	.	.	.
125. Printing and publishing	.	.	.	.	.	.	MC	P	MC	MC	P	P	.	.	.	.	P	P	.	.	.	.
126. Reserved																						
127. Recycling and collection facilities for nonhazardous materials	.	.	.	.	.	MC	MC	MC	MC	.	MC	MC	.	.	.	.	MC	MC	MC	MC	.	.
128. Research and development laboratories— Other than cannabis and/or marijuana testing laboratories	.	.	.	.	C	C	C	P	C	C	P	P	.	.	.	.	.	P	.	.	.	
129. Restaurants including Food Halls—See Establishments where food or beverages are served																						
130. Retail: general— Excluding antique malls, pawn shops, supermarkets, grocery stores, convenience stores; and liquor stores listed separately	.	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	.	.	.	.
131. Retail, incidental sales to the main use (subject to the requirements of section 13-54(a), incidental retail sales)	.	.	.	.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P ²	P ²	.	P	P	P	P	P ²	.	.	.	.

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LAND USES	R1	R2-MD	R2-HD	R3	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S1	TC ¹	MG	MP	PDR - LD ¹	PDR - MD ¹	PDR - HD ¹	PDR- NCM ¹	PDC ¹	PDI ¹	I&R ¹	I&R- S1	I&RM LT ¹	P
132. Retail: nonstore	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
133. Rifle, pistol, and firing ranges	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•
134. Sexually-oriented businesses (subject to the requirements of title 9, chapter IV and title 13, chapter IX, sexually-oriented businesses)	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•	•
135. Reserved																						
135a. Smoking lounge (subject to chapter IX, article 19, smoking and vaping uses)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	•	•	P ²	•	•	•	•	C ²	•	•	•	•	•
135b. Smoking/vaping retailer (subject to chapter IX, article 19, smoking and vaping uses)	•	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	•	•	•
136. Storage of chemicals and allied products (except as incidental use)	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
137. Storage of explosives	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
138. Storage of fertilizer	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
139. Storage of motor vehicles— Outdoor (not including impound yard)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	C	MC	•	•	•	•
139a. Storage of motor vehicles— Indoor only (not	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•

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including impound yard)																						
140. Storage of petroleum and coal products	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
141. Storage of rock, sand, crushed aggregate and gravel	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•
142. Studio Fitness; Small and Fitness Studios etc.(See Chapter IX Article 24, Group Instruction/Setting including Studio and Fitness Uses)	•	•	•	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	P ²	•	P ²	•
143. Supermarkets— See also Grocery stores	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•
143a. Specialty stores	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•
144. Tattoo parlors	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•	•
145. Tire sales and installation not within 200 feet of residential zone	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	P	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•
146. Tire sales and installation within 200 feet of residential zone	•	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	MC	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•
147. Tow companies with or without impound yard	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	•	MC	MC	•	•	•	•	•	MC	•	•	•	•
148. Transfer station for refuse, sewage treatment	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•
149. Trucking: local and long distance	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	C	•	•	•	•

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150. Warehouses, mini (subject to the requirements of chapter IX, article 7, mini- warehouses)	•	•	•	•	•	•	C ²	C ²	C ²	•	MC ²	MC ²	•	•	•	•	•	MC ²	•	•	•	•
151. Warehouses, public	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
152. Warehousing of durable and nondurable goods except livestock and poultry—See also Storage	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	P	P	•	•	•	•	•	P	•	•	•	•
153. Wholesale trade of motor vehicles, boats and motorcycles with outdoor storage of vehicles	•	•	•	•	•	•	C	C	C	C	C	C	•	•	•	•	C	C	•	•	•	•
154. Wholesale trade of motor vehicles, boats and motorcycles without outdoor storage of vehicles	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	P	P	P	P	P	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•
155. Wholesale trade of durable, nondurable goods, except livestock, poultry and perishable goods	•	•	•	•	•	MC	MC	P	P	P	P	P	•	P	P	P	P	P	•	•	•	•

Notes:

- 1 Uses proposed in this zone are subject to verification of consistency with the adopted master plan. Uses not specified in the master plan, could be allowed, subject to the review process indicated in this matrix, if the proposed use is determined to be compatible with the adopted master plan. Residential uses shall not be permitted on any site or parcel of land on which residential uses are expressly prohibited by the general plan.
- 2 This use is subject to the requirements of the referenced Municipal Code article or section.

3	If residential uses exist, accessory uses shall be permitted.
4	For the purposes of this table, the symbols in the non-shaded areas shall have the following meaning: C—Conditional Use Permit; MC—Minor Conditional Use Permit; P—Permitted; •—Prohibited; and S—Special Use Permit.
5	Six hundred fifty foot separation required between sober living homes, or from state licensed alcohol or drug abuse recovery or treatment facilities. CMMC 13-311(a)(10)(i).
6	Subject to the separation requirement set forth in sections 13-322(a)(3) and 13-323(b).
7	Small boardinghouses shall locate at least 650 feet from any other small boardinghouse. Large boardinghouses shall be located at least 1,000 feet away from any other boardinghouse.
8	Uses prohibited in the base zoning district of a mixed-use overlay zone shall also be prohibited in the overlay zone.
9	Prohibited at the SoCo property, 3303 through 3323 Hyland Ave.
10	Emergency shelters located on sites owned, controlled, and/or operated by the city in the MP and/or the PDI zone are a permitted use, not subject to a master plan requirement and the standards in section 13-200.79(1), (2), (4), (8), (10) and (13) do not apply to such uses.
11	Supportive housing, as defined in Government Code Section 65650, shall be permitted by-right in all zones where multifamily and mixed uses are permitted by-right, provided it is consistent with Government Code Sections 65650 – 65656.
12	Pursuant to Government Code Section 65583(c)(3), transitional and supportive Housing shall be considered a residential use of property and shall be subject only to those restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zoning district.
13	Low barrier navigation centers shall be permitted by-right provided they are consistent with the requirements in Government Code Sections 65660-65668.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 98-4, § 2, 2-2-98; Ord. No. 98-5, § 8, 3-2-98; Ord. No. 00-5, § 1(b), 3-20-00; Ord. No. 01-1, § 1, 1-15-01; Ord. No. 01-30, § 1a(Att. A), 1-7-02; Ord. No. 02-4, § 1b(Att. A), 3-18-02; Ord. No. 02-12, § 1c, 6-17-02; Ord. No. 05-2, § 1f.(Att. A), 2-22-05; Ord. No. 05-11, § 2b., 7-19-05; Ord. No. 06-2, § 1a., 2-7-06; Ord. No. 06-9, § 1d., 4-18-06; Ord. No. 06-18, § 1b., 9-5-06; Ord. No. 07-2, § 1d., 2-6-07; Ord. No. 11-10, § 1, 9-20-11; Ord. No. 13-1, § 2B., 3-19-13; Ord. No. 14-04, § 2B., 4-1-14; Ord. No. 14-13, 10-21-14; Ord. No. 15-06, §§ 1—3, 7-7-15; Ord. No. 15-10, § 2B, 9-15-15; Ord. No. 15-11, §§ 3—5, 11-17-15; Ord. No. 16-01, § 4, 1-19-16; Ord. No. 16-09, §§ 4, 5(Exh. A), 10-4-16; Ord. No. 16-13, § 2, 11-15-16; Ord. No. 16-15, § 5, 11-8-16; Ord. No. 18-03, § 3, 1-16-18; Ord. No. 18-04, § 3, 4-3-18; Ord. No. 19-13, § 3, 9-3-19; Ord. No. 19-15, § 1, 9-17-19; Ord. No. 21-03, § 4, 3-2-21; Ord. No. 21-08, § 1, 6-15-21; Ord. No. 21-20, § 1, 12-7; Ord. No 26-03, 4-7-26;

EXHIBIT C
Chapter V, Development Standards
Article 3, Commercial Districts

§ 13-44 Development Standards.

Table 13-44 identifies development standards for the various commercial zones. See also Article 9, General Site Improvement Standards of this chapter for additional requirements.

TABLE 13-44 COMMERCIAL PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS							
DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS	P	AP	CL	C1	C2	C1-S	TC
Minimum Lot Area for newly created lots	6,000 square feet			12,000 square feet		5 acres	See Master Plan
Minimum Lot Width for newly subdivided lots	120 feet Note: All newly subdivided lots shall have frontage on a dedicated street equal to, or in excess of, the required minimum lot width.			120 feet Note: All newly subdivided lots shall have frontage on a dedicated street equal to, or in excess of, the required minimum lot width.			None
Minimum Lot Width	Interior Lot: 50 feet Corner Lot: 60 feet			60 feet			None
Maximum Floor Area Ratio	Refer to CHAPTER V, ARTICLE 8, FLOOR AREA RATIOS.						
Maximum Building/Structure Height	2 stories/30 feet ^{1,2}						None
SETBACKS FOR MAIN BUILDINGS AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES (Minimum distances given, unless otherwise noted. All setbacks from streets are measured from the ultimate property line shown on the master plan of highways.)							
Front	20 feet						
Side (Interior)	15 feet on one side and 0 feet on the other side. Exception: If the side property line is adjacent to a residential zone, all buildings shall maintain a side setback from the residential property line of 2 times the building height at all locations.						None
Rear (Interior)	0 feet Exception: If the rear property line is adjacent to a residential zone, all buildings shall maintain a rear setback from the residential property line of 2 times the building height at all locations.						None

Side or Rear abutting a public street	20 feet for secondary, primary or major streets per the master plan of highways. 15 feet for all other streets.	20 feet— see also subsections 13-45(f) and (g).
PROJECTIONS (Maximum depth of projections given)		
Roof or Eaves overhang; Awning	2 feet 6 inches into required side setback. 5 feet into required front or rear setback.	None
Open, unenclosed Stairways.	2 feet 6 inches into required setback area.	None
PARKING (See CHAPTER VI)		
LANDSCAPING (See CHAPTER VII)		

1. A 5% increase is allowed if necessary to screen existing roof- mounted equipment

2. A height deviation of up to 12 feet, or 40 percent of the maximum allowable height, whichever is less, may be approved through the minor conditional use permit process. In addition to the findings required by Sections 13-29(e) and 13-29(g)(2), the review authority shall find that the proposed height is (a) compatible with the existing and anticipated development in the vicinity; (b) enhances the architecture and design of the development; and (c) would not be materially detrimental to surrounding properties or uses and would not adversely affect the public health, safety, or welfare.

Add the following to Section 13-45 Additional property development standards for commercial districts.

(h) Noise Regulations. All operations shall conform to Chapter XIII Noise Control of this Title. The operator must limit noise generated from the use to the greatest extent feasible. Any noise complaints generated from this use must be addressed by the owner/operator.

EXHIBIT D
Chapter V, Article 4
Establishments Where Food or Beverages are Served

§ 13-46. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to regulate and provide development standards for establishments where food or beverages are served. The proximity of residential uses to these types of establishments is a concern of this article. Where the distance criterion of 200 feet from residentially-zoned property is given in this article, it shall be measured from the property line of the site to the property line of the nearest residentially-zoned property. This article also establishes requirements for outdoor dining areas to support long-term economic viability of local establishments, promote vitality in the city's commercial areas, promote progress towards creating walkable communities by facilitating pedestrian-friendly and safe public spaces, and facilitate and incentivize enhanced city dining experiences.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 2024-01, 1/16/2024)

§ 13-47. Permitted and conditionally permitted uses.

Establishments where food or beverages are served are subject to the review and approval procedures shown in Table 13-47 (a) and (b). In instances where more than one review procedure is applicable to an establishment, the more stringent procedure shall apply.

TABLE 13-47(a) PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES								
LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	C1-S	C1	C2	CL	TC	PD	MG	MP
Establishments with 300 square feet or less of indoor public area. ³	P ^{1,2} or P	P	P	MC	P ¹ or P	P ¹ or P	P	P
Establishments with more than 300 square feet of indoor public area. ³	P ¹ or P	P	P	MC	P ¹ or P	P ¹ or P	MC	MC
EXCEPTIONS								
Located within 200 feet of a residential zone. (Subject to the requirements of section 13-49, Development Standards for section 13-49, Development Standards for Establishments Within 200 Feet of Residentially Zoned Property) ³	P ¹ or P	P	P	MC	P ¹ or P	P ¹ or P	P	P

TABLE 13-47(a)
PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES

LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	C1-S	C1	C2	CL	TC	PD	MG	MP
Sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption after 11:00 p.m. and/or provision of live entertainment or dancing located within 200 feet of a residential zone. ³	P ¹ or C	C	C	C	P ¹ or C	P ¹ or C	C	C
Sale of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption after 11:00 p.m. and/or provision of live entertainment or dancing located not within 200 feet of a residential zone. ³	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC	MC	P ¹ or MC	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC
Drive-through operations. (Subject to the requirements of section 13-50, Development Standards for Drive-Through Operations) ³	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC	MC	P ¹ or MC	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC
Establishments with less than 300 square feet of indoor public area located in a multi-tenant center where 30% or more of the tenants are similar businesses, i.e., establishments with less than 300 square feet of indoor public area. ³	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC	MC	P ¹ or MC	P ¹ or MC	MC	MC
Establishments with a micro brewery ³	P ¹ or C	C	C	C	P ¹ or C	P ¹ or C	C	C
Commercial Kitchens						P	P	P

TABLE 13-47(a)
PERMITTED AND CONDITIONALLY PERMITTED USES

LOCATION AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	C1-S	C1	C2	CL	TC	PD	MG	MP
Ghost Kitchen (Subject to the requirements of section 13-52, Development Standards for Ghost Kitchens)		MC	P			P	P	P

Notes:

- ¹ Pursuant to an approved master plan which specifies these operational characteristics and/or location of the business.
- ² For the purposes of this table, the symbols shall have the following meaning:
P=Permitted; MC=Minor Conditional Use Permit; C=Conditional Use Permit.
- ³ Outdoor dining and seating areas may be considered as part of a proposed land use if allowed in the zoning district, and pursuant to the provisions, regulations and standards of this Article.

TABLE 13-47 (b) OUTDOOR DINING AREA PERMITTING PROCESS ¹	
LOCATION OF OUTDOOR AREAS AND OPERATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS	Approval Process
Courtyard Area	P ²
Setback Area - Expansion of up to 50% of indoor public area outdoors. ¹	P ²
Setback Area - Expansion of more than 50% of indoor public area outdoors. ¹	MC ²
Parking Area - Expansion of up to 50% of indoor public area outdoors and does not remove more than five parking spaces or 25% of existing, required parking, whichever is less. ¹	P ²
Parking Area - Expansion of more than 50% of indoor public area outdoors. ¹	MC ²
Parking Area - removal of more than five parking spaces, or removal of more than 25% of existing, required parking, whichever is less. ¹	MC ²

Notes:

¹ Temporary Use Permits for outdoor dining areas, including parklets within the public right-of-way, approved through Urgency Ordinance 2020-15 may continue to operate with staff approval; however, shall comply with applicable Building and Fire Code requirements, may not interfere with minimum required site access or circulation, and shall comply with the aesthetic development standards outlined in section 13-48 within six months from the time of ordinance adoption, with an allowed six-month extension of time. Outdoor dining areas approved under a temporary use permit shall also be subject to applicable fees. Any modifications to these outdoor dining areas shall be approved pursuant to this article.

For the purposes of this table, the symbols shall have the following meaning: P=Permitted; MC=Minor Conditional Use Permit.

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(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 2024-01, 1/16/2024)

Add the following new Section to Article 4, Establishments where Food or Beverages are Served:

§ 13-52. Operational standards for ghost kitchen operations.

Establishments with ghost kitchen operations shall comply with the following operational standards in addition to the development standards included in this Chapter, unless the standards are modified through the issuance of a minor conditional use permit.

- (a) The customer area shall be limited to pick-up lobby only, no dine-in seating is allowed.
- (b) Applicant shall provide a delivery/couriers management plan and shall submit it to the Planning Department for review and approval by the Community Development Director or their designee. The Plan shall include but not be limited to:
 - (1) Queuing. Queuing into drive aisles or public ROW is strictly prohibited. Should queuing be an issue the applicant/operators shall develop a solution that elevates the issue and shall be reviewed and approved by the Community Development Director or their designee.
 - (2) Loading Zone. Designated Pick-up/loading spaces shall be provided.
 - (3) Hours of operation.
 - (4) Operators. The plan shall identify the total number of operators and/or businesses in the facility.
- (c) Should parking issues arise the owner and/or operator shall work with the City to resolve the issues which may include but shall not be limited too runners to deliver meals to waiting drivers/customers, parking attendants, and valet services.
- (d) Establishments within 200 feet of residentially-zoned property shall also be subject to the development standards contained in section 13-49, Development standards for establishments within 200 feet of residentially-zoned property.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 00-4, § 1, 2-22-00; Ord. No. 2024-01, 1/16/2024)

EXHIBIT E
Chapter VI Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2
Non-Residential Districts

§ 13-88. Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to establish parking requirements for all nonresidential zones, nonresidential components of the planned development residential zones and to mixed-use developments in all zones.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97)

§ 13-89. Parking required.

The minimum amount of off-street parking as established in Table 13-89 shall be provided at the time:

- (a) Any building and/or structure is constructed;
- (b) Any building or structure is enlarged or increased in capacity by adding gross floor area, gross leasable area or seats;
- (c) A specific use is proposed for a building site; or
- (d) An existing use is changed to one which requires additional parking.

At all times, with the exception of the provisions of section 13-98, Declaration of land use restriction, parking shall be provided according to the requirements of Table 13-89.

TABLE 13-89 NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS	
USE	PARKING RATIO PER GROSS FLOOR AREA (except as noted otherwise)
Retail; offices; central administrative offices; individual counseling; group counseling; artisan studio and retail commercial; small fitness studios; establishments where food or beverages are served with a maximum of 300 square feet of public area ¹	4 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Office buildings exceeding 2 stories in height and 100,000 square feet in area	3 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Banks; savings and loans; credit unions	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet with a minimum of 6 spaces
Medical and dental offices; acupressure; massage; personal services (non-group instruction/setting)	6 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Furniture and appliance stores with floor area greater than 5,000 square feet	2 spaces per 1,000 square feet with a minimum of 20 spaces
Churches; theaters; mortuaries; auditoriums; services and fraternal clubs and lodges; amphitheaters event center, event venue, banquet facilities, assembly halls, and E-Sports area, and other similar places of assembly	Within the main auditorium or assembly area: 1 space for each 3 fixed seats or 1 space for every 35 square feet of seating area if there are no fixed seats. 18 lineal inches of bench shall be considered equal to 1 fixed seat.
Racquetball and tennis facilities	3 spaces per court plus parking required for incidental uses such as restaurants which shall be calculated as noted below

**TABLE 13-89
NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS**

USE	PARKING RATIO PER GROSS FLOOR AREA (except as noted otherwise)
Establishments where food or beverages are served with more than 300 square feet of public area ^{1,4}	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet for the first 3,000 square feet, ² 12 spaces per 1,000 square feet for each additional 1,000 square feet above the first 3,000 square feet. ²
Health clubs; Fitness studios and physical fitness facilities; skating rinks; active entertainment	Parking requirement is 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet (unless otherwise listed in this table). Accessory food or beverage service parking requirements shall be: First 25% of gross leasable area for food and beverage service: 1 space per 1,000 square feet Remaining gross leasable area for food and beverage service: 5 spaces per 1,000 square feet Total parking requirement shall be the sum of all uses combined, but the provisions of section 13-89.5 may be applied.
Bowling alleys	3 spaces per lane plus parking required for incidental uses such as restaurants which shall be calculated as noted under "Establishments where food or beverages are served"
Trade schools; business colleges; dancing and music academies	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Motels	1 space for each rentable unit without cooking facilities. Each rentable unit with cooking facilities shall be governed by residential parking standards
Hotels	1 space for each 2 rentable units plus 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet for the first 3,000 square feet, and 20 spaces per 1,000 square feet for each additional 1,000 square feet above the first 3,000 square feet for restaurant, banquet, meeting room and kitchen spaces
Establishments with live entertainment; i.e., go-go dancers, topless dancers, bikini dancers	1 parking space for each person for the first 100 persons as authorized by capacity signs posted by the fire department; 1 parking space for each 2 persons for every 101 to 300 persons as authorized by capacity signs posted; 1 parking space for each 3 persons for every 301 plus persons as authorized by capacity signs posted by the fire department.
Personal Service Group Instruction/Setting; Studios, Small Fitness Facilities	Parking requirement is 10 spaces per 1,000 square feet
Commercial Kitchens	3 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Ghost Kitchens	6 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Shopping centers with a minimum of 600,000 square feet of contiguous gross leasable area:	
Main structure or group of abutting structures	

**TABLE 13-89
NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS**

USE	PARKING RATIO PER GROSS FLOOR AREA (except as noted otherwise)
Retail	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Establishments where food or beverages are served occupying 5% or less of the total contiguous gross leasable area	1 space per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Establishments where food or beverages or served in excess of 5% of the total contiguous gross leasable area	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Office Space occupying 10% or less of the total contiguous gross leasable area	None
Office Space in excess of 10% of the total contiguous gross leasable area	4 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
Theaters (cumulative)	
750 seats and less	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area
More than 750 seats	5 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area plus 3 spaces for each additional 100 seats
Uses within freestanding structures	
Establishments where food or beverages are served	10 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross leasable area

**TABLE 13-89
NON-RESIDENTIAL PARKING STANDARDS**

USE	PARKING RATIO PER GROSS FLOOR AREA (except as noted otherwise)
All others	Pursuant to this table
Mixed use developments	When there are mixed uses within a single development which share the same parking facilities, the total requirement for parking should be determined as outlined in "City of Costa Mesa Procedure for Determining Shared Parking Requirements" which are included herein by this reference and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of the city council. A greater reduction in parking than would be allowed under this procedure may be approved by minor conditional use permit where it can be demonstrated that less parking is needed due to the hours of operation or other unusual features of the users involved. For mixed-use developments located in the mixed-use overlay zone, refer to the applicable urban plan for parking rates.
Industrial	3 parking spaces shall be provided per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area for the first 25,000 square feet of building; 2 parking spaces shall be provided per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area between 25,000 and 50,000 square feet of building; and one and one-half parking spaces shall be provided per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area over 50,001 square feet of building.
Garden centers; plant nurseries	4 spaces per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area; and 2 spaces per 1,000 square feet of outdoor display area.
Smoking lounges	17 spaces per 1,000 square feet

Notes:

- 1 Establishments limited to seating for 12 or fewer persons prior to June 4, 1997, shall remain at that seating limit unless additional parking is provided pursuant to this Zoning Code.
- 2 The outdoor patio seating area(s) shall not be included in the floor area calculations for purposes of determining the required parking.
- 3 The final review authority may apply a maximum credit of one parking space due to the provision of bicycle racks. This credit shall only apply to the overall parking supply and not to multiple uses.
When the approval of a use permit is required, the final review authority may require additional parking spaces at a ratio not to exceed 30 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area of the entire building. Factors that may warrant additional parking include, but are not limited to, the provision of entertainment and/or dancing, or substantial ratio of floor area devoted to bar as compared to restaurant use. The maximum parking rate shall be applicable to uses that have substantially maximized the building's occupancy due to design and provision of concentrated uses.
- 4 When the approval of a use permit is required, the final review authority may require additional parking spaces at a ratio not to exceed 30 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area of the entire building. Factors that may warrant additional parking include, but are not limited to, the provision of entertainment and/or dancing, or substantial ratio of floor area devoted to bar as compared to restaurant use. The maximum parking rate shall be applicable to uses that have substantially maximized the building's occupancy due to design and provision of concentrated uses.

- 5 The square footage of electrical and mechanical equipment and the surrounding three feet for clearance shall be excluded from the calculation of gross floor area for the purpose of determining parking requirements

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97; Ord. No. 98-5, § 16, 3-2-98; Ord. No. 02-4, § 1j, 3-18-02; Ord. No. 06-9, § 1g., 4-18-06; Ord. No. 12-4, § 1, 5-15-12; Ord. No. 15-10, § 2C, 9-15-15; Ord. No. 21-20, § 1, 12-7-21; Ord. No. 2024-01, 1/16/2024; Ord. 2025-07, 10/21/2025)

§ 13-89.5. Reduction in parking requirements.

Where it can be shown that the required parking for a nonresidential land use will substantially exceed the demand of the actual use, the zoning administrator may, by minor conditional use permit, allow a reduction in the amount of required parking. The zoning administrator may place the following conditions on the approval of the minor conditional use permit:

- (a) Allow such excess parking to be provided as landscaping, plazas, courtyards, or similar open space feature.
- (b) Require recordation of a land use restriction that restricts the future use of the property to ensure adequate parking availability.

(Ord. No. 99-15, § 2, 11-16-99)

§ 13-90. Parking for uses not specified.

The parking requirements for the uses not specified in Table 13-89 shall be determined by the planning division. The determination shall be based upon the requirements for the most comparable use specified in this chapter or other appropriate sources including but not limited to a parking study.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97)

§ 13-91. General development standards.

General development standards for parking areas applicable to the nonresidential zones are contained in Article 3, Development Standards, of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 97-11, § 2, 5-5-97)

EXHIBIT F

CHAPTER VI, OFF-STREET PARKING STANDARDS

Article 3 Development Standards

Add the following Section to Article 3:

13-100.10 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

(a) Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to comply with Government Code Section 65850.7 and to promote and encourage the use of electric charging stations while promoting public health and safety and preventing specific adverse impacts in the installation and use of such charging stations.

(b) Regulations.

- (1) **Accessory Use.** An electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) for public or private use shall be permitted as an accessory use within any existing legal single-family or multiple-family residential garage or carport, or within any existing legal commercial parking space in a parking lot or in a parking garage, subject to the development standards listed in subsection (c) below.
- (2) **Primary Use.** An electric vehicle charging station (EVCS) as a primary use shall be permitted in non-residential and mixed use zones, pursuant to the Mesa Land Use Matrix Chapter IV, Table 13-30 and shall comply with all standards applicable to the underlying zone and the development standards listed in subsection (c) below.

(c) Development Standards:

All EVCS shall:

- (1) Be protected as necessary to prevent damage by automobiles;
- (2) Be designed to minimize potential damage by vandalism and to be safe for use in inclement weather;
- (3) Include complete instructions and appropriate warnings concerning the use of the EVCS, which shall be posted on a sign in a prominent location on or near each station for use by the operator;

- (4) Be maintained in good working order. Damaged or broken EV chargers or related infrastructure shall be repaired within 48 hours;
- (5) Be located in a manner which will be easily seen by the public for informational and security purposes, when available for public use;
- (6) Be located so as not to obstruct required parking areas, drive aisles, pedestrian walkways, accessible paths of travel, emergency access, or required visibility areas; and
- (7) Comply with all applicable building, electrical, fire, accessibility, parking, circulation, and zoning requirements.

EXHIBIT G

Chapter IX Special Land Use Regulations

The following new Articles are added to Chapter IX, Special land Use Regulations:

Article 24 – Group Instruction/Setting including Studio and Fitness Uses.

13-200.210 Purpose: The purpose of Article is to establish operational and development standards for uses with group instruction, group setting for Studios and Fitness uses to ensure compatibility with surrounding commercial uses.

13-200.211 Permits required. The required permit is identified in Chapter IV, Table 13-30, City of Costa Mesa Land Use Matrix.

13-200.212 Operational and Development Standards.

- (a) Parking. Parking requirements shall be provided pursuant to Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts, Table 13-89, Non-Residential Parking Standards.
- (b) Indoor Operations. All activities shall occur entirely within an enclosed building. Outdoor activities shall require approval of a Minor Conditional Use Permit per Chapter V, Development Standards, Article 3, Commercial Districts, Section 13-44 of this title.
- (c) Small Fitness Studios shall be less than 2,500 square feet in gross floor area.
- (d) Fitness Studios shall be less than 15,000 square feet in gross floor area. Facilities larger than 15,000 square feet of gross floor area are classified as Physical Fitness Facilities.
- (e) Noise. Whenever amplified music, instruction, or sound is utilized, all exterior doors and windows shall remain closed.
- (f) A minimum of 15 minutes shall be provided between each group instruction or class.

Article 25 – Event Centers.

13-200.215 Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Article is to establish operational and development standards for Event Centers and similar assembly uses, including banquet facilities, assembly halls, conference facilities, and arenas, in order to ensure compatibility with surrounding uses.

13-200.216 Permits required. The required permit is identified in Chapter IV, Table 13-30, City of Costa Mesa Land Use Matrix.

13-200.217 Operational and Development Standards.

- (a) Parking. Parking requirements shall be provided pursuant to Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts, Table 13-89, Non-Residential Parking Standards.
- (b) Occupancy. Occupancy shall not exceed the maximum occupant load approved by the Building Official and Fire Authority, or any occupancy limitation imposed through a planning entitlement.
- (c) Noise. Amplified music, outdoor speakers, and public address systems shall comply with the City's Noise Ordinance. Outdoor amplified sound shall cease by 11:00 p.m., unless otherwise authorized through a Conditional Use Permit. A Noise study may be required to evaluate impacts on adjacent properties.
- (d) Operation Plan. Operator shall provide a detailed Operations Plan as part of the application package which shall include, at a minimum, the following:
 - 1. Description of Operations. A description of the proposed use, including the types of events to be conducted, maximum occupancy, seating capacity, frequency of events, and anticipated hours of operation.
 - 2. Site Management. Identification of on-site management personnel responsible for facility operations during events, including contact information for an on-site manager or responsible party.
 - 3. Parking and Circulation. A description of parking management practices, valet operations (if applicable), rideshare pick-up and drop-off locations, employee parking locations, loading and unloading activities, and measures to prevent vehicle congestion on adjacent streets.
 - 4. Noise Management. Identification of any amplified sound, entertainment, public address systems, or outdoor activities and measures to ensure compliance with the City's Noise Ordinance.
 - 5. Security and Crowd Management. Procedures for crowd control including procedures for event dismissal and dispersal of attendees, event monitoring, security staffing, and coordination with public safety agencies, as appropriate.
 - 6. Alcohol Service. A description of alcohol management practices, type of Alcohol Beverage Control license, including proof of compliance with all applicable Alcoholic Beverage Control regulations.

7. Loading and Deliveries. A description of delivery schedules, vendor access, equipment loading and unloading activities, and designated service areas.
8. Trash and Maintenance. Procedures for refuse collection, litter control, site maintenance, and post-event cleanup.
9. Modification of Operations. The Director may require modifications to an approved Operations Plan when necessary to address documented operational impacts, ensure compliance with conditions of approval, or maintain compatibility with surrounding properties.

(e) Excluded Uses. Event Centers do not include:

1. Restaurants, bars, or nightclubs where food and beverage service is the primary use, and
 - i. Private events do not occur regularly and are accessory and subordinate to the permitted restaurants, bars, or nightclub use; and
 - ii. The tenant space does not have space dedicated for private events.
2. Indoor commercial fitness or sports training facilities;
3. Churches or other places of religious assembly regulated under Article 4.5 (Development Standards for Churches and Other Places of Religious Assembly);
4. Civic and Community clubs or other private social clubs regulated elsewhere in this Title;
5. E-sports gaming lounges and participant-oriented electronic gaming facilities regulated as Active Entertainment uses; or
6. Schools or educational institutions.

Article 26 – Active Entertainment and Amusement Center

13.200.220 Purpose and Intent. The purpose of the Article is to establish operational and development standards for Active Entertainment and Amusement Center uses and to ensure compatibility with surrounding properties.

13-200.221 Permits required. The required permit is identified in Chapter IV, Table 13-30, City of Costa Mesa Land Use Matrix.

13-200.222 Operational and Development Standards.

- (a) Indoor Operations. Active Entertainment and Amusement Center uses shall be conducted entirely within an enclosed building and shall be limited to a maximum gross square footage of 15,000 sf. Uses larger than 15,000 gross square feet are classified as Amusement Centers. For uses that proposes outdoor uses (uses not underroof) a Minor Conditional Use Permit is required per Chapter V, Development Standards, Article 3, Commercial Districts, Section 13-44 of this title.
- (b) Parking. Parking requirements shall be provided pursuant to Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts, Table 13-89, Non-Residential Parking Standards.
- (c) Noise. All activities, including amplified sound, public address systems, gaming equipment, and entertainment devices, shall comply with the City's Noise Ordinance. Sound generated by the use shall not create a nuisance on adjacent properties. Should an issue arise from noise the operator shall work with the City and implement best practice to eliminate the issue.
- (d) Occupancy. The use shall not exceed the maximum occupant load established by the Building Official and Fire Authority.
- (e) Food and Beverage. Accessory food and beverage service may be permitted, subject to Chapter V, Article 4 (Establishments Where Food or Beverages Are Served).
- (f) Queuing and Circulation. The use shall be designed and operated so that customer queues, waiting areas, and patron gatherings do not obstruct pedestrian walkways, building entrances, drive aisles, parking spaces, or required accessible routes.
- (g) Excluded Uses. Active Entertainment and Amusement Center uses shall not include spectator-oriented assembly uses, event centers, concert venues, e-sports arenas, or other assembly uses where viewing or attendance is the primary activity. Such uses shall be regulated as Event Centers and Assembly Uses.

Article 27 – Artisan Studio

13.200.225 Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this Article is to establish development and operational standards for Artisan Studio retail uses that also support onsite opportunities for small-scale creative production, fabrication, repair, while ensuring compatibility with surrounding commercial uses and distinguishing Artisan Studio uses from manufacturing and industrial operations.

13-200.226 Permits required. The required permit is identified in Chapter IV, Table 13-30, City of Costa Mesa Land Use Matrix.

13-200.227 Operational and Development Standards.

- (a) Indoor Operations. All production, fabrication, assembly, repair, and retail activities shall occur entirely within an enclosed building. For studios that propose outdoor uses (uses not underroof) a Minor Conditional Use Permit is required per Chapter V, Development Standards, Article 3, Commercial Districts, Section 13-44 of this title.
- (b) Parking. Parking requirements shall be provided pursuant to Chapter VI, Off-Street Parking Standards, Article 2, Non-Residential Districts, Table 13-89, Non-Residential Parking Standards
- (c) Customer-Oriented Component. The use shall maintain a customer-facing component, which may include retail sales, display areas, demonstrations, workshops, classes, or other public interaction associated with the artisan production activities.
- (d) Classes, Workshops, or Group Instruction. For uses that propose classes, workshops, or group instruction the following shall apply:
 - 1. Parking requirements shall be provided per Table 13-89, Non-Residential Parking Standards.
 - 2. Whenever amplified music or sound is played, all exterior doors and windows shall remain closed.
 - 3. A minimum of 15 minutes shall be provided between each class, workshop or group instruction.
- (e) Production Scale. The use shall be limited to small-scale production activities involving handcrafted, custom, artistic, specialty, or limited-production goods that are sold onsite. Uses involving assembly-line production, mass manufacturing, bulk processing, or large-scale industrial operations are prohibited.
- (f) Permitted Equipment. Equipment and machinery customarily associated with artisan production, fabrication, repair, design, and creative activities may be utilized provided such equipment complies with all applicable building, fire, and noise regulations.
- (g) Compatibility with Commercial Areas. Operations shall not create noise, vibration, dust, smoke, glare, fumes, odors, electrical interference, hazardous conditions, or other impacts beyond the property boundaries.
- (h) Screening. All exterior mechanical equipment, and/or roof mounted equipment, shall be screened from view from public right-of-way and adjacent properties.
- (i) Materials and Storage. All materials, supplies, products, and equipment shall be stored within an enclosed building. Outdoor storage of raw materials, products, equipment, or waste materials is prohibited. The use shall not involve

the storage or use of hazardous materials in quantities exceeding those permitted by the California Fire Code or other applicable regulations.

- (j) Food Production. Food preparation, food manufacturing, ghost kitchens, commercial kitchens, catering kitchens, or other food-related production uses shall not be considered Artisan Studio and shall be regulated separately.