
CHAPTER 11-7. ZONING REGULATIONS

Sec. 11-7-1. General provisions.

- (A) This Chapter, as amended from time to time, and the Official Zoning Map of the City, as amended from time to time, may be cited as the City's Zoning Regulations or Zoning Ordinance.
- (B) The purpose of these Zoning Regulations is to promote the public health, safety and welfare of the present and future inhabitants of Montrose, as described at Section 11-1-4 of this Title.
- (C) The City hereby declares that the regulation and development of land, including regulation by these Zoning Regulations, is exclusively a matter of local and municipal concern, and any provisions of any Statute or regulation of the state in conflict with the provisions of these Zoning Regulations, or any limitation imposed by any Statute or regulation of the state otherwise applicable are hereby superseded; provided, however, the City shall retain all powers authorized by state law with respect to land development regulations and zoning even though not specified within this Chapter, and such powers may be exercised in any lawful manner free from any limitations imposed by State Statute or regulation.
- (D) No business or use involving the sale or distribution of products or services, or the pursuit of activities, whether for profit or not for profit, which is in contravention of any federal, state or local law or regulation, shall be considered a use by right, a conditional use, or a lawful nonconforming use under this Chapter, in any zoning district within the City limits.

Sec. 11-7-2. Official Zoning Map.

- (A) The March, 2016 Revised Zoning Map of the City, as such may be amended from time to time, may be known or cited as the Official Zoning Map of the City.
- (B) Amendments to the Official Zoning Map may be made by an ordinance enacting a revised map or by an ordinance amending portions of the Official Zoning Map by specifying the legal description of the property to be rezoned. The City Manager may cause technical corrections to the Official Zoning Map to be made without any requirement that they first be approved by ordinance, provided such corrections simply implement the terms of previously-approved rezoning ordinances and are consistent with the zone district boundary rules of interpretation in Section 11-7-3.

Sec. 11-7-3. Zone district boundaries.

The regulations for the various residential, mixed use, commercial and industrial districts provided for in this Chapter shall apply within the boundaries of each such district as indicated on the Official Zoning Map. In establishing the boundaries of the zoning districts shown on the Official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

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- (1) General rules of interpretation. For unsubdivided property or where a zoning boundary divides a property, or if the zoning boundaries cannot otherwise be determined, the boundaries on the Official Zoning Map shall be based upon the individual zoning or rezoning map approved for the property.
 - (2) Lot or block lines. Where no rights-of-way exist and the zoning boundaries are indicated as approximately following lot, tract, block or subdivision boundary lines, such limits shall be considered as the zoning district boundaries.
 - (3) Rights-of-way. Unless otherwise indicated, the zoning district boundaries are the centerlines of streets, alleys, waterways, and railroad rights-of-way. The area within any of the rights-of-way is not granted any of the use rights associated with the overlying or adjacent zoning district(s).
 - (4) Vacated rights-of-way. Whenever a public street, alley or other right-of-way has been vacated, the zoning district adjoining each side of the right-of-way shall be extended to include the portion of the vacated street, alley, or other right-of-way adjacent to such adjoining property.
 - (5) City boundaries. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the City limits shall be considered as following the City limits.
 - (6) Other boundaries. Boundaries indicated as approximately parallel to or extensions of centerlines, lot, or tract lines, City limits, or similar geographic lines shall be considered as the boundaries when no or other reliable documentation is available.
 - (7) Map discrepancies. Should an actual street layout or stream course vary from that shown on the map or any other uncertainty remain as to the location of a zoning district boundary, the City Manager shall interpret the map based on the best information available and according to the intent of this title and any other applicable provisions of the Municipal Code.

Sec. 11-7-4. Zoning annexed land.

All annexed land shall be zoned within 90 days of annexation following the procedure for rezoning at Section 11-7-12. Zoning of property proposed for annexation may be processed simultaneously with the petition for annexation, provided no ordinance zoning such property may be finally adopted prior to final adoption of an ordinance or ordinances annexing such property.

Sec. 11-7-5. Districts established.

- (A) The residential districts described below are established to promote stability in residential neighborhoods; to protect such property from incompatible land uses; to protect property values; and to encourage the appropriate use of such land. Certain other uses are permitted which are compatible with residential dwellings.
 - (1) The "RL" Rural Living District is intended to provide for farms, ranches, and clustered development with open space, and is designed to dovetail with allowed County residential densities.
 - (2) The "R-1" Very Low Density District is intended to provide for large lot rural residential development with a maximum density of one dwelling unit per acre.
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- (3) The "R-1A" Large Estate District and "R-1B" Small Estate District are intended to provide for large single-household detached dwelling residential lots within a semi-rural environment.
 - (4) The "R-2" Low Density District is intended to provide primarily for development of single-household detached and duplex dwellings, along with certain other compatible land uses.
 - (5) The "R-3" Medium Density District is intended to provide for an area which is suitable primarily for single-household detached, attached and duplex dwellings, along with certain other compatible land uses.
 - (6) The "R-3A" Medium High Density District is intended to provide for an area which is suitable primarily for single household attached, triplex, fourplex and other medium density multi-household dwellings, along with certain other compatible land uses.
 - (7) The "R-4" High Density District is intended to provide primarily for high density multi-household dwellings and to allow variety in higher density single household and duplex dwellings and other forms of innovative housing development types.
 - (8) The "R-5" Low Density/Manufactured Housing District is intended to provide primarily for low density development of single-household detached and duplex manufactured home dwellings, along with certain other compatible land uses.
 - (9) The "R-6" Medium Density/Manufactured Housing District is intended to provide primarily for medium-density development for single-household attached, triplex and fourplex manufactured home dwellings, along with certain other compatible land uses.
 - (10) The "MHR" Manufactured Housing Residential District is intended to provide a suitable environment for manufactured housing developments or tiny home communities, along with certain other compatible land uses.
- (B) The mixed-use district described below is established to promote stability in areas in transition; to protect such property from incompatible land uses; to protect property values; and to encourage the appropriate use of such land.
- (1) The "OR" Office-Residential District is intended to provide for a mix of offices and residential dwellings in areas adjacent to commercial zones or in areas in transition from residential to commercial uses.
- (C) The commercial districts described below are established to provide a location for convenient exchange of goods and services in a reasonable and orderly manner.
- (1) The "P" Public District is intended to provide for uses and services of a public, nonprofit, or charitable nature.
 - (2) The "B-1" Central Business District is intended to reflect the character of the original Downtown while allowing additional uses that will strengthen and expand the core of the City.
 - (3) The "B-2" Highway Commercial District is intended to provide for businesses oriented toward serving the motoring public, encouraging the convenient exchange of goods and services along the major thoroughfares of the City.
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- (4) "B-2A" Regional Commercial District is intended to provide for a full spectrum of goods and service uses along the major thoroughfares of the City.
 - (5) The "B-3" General Commercial District is intended to provide for a large variety of goods and services including outdoor storage areas and a limited group of commercial/industrial uses.
 - (6) The "B-4" Neighborhood Shopping District is intended to provide for small scale retail shopping and services convenient to residential neighborhoods.
 - (D) The industrial districts described below are established to provide for normal manufacturing activities and related uses.
 - (1) The "I-1" Light Industrial District is intended to provide for a limited group of research and manufacturing uses promoting the creation and maintenance of an employment center which will serve the mutual interests of the community as a whole.
 - (2) The "I-2" General Industrial District is intended to provide for most industrial and manufacturing uses, subject to performance standards.
 - (E) Dimensional requirements are set out in Section 11-7-7.

Sec. 11-7-6. District uses.

- (A) *Permitted uses.* Those uses designated as permitted uses on the schedule of uses in Subsections 11-7-6 (G) and 11-7-6 (H) are allowed as a matter of right subject to approval of a site development plan per Section 11-8-1 of this Title.
 - (B) *Conditional uses.* Uses listed as conditional uses on the schedule of uses in Subsections 11-7-6 (G) and 11-7-6 (H) shall be allowed only if the Planning Commission determines, following review pursuant to Chapter 11-4 of this Title, that the following criteria are substantially met with respect to the type of use and its dimensions:
 - (1) The use will not be contrary to the public health, safety, or welfare.
 - (2) The use is not materially averse to the Comprehensive Plan.
 - (3) Streets, pedestrian facilities, and bikeways in the area are adequate to handle traffic generated by the use with safety and convenience.
 - (4) The use is compatible with existing uses in the area and other allowed uses in the district.
 - (5) The use will not have an adverse effect upon other property values.
 - (6) Adequate off-street parking will be provided for the use.
 - (7) The location of curb cuts and access to the premises will not create traffic hazards.
 - (8) The use will not generate light, noise, odor, vibration, or other effects which would unreasonably interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of adjacent property.
 - (9) Landscaping of the grounds and the architecture of any buildings will be reasonably compatible with that existing in the neighborhood.
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- (C) *Principal uses.* The primary use of a lot is referred to as a principal use which may be a land use or a structure. Only one principal use per lot is allowed except where a mix of residential and nonresidential uses may be permitted in a specified zone district.
- (D) *Accessory uses.* Except where specifically modified by this Chapter, accessory uses shall comply with all requirements for the principal use, and the following additional limitations:
- (1) An accessory use shall be clearly incidental, customary to and commonly associated with the operation of the permitted use.
 - (2) An accessory use shall be operated and maintained under the same ownership as the permitted use.
 - (3) An accessory use shall be located on the same lot as a principal use.
- (E) *Temporary Use Permits.*
- (1) *Permit required.* The City Manager may issue a temporary use permit authorizing a temporary use of premises in a district for a use which is otherwise not allowed in such a district for a limited period of time in accordance with this Subsection. The temporary use permit may be issued by the City Manager only after it determines that the temporary use will not unreasonably interfere with the use of other property, or result in any permanent adverse effects to other property, or create a safety or health hazard.
 - (2) *Permit conditions.* The City Manager may approve a temporary use permit subject to conditions appropriate to ensure compliance with this Subsection. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, setting requirements for, or imposing restrictions upon, size, massing, location, open space, landscaping, buffering, screening, lighting, noise, signage, traffic and pedestrian circulation and control, parking design and operations, duration, hours of operation, setbacks, building materials and architectural design, sanitation, trash removal, dust control, drainage, erosion control, and provision of utilities and services.
 - (3) *Permit renewal.* A temporary use permit will generally not be renewed unless the use is a seasonal use; a temporary improvement associated with an established business; or associated with a construction activity; or as stated otherwise herein. These applications may be renewed for up to one year at any one time using the same procedures as for an initial application.
 - (4) *Exempt Activities.* The following temporary activities are exempt from these regulations:
 - (a) Storage or moving containers for a business or residence actively moving or a related activity and not exceeding 14 days in any one year.
 - (b) Dumpsters for a business or residence actively undergoing construction or a related activity and not exceeding 14 days in any one year.
 - (c) Temporary uses, structures, and/or vehicles/trailers needed as the result of a natural disaster or other health and/or safety emergency are allowed for the duration of the emergency or as needed to address conditions caused by the emergency.
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- (5) *Prohibited Uses or Activities.* The following uses and activities are prohibited due to negative visual or other impacts:
- (a) Storage in trailers or roll-off containers for longer than 14 days unless associated with an active construction site or a non-residential use, business or residence in the process of moving.
 - (b) Outdoor storage other than accessory storage for an active construction site. Any other outdoor storage shall conform to the requirements for the zone district in which the property is located.
 - (c) Outdoor sales of durable goods as a principal use not associated with a farmer's market, special event, business promotional event, or with an approved site plan, unless the operation meets the requirements for a mobile vendor in accordance with the Montrose Regulations Manual.
- (6) *Allowed Uses and Activities.* Temporary uses of land are permitted subject to the specific zone districts and time periods listed in Table 7.1. The City Manager may approve other temporary uses and activities if it is determined that such uses meet the intent and criteria of this section.

Table 7.1
Allowed Temporary Uses

Use	Zone Districts	Period
Construction trailer, temporary building, or yard for construction management office and/or storage of materials during active construction within an approved development.	All	Time to be specified by City Manager; must be concurrent with Building Permit; must be terminated within 30 days of issuance of project Certificate of Occupancy for all types of construction.
Temporary office for the sale and/or rental of dwelling units under construction within an approved development.	All	Time to be specified by City Manager; must be terminated within 60 days of completion of the sales period.
Seasonal or off-site retail sales, which include, but are not limited to: sale of seasonal fruits and vegetables; sale of fireworks; and sale of Christmas trees.	Commercial and Industrial zone districts only	Not to exceed 180 days, and provided that any permits required by law are obtained

(F) *Uses Not Listed.*

- (1) Uses not listed in a zone district are prohibited except that such uses may be approved by the City Manager provided such uses are found to be similar to a permitted use.
- (2) Any person aggrieved by a decision of the City Manager pursuant to this Subsection may appeal that decision to the City Council under the following procedure:
 - (a) The appeal must be made in writing and filed within thirty (30) days of the decision being appealed.
 - (b) The City Council shall consider the appeal at a public hearing held within thirty (30) days of receipt of the written appeal, notice of which shall be given to the appellant by US mail at least fifteen (15) days prior to the hearing.
 - (c) The City Council shall approve or deny the appeal.
 - (d) The decision of the City Council shall be the final decision of the City on the matter, appealable only to the district court.

(G) Schedule of Residential Zone District Uses.

Land Use	RL	R-1	R-1A/B	R-2	R-3	R-3A	R-4	R-5	R-6	MHR
COMMERCIAL USES										
Bed and breakfast (See Sec. 11-11-1)					C		C		C	
Farms and ranches	P									
Short-term rentals	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
INSTITUTIONAL USES										
Assisted living facility					C	C	C		C	C
Childcare facility	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Family childcare home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Government buildings and facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Schools; Elementary, Middle and High	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
RECREATIONAL USES										
Golf courses	P									
Parks, open space and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
RESIDENTIAL USES										
Accessory Dwelling Unit (See Sec. 11-11-5)	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Dwelling, Duplex				P	P	P	P	P	P	
Dwelling, Fourplex					C	P	P		C	
Dwelling, Multi-household					C	P	P		C	
Dwelling, Single-Household Attached					P	P	P		P	
Dwelling, Single-Household Detached	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	P	P	P
Dwelling, Tiny Home									P	P
Tiny Home Community										P
Dwelling, Triplex					P	P	P		P	
Group homes - handicapped/disabled 8 persons or less (See Sec. 11-11-2)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Group homes - handicapped/disabled > 9 persons (See Sec. 11-11-2)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C

Land Use	RL	R-1	R-1A/B	R-2	R-3	R-3A	R-4	R-5	R-6	MHR
Group homes, other (See Sec. 11-11-2)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Home occupation (See Sec. 11-11-3)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Manufactured home				¹				P	P	P
Manufactured home park (See Sec. 11-13)										P
UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES										
Antennas (See Sec. 11-14-6)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Public utility service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Towers (See Sec. 11-14-5)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
OTHER USES										
Accessory uses (See Sec. 11-7-6 (D))	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Temporary use (See Sec. 11-7-6 (E))	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Travel home (See Sec. 11-13-6 (2))	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Legend: Zoning Districts RL: Rural Living R-1: Very Low Density R-1A: Large Estate R-1B: Small Estate R-2: Low Density R-3: Medium Density R-3A: Medium High Density R-4: High Density R-5: Low Density/Manufacture Housing R-6: Medium Density/Manufacture Housing MHR: Manufactured Housing Residential				Legend: Use Type P: Permitted Use C: Conditional Use A: Accessory Use T: Temporary Use Note: Any uses not listed in a zone district are prohibited – see Sec. 11-7-6 (F)(1).						

(H) Schedule of Mixed Use, Commercial and Industrial Zone District Uses.

¹ Manufactured housing is prohibited except for the following subdivision which was under development on July 1, 1998: Rainbow Meadows Subdivision.

Land Use	OR	P	B-1	B-2	B-2A	B-3	B-4	I-1	I-2
COMMERCIAL USES									
Vehicle sales, rental, repair or service establishments			C	C	P	P		P	P
Bed and breakfast (See Sec. 11-11-1)	P								
Building materials business			C	P	P	P		P	P
Commercial greenhouse				C	C	P	C	P	P
Electric vehicle charging station, retail		P	P	P	P	P	C		
Farm implement sales or service establishment					P	P		P	P
Food truck court		P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C
Fueling station or other retail use having fuel pumps (See Sec. 11-11-4)			P	P	P	P	C	C	C
Funeral home			C	C	C	C			
Hotels and motels			P	P	P	P			
Laundry facility, self-service				P	P	P	P		
Manufactured home, tiny home and travel home sales or service establishments					P	P		P	P
Medical clinic	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	C
Micro-brewery, micro-distillery, or micro-winery			P	P	P	P	P	P	C
Office, business	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Outpatient drug treatment clinic	P								
Travel home park (See Sec. 11-13)				C	C	C			
Campground				C	C	C			
Rental business					P	P		C	C
Restaurant			P	P	P	P	P	C	C
Drive-in or drive-through			C	P	P	P	C	C	C
Retail sales and personal service establishments	C		P	P	P	P	P	P	C
Retail sales and personal service establishments with limited manufacturing				C	C	C		P	C
Sexually oriented business (See Sec. 11-12-1)									P
Shooting range, indoor						C		C	C
Short-term rentals	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Bar or tavern			P	P	P	P	C	C	C

Land Use	OR	P	B-1	B-2	B-2A	B-3	B-4	I-1	I-2
Theater			C	P	P	P			
Veterinary clinic or hospital, small animal				P	P	P		C	C
Veterinary clinic or hospital, large animal					P	P		C	C
INDUSTRIAL USES									
Storage facilities, fuels and chemicals						P		P	P
Aircraft support services								P	P
Construction equipment storage facility						P		P	P
Feed storage and sales establishments						P		P	P
Fulfillment Center				C	C	C		P	P
Manufacturing and non-manufacturing uses (See Sec. 11-11-4)					C	C		P	P
Industrial use, other								C	P
Storage facilities, indoor			C	P	P	P	C	P	P
Storage facilities, outdoor					C	P		P	P
Warehouse and wholesale distribution operation			C	C	C	C		P	P
INSTITUTIONAL USES									
Airport								P	P
Assisted living facility	C			P	P	P			
Childcare facility	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
College or other place of adult education			P	P	P	P			
Daytime social service activities			P	P	P	P			
Family child care home	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Government buildings and facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Hospital	P								
Library		P	P	P	P	P			
Museum or visitor center		P	P	P	P	P			
Parking facility	P	P	P	P	P	P			
Private and fraternal clubs			P	P	P	P	C		
Public transportation facilities			P	P	P	P		C	C
Religious assembly	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	C	C
Schools; Elementary, Middle and High	C	P	C	C	C	C	C		

Land Use	OR	P	B-1	B-2	B-2A	B-3	B-4	I-1	I-2
MIXED USES									
Live/work unit	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Mixed use building	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
RECREATIONAL USES									
Golf course		C							
Parks, open space and recreation facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Private recreation facility, indoor		C	C	P	P	P	C	P	P
Private recreation facility, outdoor		C		P	P	P		P	P
RESIDENTIAL USES									
Accessory Dwelling Unit	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Duplex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Fourplex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Multi-household	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Single Household Attached	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Single Household Detached	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Dwelling, Tiny Home		P							
Dwelling, Triplex	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Group home - handicapped/disabled 8 persons or less (see Sec. 11-11-2)	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Group home - handicapped/disabled > 8 persons (see Sec. 11-11-2)	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Group home (See Sec. 11-11-2)	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Home occupation (See Sec. 11-11-3)	A		A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Supportive housing	C					C		C	
UTILITIES AND TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITIES									
Antennas (See Sec. 11-14-6)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
Public utility service facilities	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Solar farms								P	P

Land Use	OR	P	B-1	B-2	B-2A	B-3	B-4	I-1	I-2
Towers (See Sec. 11-14-5)	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C
OTHER USES									
Accessory uses (See Sec. 11-7-6 (D))	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Temporary use (See Sec. 11-7-6 (E))	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Travel home (See Sec. 11-13-6 (2))	T		T	T	T	T	T	T	T
Legend: Zoning District OR: Office-Residential P: Public B-1: Central Business B-2: Highway Commercial B-2A: Regional Commercial B-3: General Commercial B-4: Neighborhood Shopping I-1: Light Industrial I-2: General Industrial			Legend: Use Type P: Permitted Use C: Conditional Use A: Accessory Use T: Temporary Use Note: Any uses not listed in a zone district are prohibited – see Sec. 11-7-6 (F)(1).						

Sec. 11-7-7. District standards.

(A) Tabulated requirements for principal uses by right are as follows (all dimensions in feet or square feet unless otherwise noted):

Minimum Setbacks								
District	Use ² ₃	Maximum Density	Minimum Lot Size ⁴	Front	Rear	Side	Corner Lot	Maximum Building Height
RL	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	TBD – see footnote #4	⁵	25	20	10	20	35
R-1	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	1 dwelling unit/acre	1 acre	25	20	10	20	35
R-1A	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	2 dwelling units/acre	½ acre	25	20	10	20	35
R-1B	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	3 dwelling units/acre	⅓ acre	25	20	10	20	35
R-2	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	5.8 dwelling units/acre	7,500	25	20	5	20	35
	Duplex	7.75 dwelling units/acre	11,250	25	20	5	20	35
R-3	Single-household detached	7 dwelling units/acre	6,250	15	20	5	15	35

² Residential uses in the OR, P, B-2, B-2A, B-3, B-4, I-1 and I-2 zone districts shall comply with the applicable dimensional requirements as set out for the R-3A zone. Residential uses in the B-1 District shall comply with the density standards in the R-3A zone, but are not required to comply with the dimensional standards.

³ Commercial and institutional uses in the RL, R-1, R-1A, R-1B, R-2, R-3, R-3A, R-4, R-5, R-6 and MHR zone districts shall comply with the applicable dimensional requirements as set out for the "OR" zone.

⁴ Applies per lot; not per primary dwelling unit. Where specified as square footage per dwelling unit for multiple unit dwelling types does not imply a minimum dwelling unit size; there is no minimum dwelling unit size.

⁵ A minimum lot size shall be determined as a condition of initial zoning of property as "RL." Such lot size shall be designed to limit overall residential units per acre to no more than allowed by Montrose County in comparable areas in the County where sewer is available, and to implement the City Comprehensive Plan as feasible while remaining economically competitive with allowed County densities.

	Duplex	9.3 dwelling units/acre	9,375	15	20	5	15	35
	Single-household attached	9.3 dwelling units/acre	4,700/dwelling unit	15	20; 5 w/ rear-loaded garage	10 to bldg. lot line	15	35
	Triplex or Fourplex	9.3 dwelling units/acre	4,700/dwelling unit	15	20; 10 w/ alley	15 to bldg. lot line	20	35
	Multi-household	15 dwelling units/acre	2,900/dwelling unit	15	20	10	15	40
R-3A	Single-household detached	8.7 dwelling units/acre	5,000	15	20	5	15	35
	Duplex	9.3 dwelling units/acre	9,375	15	20	5	15	35
	Single-household attached	15 dwelling units/acre	2,900/dwelling unit	15	20; 5 w/ rear-loaded garage	10 to bldg. lot line	15	35
	Triplex or Fourplex	15 dwelling units/acre	2,900/dwelling unit	15	20; 10 w/ alley	15 to bldg. lot line	20	35
	Multi-household	15 dwelling units/acre	2,900/dwelling unit	15	20	10	15	40
R-4	Single-household detached	17.4 dwelling units/acre	2,500	15	20; 5 w/ rear-loaded garage	5	10	35
	Duplex	17.4 dwelling units/acre	5,000	15	20	5	15	35
	Single-household attached	18.9 dwelling units/acre	2,300/dwelling unit	15	20; 5 w/ rear-loaded garage	10 to bldg. lot line	15	35

	Triplex or Fourplex	18.9 dwelling units/acre	2,300/ dwelling unit	15	20; 10 w/ alley	15 to bldg. lot line	20	35
	Multi-household	24 dwelling units/acre	1,815/ dwelling unit	15	20	10	15	40
R-5	Single-household detached	3.6 dwelling units/acre	12,000	25	20	5	20	35
	Duplex	7.2 dwelling units/acre	12,000	25	20	5	20	35
	Manufactured Home	3.6 dwelling units/acre	12,000	25	20	10	20	35
R-6	Single-household detached	5.8 dwelling units/acre	7,500	25	20	5	15	35
	Duplex	9.3 dwelling units/acre	9,375	15	20	5	15	35
	Single-household attached	9.3 dwelling units/acre	4,700/ dwelling unit	25	20; 5 w/ rear-loaded garage	10 to bldg. lot line	20	35
	Triplex or Fourplex	9.3 dwelling units/acre	4,700/ dwelling unit	15	20; 10 w/ alley	15 to bldg. lot line	20	35
	Multi-household	15 dwelling units/acre	2,900/ dwelling unit	15	20	10	15	40
	Manufactured Home	5.8 dwelling units/acre	7,500	25	20	5	20	35
	Tiny Home	5.8 dwelling units/acre	7,500	15	20	5	15	35
MHR	Manufactured Homes except MH Parks ⁶	14.5 dwelling units/acre	3,000	5	10	10	10	35
	Dwelling, Single Household Detached	14 dwelling units/acre	3,125	5	10	10	10	35

⁶ Dimensional requirements for manufactured home parks are controlled by Chapter 11-13-5 of this Title.

	Tiny Home except Tiny Home Communities ⁷	14.5 dwelling units/acre	3,000	5	10	10	10	35
OR	All Non-Residential		6,250	15	15	5	15	35
P ⁸	All Non-Residential		N/A	15	N/A	N/A	15	N/A
B-1	No Req.		No Req., except for fueling stations	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.	No Req.
B-2	All Non-Residential		N/A	15	N/A	N/A	15	N/A
B-2A	All Non-Residential		N/A	25	N/A	N/A	25	35
B-3	All Non-Residential		N/A	25	N/A	N/A	25	35
B-4	All Non-Residential		N/A	25	N/A	N/A	25	35
I-1	All Non-Residential		½ acre	25	N/A	N/A	25	N/A
I-2	All Non-Residential		½ acre	25	N/A	N/A	25	N/A

(C) Additional Dimensional Requirements.

- (1) Accessory use structures or buildings in residential districts may be located on those rear and side property lines which do not abut a street, if the structure is at least ten feet to the rear of the building line of the principal structure and does not occupy more than 30 percent of the rear yard area. In all other situations, accessory structure setbacks are the same as principal structure setbacks.
- (2) In a block where a setback line has been established by existing structures 50 percent or more of the block, the average setback of the existing buildings may be used as the minimum setback.
- (3) Garage doors which face an alley require a five-foot minimum setback.
- (4) In zone districts where residential front setbacks are 15 feet or less, the garage setback shall be a minimum of 25 feet.

⁷ Dimensional requirements for tiny home communities are controlled by Chapter 11-13-12 of this Title.

⁸ City facilities are exempt from these standards.

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- (5) Accessory structures shall not be located in the front yard of a principal structure, except for minor and commonplace accessory structures such as public utility installations, mail boxes, lamp posts and structures of a like nature.
 - (6) Lot depth and width is determined through the subdivision process in Section 11-5-13 (B) (3) of these regulations.
 - (7) Other permitted exceptions and encroachments into required setbacks and height limits are specified in Section 11-8-11 of this title.

Sec. 11-7-8. Planned Development (PD).

- (A) *Intent.* The intent of this Section is to encourage the development of tracts of land in accordance with an overall development plan by providing flexibility with respect to dimensional requirements of residential units.
- (B) *General Provisions.*
 - (1) A planned development must be in substantial conformity with the Comprehensive Plan.
 - (2) A minimum of 20 percent of the gross area of the planned development must be preserved as useable open space, as defined in Section 11-15-2. The 20% useable open space requirement shall not apply to a proposed PD containing six or fewer units and processed under Subsection C(5).
 - (3) Planned developments in the "RL" zoning district must consider and reasonably minimize adverse impacts on existing agricultural uses or other property in the area.
 - (4) Residential dwellings may be clustered, including the use of single-household dwelling, duplex and multi-household dwellings.
 - (5) Affordable housing, as defined in Sec. 11-15-2, may be included in a planned development.
 - (6) Approval of a planned development by the City is purely discretionary. If the City and the applicant do not agree on all required conditions and the plan, the City may deny approval, or the City may unilaterally impose conditions. If the developer does not accept all conditions, that development must adhere to standard subdivision and zoning requirements.
- (C) *Permitted Uses in a PD.*
 - (1) Any use permitted in the underlying zone district, limited as to its status as a use by right, a conditional use, or a temporary use, unless otherwise limited or permitted on the PD plan.
- (D) *Administrative PD Procedure.* This procedure is applicable for planned developments containing six or fewer units:
 - (1) All lots or tracts are adjacent to a dedicated and accepted public street;
 - (2) The lots are part of a subdivision or PD plat that has been previously approved and/or accepted by the City and recorded in the Montrose County Records;

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- (3) All improvements required by applicable City ordinances and regulations, including those related to PD Plans, are already in existence and available to serve each lot, or secured;
 - (4) No part of the Administrative PD has been approved as part of an Administrative PD within three years prior to the date of submission of the Administrative PD plat;
 - (5) No material changes to prior restrictions or easements are proposed; and
 - (6) Provisions of Section 11-5-3 (B) through and including (E) of this Title shall apply.
 - (7) Approval of an Administrative PD by the City is purely discretionary. If the City and the applicant do not agree on all required conditions and the plan, the City may deny approval, or the City may unilaterally impose conditions. If the applicant does not accept all conditions, that development must adhere to standard subdivision or PD requirements, and proceed through the applicable approval process.
 - (8) Prior to any review of the Administrative PD, the applicant shall provide written consent of all property owners within the proposed Administrative PD plan area. To the extent only a portion of a prior-approved Administrative PD plan area is proposed to be amended by the Administrative PD Plan application, then only the consent of the property owners within such portion shall be required.
 - (9) Amendments to Administrative PD's may be submitted for review and approval in the same manner as the initial Administrative PD.

(E) *Dimensional Requirements, Densities.*

- (1) Dimensional requirements, except those relating to overall residential density, which would otherwise be required by the City Zoning Regulations, or other City regulations for the district affected, may be deviated from in accordance with the plan as approved, if the Review Board determines that such deviations are in compliance with the Comprehensive Plan and will promote the public health, safety and welfare.
- (2) The Review Board may impose conditions as necessary or appropriate. The total number of residential units shall not exceed the area of the site divided by the minimum lot sizes specified for the zoning districts included.

(F) *Review of Sketch, Preliminary and Final PD Plan.*

- (1) The sketch plan, preliminary plan and final PD plans shall be reviewed pursuant to the procedures and requirements for subdivisions as set out in Chapter 11-5 of this Title. The Planning Commission shall take no formal action at the conclusion of its public hearing on the sketch plan; however, comments by the public and the Commission shall be reflected in the minutes of the hearing as a part of the record on the application as it moves through the entire review process. For the approval of any preliminary PD Plan or a substantial amendment to a PD plan, a hearing shall be held before City Council.
- (2) Prior to any review of the Sketch, Preliminary and Final PD Plan, the applicant shall provide written consent of all property owners within the proposed PD plan area. For the purposes of this Section, "PD plan area" is the entirety of the territory proposed to be included in a PD plan; provided, however, that for applications for PD plan

amendments, only the portion of the PD plan area being amended or affected shall constitute the PD plan area for such application for purposes of consent; nevertheless, all owners of property within the PD must be given notice of the public hearing at which the amendment is to be considered.

- (3) Conditions may be imposed as appropriate to assure that the PD plan is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and promotes the public health, safety and welfare.
- (4) The plan shall show the location, size, number of dwelling units, and other uses, and shall further set out the location of all parks, open space, parking areas, streets, sidewalks, trails, bike paths and other improvements and structures. All information necessary to show compliance with the requirements of this Section shall be submitted. Where appropriate, in lieu of exact locations, numbers and sizes, parameters or limits may be set out.
- (5) The PD Plan as approved shall be recorded.
- (6) The final PD plan may be treated as a vested right pursuant to the procedure in Section 11-4-9 of this Title.

(G) *Required Improvements.*

- (1) All PDs shall provide the same improvements as required for subdivisions in Chapter 11-5 of this Title, and security therefore shall be provided as set out in Section 11-5-12 of this Title.
- (2) All improvements shall be constructed in accordance with standard City design and construction specifications and standards, in substantial conformity with the PD plan, and in accordance with subdivision design standards as set out in Chapter 11-5 of this Title, except as modified by the PD plan.
- (3) An entity shall be established or provided for ownership and maintenance of all facilities and open spaces, which are approved for common ownership or not dedicated to the City.
- (4) Flexibility in the scope and design of required improvements and design standards may be allowed to provide for innovative urban design which promotes the public health, safety and welfare. A public street shall be dedicated to the City and developed at the developer's cost to provide direct access to each building with residential units or to the parking lot serving the building.

(H) *Enforcement and Amendments.*

- (1) The PD plan may be enforced in accordance with or in the same manner as the provisions of the Planned Unit Development Act of 1972, as amended, C.R.S. 1973, § 24-67-101 et seq., as amended or in any lawful manner. In addition, no occupancy permit shall be issued for any building unless all site improvements to serve that unit and any commonly-owned facilities have been completed and approved unless security for completion is provided substantially similar to the security required for subdivision improvements by 11-5-12 of this Title, except that cash must be placed in the escrow account prior to issuance of the occupancy permit.

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- (2) Amended PD plans may be submitted for review and approval in the same manner as the initial PD Plan. An applicant for an Amended PD plan shall submit written consent of the property owners of the portion of the PD plan area to which the application applies, prior to and as a condition of the initiation of review of the application. Written consent from all property owners within the prior-approved PD plan area is not required as part of the Amended PD plan application. Advance notice of any review of an Amended PD plan application by the Planning Commission shall occur pursuant to Chapter 11-4 of this Title, with the added requirement that advance written notice shall be provided to all property owners of record within the prior-approved PD plan area, in addition to all property owners of record adjoining or within 300 feet of the proposed Amended PD plan area.

Sec. 11-7-9. "REDO" Redevelopment Overlay Zoning District.

(A) Intent.

- (1) The "REDO" Overlay Zoning District is intended to alleviate certain hardships associated with redevelopment. The district is designed to encourage residential development and redevelopment of existing properties in the core downtown area, with allowances for increased densities compatible with the character of the area.
- (2) This overlay district allows reduced dimensional standards and a larger variety of housing types than the underlying zoning. Any development making use of the reduced dimensional requirements must meet all applicable criteria in this Section.

(B) Applicability.

- (1) The boundaries of the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District shall be as set forth by ordinance of the City Council, may be shown on the City's Official Zoning Map, and shall be fixed in the manner prescribed by Section 11-7-3.
- (2) The "REDO" Overlay Zoning District's provisions shall not be applicable to any property within the boundaries of said district, unless the owner of property therein shall deliver written notice to the City, in the manner set forth at subsection 11-7-9 (C) of this Section, of said owner's intent to utilize the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District.
- (3) When selected by a property owner in the manner set forth herein, the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District shall supersede the provisions of the underlying zone for all matters addressed by said "REDO" Overlay Zoning District's provisions; the provisions of the underlying zone shall control all matters not addressed by the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District's provisions.
- (4) Any requests for use of these "REDO" Overlay Zoning District provisions that involve private use of City property, including rights-of-way, shall be entirely subject to the City's discretion, and shall also be subject to the City's ordinances and regulations pertaining to encroachments and permits for the same
- (5) The provisions of the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District shall have no effect whatsoever unless selected in the manner set forth herein.

(C) Procedure.

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- (1) Use of the REDO District is initiated by filing an application in the form maintained by the Community Development Department and payment of the application fee.
 - (2) The application shall be reviewed as a minor site development plan under the procedure in Section 11-8-1[B]. In the event the application also proposes to subdivide real property, a minor subdivision under Section 11-5-3 shall be applied for and processed at the same time.
- (D) Standards.
- (1) All applications shall be subject to the development standards below. To the extent these standards are inapplicable, the standards of the underlying zone apply.
 - (2) Minimum Lot Size: Lots shall be no less than 2,075 square feet in size.
 - (3) Minimum setbacks are as follows: 5 feet side, rear, and front yard setbacks. See also Section 11-7-7 (C) (5).
 - (4) Height: The height of a building shall be as set forth in the underlying zone.
 - (5) Accessory Dwelling Units in the REDO District:
 - (a) ADU's within the REDO District shall comply with the requirements and standards set forth in Section 11-11-5 with the exception of the ADU size limitations in 11-11-5 (3), and provided that ADU's may be conveyed separately from the primary dwelling unit.
 - (b) Lots with ADU's shall be no less than 3,125 square feet.
 - (c) An ADU shall not be subject to the 30 percent rear yard area coverage maximum.
- (E) Design Criteria.
- (1) All lots within the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District shall be required to have not less than ten feet of street frontage. It is contemplated that lots having a "panhandle" shape may be allowed.
 - (2) If an alley is present, any garage shall be set back a minimum of five feet, when practicable, from the nearest right-of-way line of said alley.
 - (3) Please refer to Section 3-5-12 (A) of the Official Code of the City for the water Tap Fees, system investment (capacity) fees, and unit charges for accessory dwelling units in need of new water service, located on the same lot as the primary dwelling in the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District.
 - (4) Please refer to Section 3-5-12 (G) (4) of the Official Code of the City for the sewer Tap Fees, system investment (capacity) fees, and unit charges for accessory dwelling units in need of new sewer service, located on the same lot as the primary dwelling in the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District.
- (F) Variances. Variance applications may be considered as to any requirements set forth in Subsections (D) and (E) of this Section. Use of the "REDO" Overlay Zoning District is expressly declared to be elective on the part of the property owner, and is entirely at the property owner's discretion.
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Sec. 11-7-10. Uncompahgre River Buffer Overlay Zone.

The Uncompahgre River Buffer Zone (URBZ) applies to all land lying within 100 feet of the HWM of the Uncompahgre River, as defined above. The standards of the URBZ and its two sub-areas are not applicable to parcels to which stricter standards may apply via separate agreements (e.g., a pre-annexation agreement).

- (1) The purpose of the URBZ is to establish minimal acceptable requirements for the design of buffers to protect the Uncompahgre River, its wetlands, and floodplains within the City limits; to protect the water quality of the Uncompahgre River within said jurisdiction; to protect riparian and aquatic ecosystems within said jurisdiction; and to provide for the environmentally sound use of land resources within said jurisdiction. Nothing in this Section shall be used as consideration in a pre-annexation agreement or in a negotiation for annexation of land into the City.
- (2) Measurement of the 100 feet URBZ, the two sub-areas within it, and all other related measurements shall be taken as follows: distance is measured horizontally from the HWM, as defined herein, to the location in question. The HWM location used for any given measurement shall be taken from the side of the river closest to the building or other development in issue.
 - (a) The following graphic illustrates how to measure the URBZ:
 - (b) The URBZ provisions shall apply to:
 - (i) Any new development requiring a building permit, except for additions less than 20 percent of the existing building size that do not include any changes to an existing parking lot;
 - (ii) Any new development requiring site development approval;
 - (iii) Subdivision or the division of a tract or parcel of land into two or more parcels;
 - (iv) The improvement of property for any purpose involving construction;
 - (v) Combination of any two or more lots, tracts, or parcels of property for any purpose;
 - (vi) Placement of temporary structures that do not require a building permit or site development plan from the City;
 - (vii) The preparation of land for any of the above purposes.
 - (c) Specific submittal requirements are listed in Appendix One. Upon submittal of the complete application, with all supporting documentation as may be required, City staff shall provide a review of the same. Following City staff review, administrative approval may be granted if the development proposal is an allowed use in the URBZ or applicable URBZ sub-zone, or is a use by right in the URBZ or applicable URBZ sub-zone, and meets all applicable standards. Development proposals which are not allowed uses or uses by right in the URBZ or applicable URBZ sub-zone, or do not meet all the applicable standards, shall be forwarded to the City Planning Commission for review and approval, under procedures set

forth below, accompanied by any comments and recommendations from City staff.

- (d) All proposals shall identify on a site plan the designated Disturbance Envelope for that portion of the project that is proposed to encroach into the URBZ.
- (e) The applicant shall mark and identify the Disturbance Envelope on the ground in the field and shall maintain construction barrier fencing around the entire perimeter of the Disturbance Envelope throughout the period of construction, until final landscaping is completed. The applicant shall ensure that all surface disturbances are contained within the designated and marked Disturbance Envelope.
- (f) The URBZ consists of two sub-areas, as follows:
 - (i) Streamside Zone. This area is intended to preserve the natural riparian environment. In order to accomplish this goal, there is hereby established a 40-foot buffer area, measured as described above from the HWM. Development in the Streamside Zone is subject to all other applicable permits. Setbacks created herein for the Streamside Zone are in addition to any setbacks which may be applied through the underlying zoning of a parcel.
 - (1) The following are subject to a 40-foot setback from the HWM (i.e., the following shall not be placed or performed within the 40-foot Streamside Zone):
 - (a) Planting of non-native grass turf;
 - (b) Removal of native vegetation;
 - (c) Erection of fences;
 - (d) Construction of hard-surfaced trails that parallel the river;
 - (e) Construction of buildings, other than irrigation pump houses;
 - (f) Construction of parking lots (paved or gravel);
 - (g) Construction or installation of lighting fixtures;
 - (h) Construction or installation of engineered/structural water runoff treatment facilities (such as concrete vaults);
 - (i) Concrete rip-rap;
 - (j) Construction or installation of any other facility not listed in the allowed uses below, and not reasonably compatible with the riparian environment.
 - (2) The following actions, or construction of the following facilities or structures, are permitted within the 40-foot Streamside Zone:
 - (a) Government buildings and facilities;
 - (b) Hard-surfaced trails roughly perpendicular to the river;

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- (c) Soft-surfaced trails (crushed gravel, etc.) whether parallel or perpendicular to the river;
 - (d) Irrigation facilities (including pump houses);
 - (e) Boat put-ins (boat ramps should be soft-surfaced);
 - (f) Planting of native vegetation;
 - (g) Bank stabilization, and river or wildlife habitat restoration;
 - (h) Other uses may be permitted that are directly related to the river, and that do not conflict with the intent of this Section.
 - (3) Exceptions to the above regulations for the Streamside Zone shall be granted or denied through the variance procedures set forth in Section 11-7-13.
- (ii) Outer Zone. This area is intended to serve as a buffer between the Streamside Zone, and areas outside the URBZ. Most uses allowed within the underlying zoning district are permitted within the Outer Zone, though certain uses have specific performance standards.
- (1) Uses by right in the Outer Zone:
 - (a) Water runoff treatment structures using swales, native vegetation, and similar measures;
 - (b) Government buildings and facilities;
 - (c) Fences which allow the passage of wildlife; said fences shall be designed as follows:
 - (i) No more than 40 inches in height;
 - (ii) A smooth bottom wire at least 16 inches above ground;
 - (iii) At least 12 inches between the top two wires;
 - (iv) No sharp edges, barbs, or similar devices are permitted;
 - (v) Sheep or woven-wire and wrought-iron style fences with spiked tips are not permitted.
 - (d) Landscaping employing native vegetation types and compatible with the riparian environment;
 - (e) Single household detached dwellings;
 - (f) Recreation trails (all types);
 - (g) Buildings and facilities complying with the underlying zoning district and complying with all of the following performance standards:
 - (i) Structures with windows occupying a minimum of 50 percent of the linear river frontage of the building; and
 - (ii) At least one public entrance directly facing the river; and

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- (iii) Outdoor common areas, seating and/or dining areas; and
 - (iv) High quality building finishes such as brick or stone, or earth tone colors having matte finishes; and
 - (v) Well concealed trash dumpsters; and
 - (vi) Total building facade length shall be less than 50 feet in length parallel to the river; and
 - (vii) Buildings and facilities complying with these performance standards are exempt from the river buffer screening requirements set forth below;
 - (viii) Single household detached dwellings are exempt from these performance standards, except for Subsection (2) (f) (ii) (1) (c) of this Section, as well as the Outer Zone performance standards set forth below.
- (2) The following uses shall not be considered a use by right in the Outer Zone, and are subject to review as Conditional Uses under Section 11-7-6 (B) and Chapter 11-4 of this Title:
- (a) Loading docks;
 - (b) Landscaping with non-native vegetation;
 - (c) Engineered or structural water runoff treatment facilities (such as concrete vaults);
 - (d) Other industrial uses;
 - (e) Water treatment facilities employing structural vaults or similar technology are not permitted within the Outer Zone;
 - (f) Parking lots, whether paved or gravel;
 - (g) All other uses not listed in this Subsection.
- (3) Outer Zone Performance Standards. If the use or structure does not meet the performance standards in Subsection (2) (f) (ii) (1) (g) of this Section, the following shall be required:
- (a) A minimum 30-foot-wide vegetated buffer with extensive vertical plantings of native vegetation. Said vegetated buffer shall not overlap the 40-foot Streamside Zone.
 - (b) Tree height at maturity shall be as high or higher than the buildings being screened, and vegetation at maturity shall obscure any buildings or other facilities to the maximum extent possible.
 - (c) Said vegetated buffer shall be contiguous to the Streamside Zone, and located between the Streamside Zone, and any parking lot or building.
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- (4) General Standards Applicable within the Outer Zone.
 - (a) Removal of native vegetation is discouraged. Where removal of native vegetation is unavoidable, the removed area shall be mitigated by planting replacement native vegetation, at a minimum 1:1 ratio (measured in square feet, with a result that an equal amount of vegetation is planted, as was removed) within the URBZ.
 - (b) All setbacks oriented toward the river, applicable to or within the Outer Zone, shall be measured from the boundary line between the Streamside Zone, and the Outer Zone.
 - (c) For those zoning districts underlying the URBZ with no side or rear setbacks, the minimum side or rear setbacks shall be ten feet.
 - (d) New buildings, expansions to existing buildings, or parking lots, or driveways shall have a minimum setback of 20 feet from an existing or proposed trail or path.
 - (5) Exceptions to the standards and requirements regarding the Outer Zone shall be approved or denied through the procedures applicable to Conditional Uses, as set forth in Section 11-7-6 (B) and Chapter 11-4 of this Title.
 - (6) The following uses and structures are prohibited within the URBZ and its two sub-areas:
 - (a) Confined animal feedlots;
 - (b) Storage of hazardous materials or chemical fuels;
 - (c) Aboveground or underground petroleum storage facilities;
 - (d) Septic systems;
 - (e) Solid waste landfills;
 - (f) Junkyards, and salvage yards;
 - (g) Land application of biosolids;
 - (h) Subsurface discharges from wastewater treatment plants.
 - (7) All development within the URBZ shall obtain all applicable local, state and federal permits prior to undertaking any construction or land-disturbing activity.
 - (8) The provisions of the URBZ shall supersede the provisions of the underlying zone, and any other applicable overlay zone, when the provisions of the URBZ are more restrictive.

Sec. 11-7-11. Nonconforming uses, lots and structures

- (A) Any use, building or structure which at the effective date of the ordinance from which this Title is derived or at the time of annexation, if annexed subsequent to the effective date of the ordinance from which this Title is derived, was lawfully existing and maintained in accordance with the previously applicable County or City regulations and ordinances but which does not conform or comply with all of the regulations provided in this Chapter, may continue to be maintained and used as a lawful nonconforming use only in compliance with the provisions and limitations imposed by this Section. Uses, structures, or buildings which were unlawful or illegal and not in compliance with previously applicable regulations shall remain unlawful, illegal, and subject to abatement or other enforcement action.
- (B) If a use, building or structure is lawfully nonconforming in that it is not a use by right, or a conditional use which has been approved pursuant to the review provisions of Sections 11-7-6 (B) and 11-4-2 of this Title, the following shall apply:
- (1) If the building or structure involved in the use is destroyed or damaged so that repair or reconstruction will cost more than 50 percent of the fair market value of the building or structure after repair, it shall no longer be lawful to use the building or premises except in compliance with the use regulations for the district within which it is located.
 - (2) If the nonconforming use is abandoned or discontinued for a period of six months, then the premises may only be used in compliance with the use regulations for the district within which it is located.
 - (3) The use may be continued only substantially as it effective date of the ordinance from which this Chapter is derived or of annexation, and no material change in the type of use shall be allowed, unless the Planning Commission determines, following the review procedure provided in Section 11-4-2 of this Title, that the criteria set out in Section 11-7-6 (B) will be met, and that the new use is a more restrictive use than the existing nonconforming use. Any change in use allowed pursuant to this provision shall not affect the future status of the use as a nonconforming use for all purposes of this Section.
 - (4) The extent or area of the premises utilized for or by the nonconforming use, building or structure, may not be materially extended or enlarged, or substantially structurally altered, unless the Planning Commission determines, following the review procedure of Section 11-4-2 of this Title, that the criteria set out in Section 11-7-6 (B) will be met.
- (C) If the use, building or structure is in compliance with the use regulations for the district within which it is located and is nonconforming only with respect to dimensional requirements, off-street parking requirements, or the regulations governing fences, hedges, walls, or canopies, the following provisions shall apply:
- (1) If the nonconformity of the building, use, or structure is abandoned, removed, or corrected for any length of time, such nonconformity may not be re-established.
 - (2) If the building or structure is damaged so that the cost of replacing or restoring it is greater than 50 percent of its fair market value after replacement, the building or

structure may be repaired or replaced only in compliance with these Zoning Regulations.

- (3) If the building or structure is damaged in such a way as to remove the nonconformity, the nonconforming feature may not be re-established by any repair or reconstruction, unless it is unfeasible to repair the building without re-establishing the nonconforming feature.
- (4) No alteration may be made to the use, building, or structure which would increase the amount or degrees of the nonconforming feature. Changes in the use, building, or structure may be made which will decrease the degrees or amount of deviation from the requirements of this Chapter.

(D) Nonconforming lots of record.

- (1) In any district in which single-household detached dwellings are permitted, a single-household detached dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on any single lot of record, provided that the lot is in separate ownership and not of continuous frontage with other lots under the same ownership. This provision shall apply even though the lot fails to meet the dimensional requirements of the district in which it is located for area, width or both; provided, however, that the requirements of the district for minimum yard dimensions and lot coverage shall be met.
- (2) If two (2) or more lots or combinations of lots and portion of lots with continuous frontage in single ownership are of record, and part or all of the lots do not meet the requirements of the district in which they are located as to minimum area or frontage or both, the property together shall be considered to be an undivided parcel and no portion of the parcel shall be sold or used in a manner which diminishes compliance with minimum lot width and area requirements.

(E) This Section shall not apply to signs. Nonconforming signs shall be governed by the provisions of Section 11-10-3 of this Title.

Sec. 11-7-12. Rezoning.

(A) *Rezoning.*

- (1) Amendments to the Official Zoning Map involving any change in the boundaries of an existing zoning district, or changing the designation of a district, shall be allowed only upon findings as follows:
 - (a) The amendment is not averse to the public health, safety and welfare; and
 - (b) The amendment is in substantial conformity with the Comprehensive Plan; or:
 - (i) The existing zoning is erroneous; or
 - (ii) Conditions in the area affected or adjacent areas have changed materially since the area was last zoned.
- (2) Rezoning may be requested or initiated by the City Manager or the owner of any legal interest in the property or such owner's representative. The rezoning shall be reviewed for compliance with the criteria of this Subsection in accordance with the review procedures of Chapter 11-4 of this Title. The Planning Commission shall either

recommend approval or denial of the requested zoning to the City Council, which can either ratify the Planning Commission's decision, or reverse it. The City Council may initiate rezoning on its own motion, in which case the Council shall hold a hearing either in conjunction with second reading of a rezoning ordinance, or separately, in substantial compliance with the review procedures of Chapter 11-4 of this Title.

- (3) The City shall not impose conditions on a rezone unless otherwise required by this Title.

(B) *Zoning of Additions.*

- (1) The zoning of additions for all property annexed to the City not previously subject to City zoning may be requested or initiated by the City Manager or the owner of any legal interest in the property or such owner's representative. Proceedings concerning the zoning of property to be annexed may commence at any time prior to the effective date of the annexation ordinance, or thereafter as allowed by law. The Planning Commission shall either recommend approval or denial of the requested zoning to the City Council, which can either ratify the Planning Commission's decision, or reverse it. The zoning of additions shall be subject to the review procedures of Chapter 11-4 and standards of Section 11-7-4 of this Title, and shall be allowed only upon findings as follows:

- (a) The amendment is not averse to the public health, safety and welfare; and
 - (b) The amendment is in substantial conformity with the Comprehensive Plan, or such zoning is compatible with conditions in the area, which have changed materially since the Comprehensive Plan was last updated.

- (2) The City shall not impose conditions on the zoning of an addition unless otherwise required by this Title.

- (C) *Legislative Zoning.* Comprehensive review and re-enactment of all or a significant portion of the Official Zoning Map shall be a legislative action, and shall not be subject to the review procedures of Chapter 11-4 of this Title or any criteria set out in this Section.

- (D) *Enactment by Ordinance.* No amendment, addition to or re-enactment of the Official Zoning Map shall become effective until enacted by an ordinance.

Sec. 11-7-13. Variances.

- (A) The Planning Commission may grant a variance from the requirements set out in this Chapter, if it determines, following the review procedures of Chapter 11-4 of this Title, that the criteria of this Section will be met. Provided, however, no variance shall be granted from provisions restricting uses by right, accessory and conditional uses within any zoning district.

- (B) Variances shall be granted only if all the following criteria are met:

- (1) The variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare.
 - (2) Unusual physical circumstances shall exist, such as unusual lot size or shape, topography, or other physical conditions peculiar to the affected property, and violations of code shown by clear and convincing evidence that they were made in

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- good faith, which make it unfeasible to develop or use the property in conformity with the provisions of this Chapter in question.
- (3) The unusual circumstances have not been created as a result of the action or inaction of the applicants, other parties in interest with the applicant, or their or his predecessors in interest.
 - (4) The variance requested is the minimum variance that will afford relief and allow for reasonable use of the property.
 - (5) The variance will not result in development incompatible with other property or buildings in the area, and will not affect or impair the value or use or development of other property.
- (C) The burden shall be on the applicant to show that these criteria have been met.
- (D) Variances shall be granted for sign regulations only if all of the following criteria are met, in lieu of the criteria of Subsection (B) of this Section.
- (1) The variance will not adversely affect the public health, safety and welfare.
 - (2) The variance requested is the minimum variance that will afford relief.
 - (3) The variance will not result in signage incompatible with other properties in the area and will not affect or impair the value, use or development of such properties.
 - (4) Strict compliance with the regulation presents practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships, and the variance sought falls within the spirit of the sign regulations (Chapter 10 of this Title) as a whole.