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## CHAPTER 81.01 PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF DEVELOPMENT CODE

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- 81.01.080 Use of Headings
- 81.01.090 Effect of General Plan Adoption or Development Code Changes on Projects in Progress

### 81.01.010 Title

Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code shall be known as the San Bernardino Development Code, hereafter referred to as "this Development Code."

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### 81.01.020 Purpose and Intent of Development Code

The purpose of this Development Code is to implement the San Bernardino General Plan by classifying and regulating the uses of land and structures within unincorporated San Bernardino County; by preserving and protecting the County's important agricultural, cultural, natural, open space and scenic resources; and by protecting and promoting the public health, safety, comfort, convenience, prosperity, and general welfare of residents and businesses in the County. More specifically, the purposes of this Development Code are to:

- (a) Provide standards and guidelines for the continuing orderly growth and development of the County that will assist in protecting the character and identity of San Bernardino County and its distinct communities.
- (b) Conserve and protect the County's important agriculture, cultural, natural, open space and scenic resources.
- (c) Create a comprehensive and stable pattern of land uses upon which to plan transportation, water supply, sewerage, energy, drainage/flood control and other public facilities and utilities.

- (d) Encourage the most appropriate uses of land in order to prevent overcrowding of land and avoid undue concentration of population, and maintain and protect the value of property.
- (e) Ensure compatibility between different types of development and land use.

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#### **81.01.030 Authority for Regulating Land Uses**

The Development Code is enacted based on the authority vested in the County of San Bernardino by the State of California, including but not limited to:

- (a) Local Ordinances and Regulations (California Constitution, Article XI, Section 7)
- (b) Planning and Zoning Law (Government Code Section 65000 et seq.)
- (c) Airport Approaches Zoning Law (Government Code Section 50485 et seq.)
- (d) Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act (Public Resources Code Section 2621 et seq.)
- (e) California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.)
- (f) Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.)
- (g) Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act) (Government Code Section 51200 et seq.)
- (h) Mobilehome Parks Act (Health and Safety Code Section 18200 et seq.)
- (i) Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Sections 66410 et seq.)
- (j) Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Section 2710 et seq.)
- (k) Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Public Resources Code Section 4526 et seq.)

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#### **81.01.040 Responsibility for Administration**

This Development Code shall be administered by the County Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, the Director of Land Use Services, the Land Use Services Department, and any other departments, groups, or individuals identified in this Development Code in compliance with Title 1 (Government and Administration) of the County Code and in this Development Code, particularly Division 6 (Development Code Administration).

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**81.01.050      Applicability of Development Code**

This Development Code applies to all land, land uses, activities, structures, subdivisions, and development within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino, as provided by this Section.

- (a) **New land uses or structures, changes to land uses or structures.** Compliance with the requirements of this Development Code is necessary in order for a person to lawfully establish, occupy, maintain, construct, reconstruct, alter, expand or replace any pertinent use of land or structure.
- (b) **Issuance of Building or Grading Permits.** The Building Official may only issue building, grading, or other construction permits after all applicable requirements of this Development Code, and all other applicable statutes, ordinances and regulations have been met.
- (c) **Subdivision of land.** Any subdivision of land proposed within the County shall be consistent with:
  - (1) The minimum lot size requirements of Tables 82.4A, B, and C (Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size), Tables 82.8A, B, and C (Residential Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size), Tables 82.12A, B, and C (Commercial Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size), and Tables 82.18A, B, and C (Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size);
  - (2) Division 9 (Subdivisions); and
  - (3) All other applicable requirements of this Development Code.
- (d) **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).** All development projects subject to discretionary review shall also be subject to environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- (e) **Effect of Development Code.** An existing land use is lawful only when it was legally established in compliance with all regulations applicable at the time the use was established and when it is operated and maintained in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Development Code, including Chapter 84.17 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures).
- (f) **Relationship to General Plan.** All of the provisions of this Development Code, as well as any land use authorized by this Development Code, shall be consistent with the San Bernardino County General Plan, which is the overall policy document of the County, hereafter referred to as the "General Plan." This Development Code and the Land Use Map portion of the General Plan are the primary tools used by the County to

implement the goals, objectives, policies, and strategies established in the General Plan.

- (g) **Relationship to other regulations, easements, etc.** Where this Development Code imposes a greater restriction upon the uses or design of structures or land, or upon the height of structures, or requires larger open spaces than are imposed or required by other ordinances, rules, regulations or by easements, covenants, or agreements, the provisions of this Development Code shall control.
- (h) **Minimum requirements.** The provisions of this Development Code constitute minimum requirements for the promotion of public health, safety, and welfare, unless stated otherwise (for example, height limits and parcel coverage requirements for structures, and the numbers and sizes of signs allowed are maximums, not minimums). When this Development Code provides for discretion on the part of a County official or body, that discretion may be exercised to impose more stringent requirements where they are deemed necessary to promote public health and safety, orderly land development and all other purposes of this Development Code.
- (i) **Conflicts with Development Code or General Plan.** County-issued licenses or permits for uses or structures that conflict with the provisions of this Development Code or the General Plan shall be null and void and shall not support any claim to a vested right to develop. See also Section 81.02.020 (Rules of Interpretation).
- (j) **Uses or activities exempt under State or Federal law.** The provisions of this Development Code shall not apply to any uses or activities that are exempt from local regulation under or preempted by state or federal law.
- (k) **Other requirements may apply.** Nothing in this Development Code eliminates the need for obtaining any permit, approval, or entitlement required by other provisions of the County Code or complying with the regulations of any County department, or any regional, Special Districts, State, or Federal agency.

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#### **81.01.060 Partial Invalidation of Development Code**

If any division, chapter, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Development Code is for any reason held to be invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Development Code. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have adopted this Development Code and each division, chapter, section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more portions of this Development Code may be declared invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable.

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### 81.01.070 Legal Defense Fee Responsibility

- (a) **Applicant's agreement to indemnify and hold harmless.** As a condition of approval of a land use application, the applicant shall agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the County or its agents, officers, and employees from any claim, action, or proceeding against the County or its agents, officers, or employees to attack, set aside, void, or annul an approval of the County, an advisory agency, appeal board or legislative body concerning the map or permit or any other action relating to or arising out of County approval.
- (b) **County's duty to notify applicant and cooperate in defense.** Any condition of approval imposed in compliance with this Development Code shall include a requirement that the County act reasonably to promptly notify the applicant of any claim, action, or proceeding and that the County cooperate fully in the defense.

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### 81.01.080 Use of Headings

The headings of the divisions, chapters, sections, subsections, and clauses of this Development Code, together with the accompanying illustrations, examples, and explanatory notes, are inserted as a matter of convenience and in no way define, limit, or enlarge the scope or meaning of this Development Code or any of its provisions.

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### 81.01.090 Effect of General Plan Adoption or Development Code Changes on Projects in Progress

The adoption of a General Plan or the enactment of this Development Code, or any amendment to either, may have the effect of imposing different standards on a new land use than those that applied to existing development. (For example, this Development Code or a future amendment could require more off-street parking spaces for a particular land use than former regulations.) The following provisions determine how the General Plan with an effective date of April 12, 2007 and the requirements of this Development Code will apply to a development project that is in progress at the time the General Plan or the Development Code goes into effect.

- (a) **Projects with pending applications.** Applications that have been accepted as complete, in compliance with State law (Government Code Section 65943), by the Department before April 12, 2007, shall be processed in compliance with the regulations and requirements in effect at the time the application was accepted as complete. Also, applications that have been submitted to the Land Use Services Department that could be accepted as complete but for additional reports required to make an environmental determination for the project, shall be processed in compliance with the regulations and requirements in effect at the time the application was filed if all required reports are submitted by July 11, 2007. However, applications for extensions of time shall be governed by this Development Code.

**(b) Land use permits approved on or before April 12, 2007.** If a land use permit, not including a land use zoning district change or General Plan amendment, is approved on or before April 12, 2007, in the case of the General Plan or on or before April 12, 2007 in the case of this Development Code, the following shall apply:

- (1) The establishment of structures and land uses shall be allowed in compliance with the requirements of the land use permit provided that:
  - (A) The structures and uses are consistent with the General Plan and Development Code in existence at the time of the land use permit approval; and
  - (B) The land use permit has not expired.
- (2) A Building Permit, Grading Permit, or other development permit may be granted, provided that:
  - (A) The structures and uses are consistent with the General Plan and Development Code in existence at the time of the land use permit approval; and
  - (B) The land use permit has not expired.
- (3) The establishment of structures and land uses shall be exempt from the two following requirements, provided that the structures and land uses comply with the provisions of the approved land use permit:
  - (A) The structures or land uses must be allowed in the currently applicable land use zoning district; and
  - (B) The structures or land uses must meet the currently applicable development standards contained in this Development Code;

**(b) Building Permits approved on or before April 12, 2007.**

- (1) Building permits for structures or land uses (other than single-family residential uses), for which land construction plans have been submitted and fees paid on or before April 12, 2007, shall be exempt from the two following requirements; provided, however, that the proposed land use must be of the same fundamental land use category (i.e., multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural) as that designated in the General Plan:
  - (A) The structures or land uses must be allowed in the currently applicable land use zoning district; and

- (B) The structures or land uses must meet the currently applicable development standards contained in this Development Code.
- (2) Building permits issued under this Subsection (b) shall be issued on or before April 12, 2007.
- (c) **Modifications.** Significant modifications to the land uses and structures permitted in compliance with Subsections (a) and (b), above, shall not be permitted without full compliance with the currently applicable General Plan and this Development Code:
- (d) **Extension of permit expiration dates.** The expiration date of land use permits, other than land use zoning district changes or General Plan amendments, which were approved on or before April 12, 2007, may be extended under Section 86.06.060 (Time Limits and Extensions) for the period which would otherwise be allowed under that section, but in no event beyond April 12, 2007, without satisfying the requirement that extensions be found consistent with the General Plan as is required under Section 86.06.060 (Time Limits and Extensions). This subsection shall apply only to those approvals that expire between March 13, 2007 and April 12, 2007. Applications that are found to be consistent with the then applicable General Plan may be granted the maximum extension allowed under this Development Code without regard to the above limitations.
- (e) **Subdivision maps.** Subdivision maps shall be processed in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act.

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## CHAPTER 81.02 INTERPRETATION OF REGULATIONS

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### Sections:

- 81.02.010 Purpose of Chapter
- 81.02.020 Rules of Interpretation

### 81.02.010 Purpose of Chapter

This Chapter provides rules for resolving questions about the meaning or applicability of any part of this Development Code. The provisions of this Chapter are intended to ensure the consistent interpretation and application of the provisions of this Development Code and the General Plan.

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### 81.02.020 Rules of Interpretation

- (a) **Authority.** The Director shall have the responsibility and authority to interpret the meaning and applicability of all provisions and requirements of this Development Code, subject to appeal to the Commission in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (b) **Permissive code.** In the interpretation and application of the provisions of this Development Code, it shall be declared to be a permissive code. Any use not specifically allowed shall be prohibited, except as otherwise provided in Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements) or in Section 82.02.040 (Exemptions from Planning Permit Requirements).
- (c) **Language.**
  - (1) **Abbreviated titles and phrases.** For the purpose of brevity, and unless otherwise indicated, the following phrases, names of personnel and decision-making bodies are shortened in this Development Code. The County of San Bernardino is referred to hereafter as the "County." The Land Use Services Department is referred to as the "Department." The County Director of Land Use Services is referred to as the "Director." The Board of Supervisors is referred to as the "Board." The Planning Commission is referred to as the "Commission." The State of California is referred to as the "State." The County of San Bernardino Code is referred to as "the County Code." The California Subdivision Map Act is referred to as the "Map Act."
  - (2) **Terminology.** When used in this Development Code, the words "shall," "will," "is to," and "are to" are always mandatory. "Should" and "encourage" are not

mandatory but are strongly recommended; "may" is permissive. The present tense includes the past and future tenses; and the future tense includes the present. The singular number includes the plural number, and the plural the singular, unless the natural construction of the word indicates otherwise. The words "include," "includes," and "including" mean "including but not limited to . . .". The terms "amend," "modify," and "revise," all mean "to change." The term "waive" means "to eliminate a requirement." The use of the word "approval" includes approval with conditions. The use of the words "appropriate" or "applicable" means "as determined by the applicable Review Authority, or if not identified, by the Director." The word "structure" includes "buildings and/or structures."

- (3) **Number of days.** Whenever a number of days is specified in this Development Code, or in any permit, condition of approval, or notice issued or given as provided in this Development Code, the number of days shall be calendar days, unless business days are specified. Time limits will extend to the following business day where the last of the specified number of days falls on a day that the County is not open for business, except as otherwise provided for by the Map Act.
  - (4) **State law requirements.** Where this Development Code references applicable provisions of State law (for example, the California Government Code, Map Act, Public Resources Code, etc.), the reference shall be interpreted to be the applicable State law provisions as they may be amended from time to time.
- (d) **Calculations - Rounding.** Where provisions of this Development Code require calculations to determine applicable requirements, any fractional/decimal results of the calculations shall be rounded as provided by this Subsection.
- (1) **Number of lots.** The fractional/decimal results of calculations of the number of parcels allowed through subdivision based on a minimum lot area requirement shall be rounded down to the next lowest whole number.
  - (2) **Residential density.** The fractional/decimal results of calculations of the number of housing units allowed within a land use zoning district shall be rounded down to the next lowest whole number.
  - (3) **All other calculations.** Unless otherwise specifically addressed in this Development Code, for all calculations required by this Development Code other than those described in Subparagraphs 1 and 2, the fractional/decimal results of calculations shall be rounded to the next highest whole number when the fraction/decimal is 0.5 or more, and to the next lowest whole number when the fraction is less than 0.5.
- (e) **Conflicting requirements.** Any conflicts between different requirements of this Development Code, or between this Development Code and other regulations, shall be resolved as follows.

- (1) **Development Code provisions.** In the event of any conflict between the provisions of this Development Code, the most restrictive requirement shall control, except in case of any conflict between the land use zoning district regulations of Division 2 (Land Use Districts and Allowable Land Uses) and the provisions of Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards), the provisions of Division 3 shall control.
- (2) **Development Agreements or Specific Plans.** In the event of any conflict between the requirements of this Development Code and standards adopted as part of any Development Agreement or Specific Plan, the requirements of the Development Agreement or Specific Plan shall control.
- (3) **County Code provisions.** In the event of any conflict between requirements of this Development Code and other regulations of the County, the most restrictive requirement shall control.
- (4) **Mitigation measures.** In the event of any conflict between the requirements of this Development Code and mitigation measures adopted as part of a certified environmental impact report or approved negative declaration, the most restrictive shall control.

**(f) Interpretation of land use district boundaries.**

- (1) If there is uncertainty about the location of any primary or overlay land use district boundary shown on the Land Use Plan or sectional Land Use District Maps, the location of the boundary shall be determined by the Director as follows:
  - (A) Where a district boundary approximately follows a lot, alley, or street line, the lot line and street and alley centerlines shall be construed as the district boundary.
  - (B) In unsubdivided property, and where a district boundary divides a parcel and the boundary line location is not specified by dimensions printed on the land use district map, the location of the boundary will be determined by using the scale appearing on the map.
  - (C) Where a public street or alley is officially vacated or abandoned, the regulations applicable to the property to which it reverts shall apply to the vacated or abandoned street or alley.
- (2) If the Director determines that the above rules do not resolve uncertainty about a boundary location, the Commission shall determine the location of the boundary.

- (g) **Illustrations.** The figures, diagrams and other graphics used throughout this Development Code are for illustration purposes only and to the extent any are in conflict with the written provisions, the written provisions shall govern.

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## DIVISION 2

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## CHAPTER 82.01 LAND USE PLAN, LAND USE ZONING DISTRICTS, AND OVERLAYS

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### Sections:

- 82.01.010 Purpose
- 82.01.020 Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.01.030 Overlays

### 82.01.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes the primary and overlay land use zoning districts applied to property within the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.01.020 Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts

The Land Use Plan and the Land Use Zoning District Maps have been adopted as part of the General Plan by ordinance and resolution. This Development Code implements the goals and policies contained in the General Plan and contains the development standards and regulations for the land use zoning districts.

- (a) **Land use zoning districts established.** The County shall be divided into primary districts and overlays that implement the San Bernardino County General Plan. The land use zoning districts shown in Table 82-1 and the overlays shown in Table 82-2 are hereby established and shall be shown on the Land Use Plan.
- (b) **Amendments.** Changes, additions, and amendments to the Land Use Plan may be determined and defined from time-to-time by ordinance adopting sectional Land Use Zoning District Maps covering portions of the County, each of which shall become, upon final adoption and certification by the Clerk of the Board, part of the Land Use Plan. Map changes, additions, and amendments shall be processed, considered, and approved or denied in compliance with Chapter 86.12 (Amendments).
- (c) **Purposes of land use zoning districts.** The purposes of the land use zoning districts are as follows:
  - (1) **Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts.**
    - (A) **AG (Agriculture).** The AG (Agriculture) land use zoning district provides sites for commercial agricultural operations, agriculture support services, rural residential uses and similar and compatible uses. Open space and recreation uses may occur on non-farmed lands within this AG (Agriculture) land use zoning district.

- (B) **RC (Resource Conservation).** The RC (Resource Conservation) land use zoning district provides sites for open space and recreational activities, single-family homes on very large parcels and similar and compatible uses.
- (C) **FW (Floodway).** The FW (Floodway) land use zoning district provides sites for animal keeping, grazing, crop production, and similar and compatible uses.
- (D) **OS (Open Space).** The OS (Open Space) land use zoning district provides sites for open space and recreational uses, and similar and compatible uses.

**(2) Residential Land Use Zoning Districts.**

- (A) **RL (Rural Living).** The RL (Rural Living) land use zoning district provides sites for rural residential uses, incidental agricultural uses, and similar and compatible uses.
- (B) **RS (Single Residential).** The RS (Residential) land use zoning district provides sites for single-family residential uses, incidental agricultural and recreational uses, and similar and compatible uses.
- (C) **RM (Multiple Residential).** The RM (Multiple Residential) land use zoning district provides sites for multiple residential uses, mixed residential uses, and similar and compatible non-residential uses and activities.

**(3) Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts.**

- (A) **CR (Rural Commercial).** The CR (Rural Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for retail trade and personal services, repair services, lodging services, recreation and entertainment services, transportation services, and similar and compatible uses. Agriculture and residential uses allowed also but are secondary in importance.
- (B) **CN (Neighborhood Commercial).** The CN (Neighborhood Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for retail trade and personal services, repair services, lodging services, professional services, recreation and entertainment services, and similar and compatible uses.
- (C) **CO (Office Commercial).** The CO (Office Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for professional services, and similar and compatible uses.



- (D) **CG (General Commercial).** The CG (General Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for retail trade and personal services, lodging services, office and professional services, recreation and entertainment services, wholesaling and warehousing, contract/construction services, transportation services, open lot services, and similar and compatible uses.
- (E) **CS (Service Commercial).** The CS (Service Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for a mixture of heavy commercial uses and light industrial uses, including light manufacturing uses, and similar and compatible uses.
- (F) **CH (Highway Commercial).** The CH (Highway Commercial) land use zoning district provides sites for retail trade and personal services, lodging services, office and professional services, recreation and entertainment services, wholesaling and warehousing, contract/construction services, transportation services, open lot services, and similar and compatible uses.

**(4) Industrial Land Use Zoning Districts.**

- (A) **IC (Community Industrial).** The IC (Community Industrial) land use zoning district provides sites for light industrial uses such as light manufacturing uses, wholesale/warehouse services, contract/construction services, transportation services, agriculture support services, incidental commercial and **accessory residential uses**, and similar and compatible uses. **These uses shall have limited outside storage.**
- (B) **IR (Regional Industrial).** The IR (Regional Industrial) land use zoning district provides sites for heavy industrial uses that have the potential to generate severe negative impacts, incidental commercial uses, agricultural support services, salvage operations, and similar and compatible uses.

**(5) Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts.**

- (A) **IN (Institutional).** The IN (Institutional) land use zoning district provides sites for public and quasi-public uses facilities, and similar and compatible uses.
- (B) **SD (Special Development).** The SD (Special Development) land use zoning district provides sites for a combination of residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, open space and recreation uses, and similar and compatible uses.
- (C) **SP (Specific Plan).** The SP (Specific Plan) land use zoning district provides sites for a combination of residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural, open space, recreational and similar and compatible uses as determined by the Specific Plan.

**Table 82-1  
Land Use Zoning Districts**

<b>Land Use Zoning District Symbol</b>	<b>Land Use Zoning District Name</b>	<b>Applicable Development Code Chapter/Section</b>
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**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

AG	Agriculture	82.03
RC	Resource Conservation	82.03
FW	Floodway	82.03
OS	Open Space	82.03

**Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**

RL	Rural Living	82.04
RS	Single Residential	82.04
RM	Multiple Residential	82.04

**Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts**

CR	Rural Commercial	82.05
CN	Neighborhood Commercial	82.05
CO	Office Commercial	82.05
CG	General Commercial	82.05
CS	Service Commercial	82.05
CH	Highway Commercial	82.05

**Industrial Land Use Zoning Districts**

IC	Community Industrial	82.06
IR	Regional Industrial	82.06

**Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts**

IN	Institutional	82.06
SD	Special Development	82.06
SP	Specific Plan	82.06

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009);

**82.01.030      Overlays**

- (a) **Purpose.** The overlays established by Section 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts), and detailed in Chapters 82.13 through 82.19 are intended to guide development within the overlays by providing standards that apply to proposed development in addition to the standards and regulations of the primary land use zoning district, where important community, site, environmental, safety, compatibility, or design issues require particular attention in project planning. The overlays are shown in Table 82-2.
- (b) **Purpose of individual overlays.** The purpose of each overlay is described in Chapters 82.07 through 82.22.
- (c) **Mapping of overlays.** The applicability of one or more overlays to a specific site is shown by the overlay district symbol established by Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), being appended as a suffix to the symbol for the primary land use zoning district on the Land Use Plan. Overlays are applied to property through the amendment process in Chapter 86.12 (Amendments).
- (d) **Allowed land uses, permit requirements, development standards.** Except as may be otherwise provided by this Division for a specific overlay:
  - (1) Any land use normally allowed in the primary land use zoning district by this Division may be allowed within a overlay, subject to any additional requirements of the overlay;
  - (2) Development and new land uses within a overlay shall obtain the planning approvals required by this Division for the primary land use zoning district; and
  - (3) Development and new land uses within an overlay shall comply with all applicable development standards of the primary land use zoning district, the standards established for the specific overlay by Chapters 82.13 through 82.19, and all other applicable provisions of this Development Code (e.g., Division 3 - Site Planning and General Development Standards). In the event of any conflict between an overlay requirement and a primary land use zoning district requirement, the most restrictive shall control.

<b>Table 82-2 Overlays</b>		
<b>Overlay Symbol</b>	<b>Overlay Name</b>	<b>Applicable Development Code Chapter/Section</b>
<b>Overlays</b>		
AA <sup>1</sup>	Additional Agriculture	82.07
AP <sup>1</sup>	Agricultural Preserve	82.08
AR <sup>2</sup>	Airport Safety	82.09
AH <sup>2</sup>	Alternate Housing	82.10
BR <sup>2</sup>	Biotic Resources	82.11
CP <sup>2</sup>	Cultural Resources Preservation	82.12
FS <sup>2</sup>	Fire Safety	82.13
FP <sup>2</sup>	Floodplain Safety	82.14
GH <sup>2</sup>	Geologic Hazard	82.15
HW <sup>2</sup>	Hazardous Waste	82.16
MR <sup>2</sup>	Mineral Resources	82.17
NH <sup>2</sup>	Noise Hazard	82.18
OS <sup>2</sup>	Open Space	82.23
PR <sup>2</sup>	Paleontologic Resources	82.19
SR <sup>2</sup>	Scenic Resources	82.20
SC <sup>1</sup>	Sign Control	82.21
SS <sup>3</sup>	Sphere Standards	82.22

**Notes:**

- (1) Included as a suffix to the land use designation on the Land Use Zoning District Maps.
- (2) Not included on the Land Use Zoning District Map, but a separate map.
- (3) Only applied to the city sphere of influence area designated in Chapter 82.22.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

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**CHAPTER 82.02 ALLOWED LAND USES AND DEVELOPMENT**

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**Sections:**

- 82.02.010 Purpose
- 82.02.020 General Requirements for Development and New Land Uses
- 82.02.030 Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements
- 82.02.040 Exemptions from Planning Permit Requirements
- 82.02.050 Special Developments
- 82.02.060 Temporary Uses

**82.02.010 Purpose**

This Chapter describes the County's requirements for the approval of proposed development and new land uses. The planning permit requirements established by this Development Code for specific types of development are in Chapters 82.03 through 82.23.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.02.020 General Requirements for Development and New Land Uses**

Each land use and/or structure shall be established, constructed, reconstructed, altered, moved or replaced in compliance with the following requirements.

- (a) **Allowed use.** The land use shall be allowed by this Development Code in the land use zoning district applied to the site. The basis for determining whether a use is allowed is described in Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements).
- (b) **Permit and approval requirements.** Any planning permit or other approval required by Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements) shall be obtained before the issuance of any required grading, building, or other construction permit, and before the proposed use is constructed, otherwise established or put into operation, unless the proposed use is listed in Section 82.02.040 (Exemptions from Planning Permit Requirements).
- (c) **Development standards, conditions of approval.** Each land use and structure shall comply with the development standards of this Division, applicable standards and requirements in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards), and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities), and any applicable conditions imposed by a previously granted planning permit.
- (d) **Legal parcel.** The site of a proposed development or new land use shall be a parcel that was legally created in compliance with the Subdivision Map Act and Division 9 (Subdivisions).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.02.030 Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements

- (a) **Allowed land uses.** The uses of land allowed by this Development Code in each land use zoning district are listed in Chapters 82.03 through 82.22, together with the type of planning permit required for each use. Each listed land use is defined in Division 10 (Definitions).

(1) **Establishment of an allowed use.**

- (A) Any one or more land uses identified by the land use tables in Chapters 82.03 through 82.22 as being allowed within a specific land use zoning district may be established on any parcel within that land use zoning district, subject to the planning permit requirements of Subsection (c), and compliance with all applicable requirements of this Development Code.
- (B) Where a single parcel is proposed for development with two or more allowed land uses, the overall project shall be subject to the highest permit level required by Subsection (c) for any individual use.

(2) **Use not listed.**

- (A) A use not listed in any land use table in Chapters 82.03 through 82.22, and determined by the Director to not be included in Division 10 (Definitions) under the definition of a listed land use, is not allowed except as otherwise provided in Section 82.02.040 (Exemptions from Planning Permit Requirements).
- (B) A use that is not listed in a land use table within a particular land use zoning district is not allowed within that district, except as otherwise provided Section 82.02.040.

- (3) **Similar and compatible use may be allowed.** The Director may determine that a proposed land use not listed in any land use table or Division 10 (Definitions) is allowed as follows:

- (A) **Required findings.** The Director may determine that a proposed use is similar to, and compatible with a listed use and may be allowed, only after first making all of the following findings with the determination:
- (I) The characteristics of, and activities associated with the use are similar to one or more of the listed uses, and will not involve a greater intensity than the uses listed in the district;
- (II) The use will be consistent with the purposes of the applicable land use zoning district;

- (III) The use will be consistent with the General Plan, and any applicable specific plan;
  - (IV) The use will be compatible with the other uses allowed in the land use zoning district; and
  - (V) The use is not listed as allowed in another land use zoning district.
- (B) **Findings in writing.** A determination that a use qualifies as a similar and compatible use, and the findings supporting the determination, shall be in writing.
- (C) **Applicable standards and permit requirements.** When the Director determines that a proposed, but unlisted, use is similar and compatible to a listed use, the proposed use will be treated in the same manner as the listed use in determining where it is allowed, what permits are required, and what other standards and requirements of this Development Code apply.
- (D) **Referral for determination.** The Director may refer the question of whether a proposed use qualifies as a similar and compatible use directly to the Commission for a determination at a public meeting.
- (E) **Appeal.** A determination of similar and compatible use may be appealed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (b) **Permit requirements.** Chapters 82.03 through 82.22 provide tables showing allowed land use types that are:
- (1) **“A” uses.** Allowed without any land use review but may be subject to Building Permits. These uses are shown as “A” uses in the tables;
  - (2) **“P” uses.** Allowed subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of this Development Code, subject to first obtaining a Site Plan Permits (Chapter 85.08). These are shown as "P" uses in the tables;
  - (3) **“M/C” uses.** Allowed subject to the approval of a Minor Use Permit issued in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit), unless the use does not qualify for a Minor Use Permit in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit) in which case the use shall require a Conditional Use Permit. These uses are shown as "M/C" uses in the tables;
  - (4) **“CUP” uses.** Allowed subject to approval of a Conditional Use Permit (Chapter 85.06), and shown as “CUP” uses in the tables.
  - (5) **“MUP” uses.** Allowed subject to approval of a Minor Use Permit (Chapter 85.06), and shown as “MUP” uses in the tables.

- (6) **“PD” uses.** Allowed subject to the approval of a Planned Development Permit (Chapter 85.10), and shown as "PD" uses in the tables;
  - (7) **“SUP” uses.** Allowed subject to the approval of a Special Use Permits (Chapter 85.14), and shown as "SUP" uses in the tables;
  - (8) **“S” uses.** Allowed subject to the type of County approval required by a specific provision of Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities), and shown as "S" uses in the tables;
  - (9) **“TSP” uses.** Allowed subject to the provisions in Chapter 85.16 (Temporary Special Events Permits), and shown as “TSP” in the tables;
  - (10) **“TUP” uses.** Allowed subject to the provisions in Chapter 84.25 (Temporary Structures and Uses) and approval of a Temporary Use Permit (Chapter 85.15), and shown as “TUP” uses in the tables; and
  - (11) **“—” uses.** Not allowed in particular land use zoning districts, and shown as “—” in the tables.
- (c) **Additional permit requirements.** A land use authorized through the approval of a Site Plan Permit, Minor Use Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Planned Development Permit, or other permit required by this Division may also require a Building Permit and/or other permit required by the County Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.02.040 Exemptions from Planning Permit Requirements**

The planning permit requirements of this Development Code do not apply to the land uses, structures, and activities identified by this Section. These are allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to compliance with this Section.

- (a) **General requirements for exemption.** The land uses, structures, and activities identified by Subsection B. below are exempt from the planning permit requirements of this Development Code only when:
- (1) The use, activity or structure is established and operated in compliance with the setback requirements, height limits, and all other applicable standards of this Division (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), and Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards), Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities) and, where applicable, Chapter 84.17 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures); and
  - (2) Any permit or approval required by regulations other than this Development Code is obtained (for example, a Building Permit).



- (b) **Exempt activities and land uses.** The following are exempt from the planning permit requirements of this Development Code when in compliance with Subsection A. above.
- (1) **Decks, paths and driveways.** Decks, platforms, on-site paths, and driveways that are not required to have a Building Permit or Grading Permit.
  - (2) **Fences and walls.** See Section 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls).
  - (3) **Interior remodeling.** Interior alterations that do not increase the gross floor area of the structure, or change the permitted use of the structure.
  - (4) **Repairs and maintenance.**
    - (A) **Single-family dwellings.** Ordinary repairs to, and maintenance of, single-family dwellings or any related accessory structures.
    - (B) **Multi-family, and non-residential structures.** Ordinary repairs to, and maintenance of multi-family residential and non-residential structures, if:
      - (I) The work does not change the approved land use of the site or structure, or add to, enlarge or expand the land use and/or structure; and
      - (II) Any exterior repairs employ the same materials and design as the original construction.
  - (5) **Small, portable residential accessory structures.** A single portable structure per lot or unit, including pre-manufactured storage sheds or other small structures in residential zones, that are exempt from Building Permit requirements in compliance with the County Code and the California Building Code. Additional structures may be approved in compliance with Section 84.01.050 (Residential Accessory Structures and Uses), where allowed by the applicable zone.
  - (6) **Solar collectors, accessory to residential uses of 19 units or fewer.** The addition of solar collectors to the roof or side of a building, provided that the collectors comply with applicable height limit requirements; and ground-mounted solar collectors that comply with the setback requirements and height limitations of the applicable zone and are not visible from off the site.
  - (7) **Spas, hot tubs, and fish ponds.** Portable spas, hot tubs, and constructed fish ponds, and similar equipment and structures that do not: exceed 120 square feet in total area including related equipment; contain more than 2,000 gallons of water; or exceed three feet in depth.

- (8) **Utilities.** The erection, construction, alteration, or maintenance by a public utility or public agency of utilities intended to service existing or nearby approved developments shall be permitted in any zone. These include: water; gas; electric; supply or disposal systems; including wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire-alarm boxes, police call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, etc., but not including new transmission lines and structures. Commercial satellite and wireless communications antennas are not exempt, and are instead subject to Chapter 84.27 (Wireless Telecommunications Facilities).
- (9) **Noncommercial receive only antennas.** The following noncommercial, receive only antennas for the sole use of a resident occupying a residential structure shall not be regulated by this Development Code:
- A. A ground or structure-mounted, radio or satellite dish antenna that does not project above the roof ridge line and does not have a diameter greater than one meter (39 inches); and
  - B. Roof-mounted radio or television aerials not exceeding 75 feet in overall height.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **82.02.050 Special Developments**

Special Developments shall be allowed in any land use zoning district with the approval of a Planned Development Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.10 (Planned Development Permits).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.02.060 Temporary Uses**

Requirements for establishing a temporary use (for example, a construction yard, seasonal sales lot, special event, temporary office trailer, etc.) are in Chapter 84.25 (Temporary Structures and Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.02.070 Medical Marijuana Dispensaries, Registration, Outdoor Cultivation**

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 82.02.030(a)(3), in no event shall a medical marijuana dispensary as defined in Section 810.01.150 be considered a permitted or conditionally permitted use in any land use zoning district. A medical marijuana dispensary is prohibited in all land use zoning districts, as those may be amended from time to time, and no permit of any type shall be issued therefor. This section shall not affect the right to possess, use or cultivate marijuana for medicinal purposes as is presently authorized or prohibited by the laws of the State of California as set forth in the Health and Safety Code, Penal Code, or other state law, or by any federal law.

- (b) Before commencing the cultivation and/or distribution of medical marijuana, operators of those facilities listed under Section 810.01.150(q)(2) shall register with Environmental Health-Land Use Services, and renew said registration on an annual basis. Upon said registration and each renewal thereof, the operator shall provide proof of a valid license as provided by Chapters 2, 3.01, 3.2, 8 and/or 8.5 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code.
- (c) No outdoor cultivation or growing of medical marijuana shall be permitted within the unincorporated areas of San Bernardino County. Any cultivation not inconsistent with California state law, or this Code, as such laws may be amended from time to time, shall at all times occur indoors, in a secure, locked, and fully enclosed structure that includes solid walls, and a ceiling, roof or top.

Amended Ordinance 4140 (2011)

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## **CHAPTER 82.03 AGRICULTURAL AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT LAND USE ZONING DISTRICTS**

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### **Sections:**

- 82.03.010 Purpose
- 82.03.020 Purposes and Location of the Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.03.030 Minimum Area for Designation
- 82.03.040 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements
- 82.03.050 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards
- 82.03.060 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards
- 82.03.070 FW Land Use Zoning District Additional Standards

### **82.03.010 Purpose**

This Chapter lists the land uses that may be allowed within the agricultural and resource management land use zoning districts established by the General Plan and listed in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), determines the type of planning permit/approval required for each use, and provides basic standards for site layout and building size.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.03.020 Purposes and Location of the Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

The purposes of the individual agricultural and resource management land use zoning districts and the locations where they are applied are as specified in the General Plan and as described in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.03.030 Minimum Area for Designation**

The agricultural and resource land use zoning districts shall be applied through the General Plan amendment process (Chapter 86.12) only to sites with the minimum areas indicated in Table 82-3.

**Table 82-3**  
**Minimum Area For Agricultural and Resource Management**  
**Land Use Zoning District Designation**

<b>Land Use Zoning District</b>	<b>Minimum Area for Designation</b>
AG (Agriculture)	100 acres
RC (Resource Conservation)	200 acres
FW (Floodway)	No Minimum Area Required
OS (Open Space)	No Minimum Area Required

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.03.040      Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements**

- (a) **General permit requirements.** Table 82-3 identifies the uses of land allowed by this Development Code in each agricultural and resource land use zoning district established by Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), in compliance with Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements).
- (b) **Requirements for certain specific land uses.** Where the last column in Table 82-4 ("Specific Use Regulations") includes a section number, the referenced section may affect whether the use requires a Site Plan Permit, Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, Planned Development Permit, or other County approval, and/or may establish other requirements and standards applicable to the use.

**Table 82-4**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT				Specific Use Regulations
	RC	AG	FW	OS	
<b>AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE &amp; OPEN SPACE USES</b>					
Agricultural support services	M/C	M/C	CUP	—	
Animal keeping	S	S	S	—	84.04
Crop production, horticulture, orchard, vineyard	A	A	A	—	
Livestock operations	S	S	S	—	84.04
Natural resources development (mining)	CUP	CUP	CUP	—	88.03
Nature preserve (accessory uses)	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	
Lake, reservoir	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Pond	A	A	A	A	
Winery	M/C	M/C	—	—	
<b>INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING &amp; PROCESSING, WHOLESALING</b>					
Composting operations	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Hazardous waste facilities	CUP	CUP	—	—	84.11
Industrial use requiring extensive buffering	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Recycling facilities	S	S	—	—	84.19
<b>RECREATION, EDUCATION &amp; PUBLIC ASSEMBLY</b>					
Agritourism enterprises	S	S	—	—	84.03
Campgrounds	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Commercial entertainment - Indoor	—	—	—	—	
Conference/convention facility	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Equestrian facility	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Fitness/health facility	M/C	—	—	—	
Golf course	—	—	—	—	
Library, museum, art gallery, outdoor exhibit	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Meeting facility, public or private	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Park, playground	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Places of worship	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Recreational vehicle park	CUP <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	
Rural sports and recreation	CUP	CUP	—	—	
School - College or university	— <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	
School - Private	— <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	
School - Specialized education/training	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Sports or entertainment assembly	—	—	—	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (2) Density of the recreational vehicles in a Recreational Vehicle Park shall be limited to 4 per acre.
- (3) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.

**Table 82-4 (continued)**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT				Specific Use Regulations
	RC	AG	FW	OS	
RESIDENTIAL					
Accessory use or structure - Residential	A <sup>(1)</sup>	A <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	84.01
Accessory dwelling (labor quarters, etc.)	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	84.01
Dependent housing	SUP	SUP	—	—	84.08
Guest housing	A <sup>(1)</sup>	A <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	84.01
Home occupation	SUP	SUP	—	—	84.12
Homeless shelter	—	CUP	—	—	
Second dwelling unit	A <sup>(5)</sup>	A <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	84.01
Single dwelling	A	A	—	—	
RETAIL					
Produce stands (200 sq ft or less on lots that are 10,000 sq. ft. or greater)	A <sup>(4)</sup>	A	—	—	84.03
SERVICES - BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL					
Medical services - Hospital	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	
Medical services - Rehabilitation centers	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Office - Accessory	P <sup>(5)</sup>	P <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	
Office - Government	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	
SERVICES					
Cemetery including pet cemeteries	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Commercial Kennels and Catteries - min lot 2.5 acres	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Correctional institution <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	—	—	
Lodging - Bed and breakfast inn (B&B)	SUP	SUP	—	—	
Public safety facility	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	M/C <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	
Social Care Facility - 6 or fewer clients	A	A	—	—	
Social Care Facility - 7 or more clients	M/C	M/C	—	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
		—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table.
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as an agricultural use allowed by this table. Requires a Special Use Permit when recreational vehicles are used for seasonal operations.
- (3) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (4) In Phelan/Pinon Hills Community Plan area, a maximum 6 sq. ft. advertising sign shall be allowed.
- (5) Use allowed as an accessory use only with standards, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table provided that the parcel is twice the minimum lot size required by the land use zoning district.
- (6) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.



**Table 82-4 (continued)**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT				Specific Use Regulations
	RC	AG	FW	OS	

**TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Broadcasting antennae and towers	M/C	M/C	—	—	
Electrical power generation	CUP	CUP	—	—	84.29
Pipelines, transmission lines, and control stations <sup>(1)</sup>	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	
Sewage treatment and disposal facility <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	—	
Solid waste disposal <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	—	
Transportation facility	CUP	CUP	—	—	
Utility facility	CUP	CUP	CUP	—	
Wind energy system, accessory	S	S	S	—	84.26
Wireless telecommunications facility	S	S	S	—	84.27

**OTHER**

Accessory structures and uses	A	A	A	A	84.01
Temporary special events	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	85.16
Temporary structures and uses	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	84.25

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) Pipelines, transmission lines, and control station uses are regulated and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. See alternate review procedures in Section 85.02.050 (Alternate Review Procedures)
- (2) May requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

### 82.03.050 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards

- (a) Each subdivision shall comply with the minimum parcel size requirements shown in Tables 82-4A, 82-4B and 82-4C for the applicable land use zoning district.
- (b) The minimum parcel size requirements for a specific subdivision are determined by the review authority as part of subdivision approval. The review authority may require one or more parcels within a specific subdivision to be larger than the minimums required by these tables based on potential environmental impacts, the physical characteristics of the site or surrounding parcels, and/or other factors.
- (c) See also the standards in Sections 83.02.050 (Parcel Area Measurements and Exceptions).

**Table 82-4A**  
**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Valley Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Lot Dimensions			
		Minimum Frontage Width	Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
AG	10 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	N.A.	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
RC	40 acres	150 feet	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
FW	10 acres	N.A.	60 ft	100 ft	1:4
OS	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the AG Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to AG, AG-20, AG-40, AG-80 and AG-160.

**Table 82-4B**  
**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Mountain Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Lot Dimensions			
		Minimum Frontage Width	Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
AG <sup>(1)</sup>	10 acres <sup>(2)</sup>	N.A.	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
RC	40 acres	150 feet	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
FW	10 acres	N.A.	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
OS	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement

**Notes:**

- (1) Limited to the Oak Glen Community Plan area only.  
 (2) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the AG Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to AG, AG-20, AG-40, AG-80 and AG-160.

**Table 82-4C**  
**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Desert Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Lot Dimensions			
		Minimum Frontage Width	Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
AG	10 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	N.A.	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
RC	40 acres	150 feet	300 ft	300 ft	1:4
FW	10 acres	N.A.	60 ft	100 ft	1:4
OS	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement	No requirement

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the AG Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to AG, AG-20, AG-40, AG-80 and AG-160.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.03.060 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards**

Subdivisions, new land uses and structures, and alterations to existing land uses and structures shall be designed, constructed, and established in compliance with the requirements in Tables 82-A, 82-B, and 82-C, in addition to the applicable standards (e.g., landscaping, parking and loading, etc.) in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards) and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities).

**Table 82-5A**  
**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Valley Region Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District			
	AG Agriculture	RC Resource Conservation	FW Floodway	OS Open Space
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>			
Maximum density	1 unit per 10 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	1 unit per 40 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Residential Not Allowed	Residential Not Allowed
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapter 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 4 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>			
Front	25 ft	25 ft	75 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	15 ft.	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Rear	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>			
Maximum coverage	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>			
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).			
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)			
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).			
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)			

Table 82-5B  
Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Development Standards  
**Mountain Region**

Mountain Region Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District			
	AG <sup>(1)</sup> Agriculture	RC Resource Conservation	FW Floodway	OS Open Space
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>			
Maximum density	1 unit per 10 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	1 unit per 40 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Residential Not Allowed	Residential Not Allowed
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapter 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>			
Front	35 ft	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	30 ft	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	30 ft.	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Rear	35 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>			
Maximum coverage	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>			
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	25 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).			
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)			
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).			
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)			

**Notes:**

- (1) Limited to the Oak Glen Community Plan area only.

**Table 82-5C**  
**Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Desert Region Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District			
	AG Agriculture	RC Resource Conservation	FW Floodway	OS Open Space
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>			
Maximum density	1 unit per 10 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	1 unit per 40 acres Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Residential Not Allowed	Residential Not Allowed
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>			
Front	25 ft	25 ft	75 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	15 ft.	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Rear	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>			
Maximum coverage	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>			
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).			
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)			
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).			
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)			

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

### 82.03.070 FW Land Use Zoning District Additional Standards

- (a) No structure or use shall be constructed, located or substantially improved and no land shall be graded or developed in the area designated as floodway, except upon approval of a plan which provides that the proposed development will not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
- (b) Proposed land use permits within the FW district shall comply with all of the requirements necessary for the approval of a permit in the Floodplain Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

## CHAPTER 82.04 RESIDENTIAL LAND USE ZONING DISTRICTS

### Sections:

- 82.04.010 Purpose
- 82.04.020 Purposes and Location of the Residential Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.04.030 Minimum Area for Designation
- 82.04.040 Residential Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements
- 82.04.050 Residential Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards
- 82.04.060 Residential Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards

### 82.04.010 Purpose

This Chapter lists the land uses that may be allowed within the residential land use zoning districts established by the General Plan and listed in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, and Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), determines the type of planning permit/approval required for each use, and provides basic standards for site layout and building size.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.04.020 Purposes and Location of the Residential Land Use Zoning Districts

The purposes of the individual residential land use zoning districts and the locations where they are applied are as specified in the General Plan and as described in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.04.030 Minimum Area for Designation

The residential land use zoning districts shall be applied through the General Plan amendment process (Chapter 86.12) only to sites with the minimum areas indicated in Table 82-6.

**Table 82-6**  
**Minimum Area For Residential Land Use**  
**Zoning District Designation**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Area for Designation
RL (Rural Living)	30 acres
RS (Single Residential)	10 acres
RM (Multiple Residential)	10 acres

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.04.040 Residential Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements**

- (a) **General permit requirements.** Table 82-7 identifies the uses of land allowed by this Development Code in each residential land use zoning district established by Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, and Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), in compliance with Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements).
- (b) **Requirements for certain specific land uses.** Where the last column in Table 82-7 ("Specific Use Regulations") includes a section number, the referenced section may affect whether the use requires Land Use Review, or Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit, or other County approval, and/or may establish other requirements and standards applicable to the use.



**Table 82-7**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	RL <sup>(4)</sup>	RS	RM	
AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE & OPEN SPACE USES				
Accessory crop production	A <sup>(1)</sup>	A <sup>(1)</sup>	A <sup>(1)</sup>	84.01
Agricultural accessory structure - 1,000 sf max.	A	A	A	
Agricultural accessory structure - up to 10,000 sf max. on 5 ac. or less	A	—	—	
Agricultural accessory structure greater than 10,000 sf. on 5 ac. or less	M/C	—	—	
Agricultural support services	CUP	—	—	
Animal keeping	S	S	S	84.04
Crop production, horticulture, orchard, vineyard, nurseries	A	—	—	
Livestock operations	CUP	—	—	84.04
Natural resources development (mining)	CUP	—	—	88.03
Nature preserve (accessory uses)	M/C	—	—	
Lake	M/C	CUP	—	
Pond	A	A	M/C	
INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING & PROCESSING, WHOLESALING				
Composting operations	CUP	—	—	
Recycling facilities – reverse vending machine, accessory	S	—	—	84.19
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY USES				
Agritourism enterprises	S	—	—	84.03
Campgrounds <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	—	—	
Commercial entertainment - Indoor <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	—	—	
Conference/convention facility <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	—	—	
Equestrian facility <sup>(5)</sup>	M/C	S <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Fitness/health facility <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	—	
Golf course <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	—	—	
Library, museum, art gallery, outdoor exhibit <sup>(5)</sup>	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Meeting facility, public or private <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Park, playground <sup>(5)</sup>	P	P	P	
Places of worship	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Rural sports and recreation <sup>(5)</sup>	M/C	—	—	
School – College or university	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	
School – Private	— <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(3)</sup>	—	
School – Specialized education/training	CUP	—	—	
Sports or entertainment assembly <sup>(5)</sup>	CUP	—	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

- Notes:**
- (1) Use allowed as an accessory use only with standards, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table.
  - (2) A boarding facility only with a Home Occupation Permit.
  - (3) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.

- (4) For projects within the Oak Glen Community Plan Area, all non-agritourism uses shall comply with the agritourism hours of operation standard [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(3)] and the agritourism noise/amplified sound regulations [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(5)].
- (5) For projects within the Oak Glen Community Plan Area, these uses shall comply with the agritourism development standards provided in Table 84-1 in Section 84.03.030. The permit requirements presented this table shall prevail over any permit requirement listed in Table 84-1.

Table 82-7 (continued)

## Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Land Use Zoning Districts

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	RL <sup>(7)</sup>	RS	RM	
RESIDENTIAL USES				
Accessory structures and uses	A	A	A	84.01
Caretaker housing	M/C <sup>(5)</sup>	M/C	M/C	84.01
Dependent housing	SUP	SUP	SUP	84.08
Guest housing	A	A	A	84.01
Home occupation	SUP	SUP	SUP	84.12
Homeless shelter	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Mobile home park/manufactured home land-lease community	CUP	CUP	CUP	84.14
Multiple dwelling, 2 to 3 units, attached or detached	—	—	A	84.16
Multiple dwelling, 4 to 19 units, attached or detached	—	—	A	84.16
Multiple dwelling, 20 to 49 units, attached or detached	—	—	MUP	84.16
Multiple dwelling, 50 or more units, attached or detached	—	—	CUP	84.16
Organizational house (sorority, fraternity, etc.)	CUP	CUP	M/C	
Rooming or boarding, 2 or fewer persons - Accessory	—	—	P	84.01
Secondary dwelling	A <sup>(1)</sup>	A <sup>(1)</sup>	—	84.01
Single dwelling	A	A	— <sup>(6)</sup>	
Short-Term Private Home Rental	SUP	SUP	SUP	85.28
RETAIL				
Produce stand	A <sup>(2)</sup>	A <sup>(2)</sup>	A <sup>(2)</sup>	
SERVICES - BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL				
Medical services - Hospital	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	
Medical services - Rehabilitation centers	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Office - Accessory	A	A	A	84.12
Office - Government	— <sup>(4)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>	
SERVICES - GENERAL				
Cemetery, including pet cemeteries	CUP	CUP	—	84.06
Child care - Small family day care home	A	A	A	
Child care - Large family day care home	MUP	MUP	MUP	
Child care - Day care center	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Commercial Kennels and Catteries - min lot 2.5 acres (over 15 animals)	M/C/S	—	—	84.04
Correctional institution <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	
Lodging - Bed and breakfast inn (B&B)	SUP <sup>(3)</sup>	SUP <sup>(3)</sup>	SUP <sup>(3)</sup>	84.05
Public safety facility	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Social care facility - 6 or fewer clients	A	A	A	84.23
Social care facility - 7 or more clients	M/C	CUP	CUP	84.23

## KEY

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:** (1) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table provided that the parcel is twice the minimum lot size required by the land use zoning district.

- (2) In the Phelan/Pinon Hills Community Plan area on lots greater than 10,000 sq. ft. with a maximum 200 sq ft structure for storage and sales and a maximum 6 sq ft advertising sign; in RS and RM, can only operate for 72 hours per month.
- (3) A CUP shall be required for three or more rooms.
- (4) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (5) For parcels that are 10 acres or greater, a Site Plan Permit is all that is needed.
- (6) Single dwellings will only be allowed within an RM Land Use Zoning District when it is part of a Planned Residential Development that has been designed to meet the goals and densities of the RM zone.
- (7) For projects within the Oak Glen Community Plan Area, all non-agritourism uses shall comply with the agritourism hours of operation standard [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(3)] and the agritourism noise/amplified sound regulations [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(5)].

Table 82-7 (continued)

## Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Land Use Zoning Districts

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions.</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	RL <sup>(4)</sup>	RS	RM	

**TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Broadcasting antennae and towers	M/C	—	—	
Electrical power generation	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	84.29
Pipelines, transmission lines, and control stations <sup>(1)</sup>	(1)	(1)	(1)	
Sewage treatment and disposal facility <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	
Solid waste disposal <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	
Telecommunications facility	S	S	S	84.27
Transportation facility	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Utility facility	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Wind energy accessory	S	S	S	84.26
Wireless telecommunications facility	S	S	S	84.27

**OTHER**

Accessory structures and uses	A	A	A	84.01
Temporary special events	TSP	TSP	TSP	84.25
Temporary structures and uses	TUP	TUP	TUP	84.25

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

- Notes:** (1) These uses are regulated and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. See alternate review procedures in Chapter 85.02.
- (2) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (3) Use may be allowed only on a minimum of 20 acres.
- (4) For projects within the Oak Glen Community Plan Area, all non-agritourism uses shall comply with the agritourism hours of operation standard [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(3)] and the agritourism noise/amplified sound regulations [Subsection 84.03.030(b)(5)].

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4162 (2012)

**82.04.050 Residential Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards**

- (a) Each subdivision shall comply with the minimum parcel size requirements shown in Tables 82-8A, 82-8B and 82-8C for the applicable land use zoning district.
- (b) The minimum parcel size requirements for a specific subdivision are determined by the review authority as part of subdivision approval. The review authority may require one or more parcels within a specific subdivision to be larger than the minimums required by these tables based on potential environmental impacts, the physical characteristics of the site or surrounding parcels, and/or other factors.
- (c) See also the standards in Sections 83.02.050 (Parcel Area Measurements and Exceptions).

**Table 82-8A**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Valley Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
RL	2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	150 ft	150 ft	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RS	7,200 sf <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft for less than 1 acre; 150 ft for 1 acre or more.	100 ft for less than 1 acre; 150 ft for 1 acre or more.	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RM	10,000 sf	60 ft	100 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the RL Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RL, RL-5, RL-10, RL-20 and RL-40. The various designations within the RS Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RS, RS-10M, RS-14M, RS-20M and RS-1.

**Table 82-8B**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Mountain Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
RL	2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	150 ft	150 ft	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RS	7,200 sf <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RM	10,000 sf	60 ft	100 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the RL Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RL, RL-5, RL-10, RL-20 and RL-40. The various designations within the RS Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RS, RS-10M, RS-14M, RS-20M and RS-1.

**Table 82-8C**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Desert Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
RL	2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	150 ft	150 ft	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RS	7,200 sf <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	60 ft for less than 1 acre; 140 ft for 1 acre or more.	100 ft for less than 1 acre; 150 ft for 1 acre or more.	1:3 for less than 10 acres; 1:4 for 10 or more acres.
RM	10,000 sf	60 ft	100 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by map suffix. The various designations within the RL Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RL, RL-5, RL-10, RL-20 and RL-40. The various designations within the RS Land Use Zoning District shall be limited to RS, RS-10M, RS-14M, RS-20M and RS-1.
- (2) The minimum residential lot size in the RS Land Use Zoning District in the Phelan-Pinon Hills Community Plan area shall be one acre.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.04.060 Residential Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards**

Subdivisions, new land uses and structures, and alterations to existing land uses and structures shall be designed, constructed, and established in compliance with the requirements in Tables 82-9A, 82-9B and 82-9C, in addition to the applicable standards (e.g., landscaping, parking and loading, etc.) in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards) and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities).

**Table 82-9A**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	RL Rural Living	RS Single Residential	RM Multiple Residential
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	1 unit per 2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	4 units per acre <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	20 units per acre Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapter 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	25 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
Side - Street side	Local street - 15 ft Collector or wider - 25 ft	Local street - 15 ft Collector or wider - 25 ft	Local street - 15 ft Collector or wider - 25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	Lot 75 wide or less - 5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other; Other lots - 15 ft	5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other	5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other
Rear	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	20%	Lot less than 20,000 sf - Entire building envelope <sup>(3)</sup> Lot of 20,000 sf or larger - 40% <sup>(4)</sup>	60%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	45 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

- Notes:**
- (1) Map suffix may modify.
  - (2) A Final Map or Parcel Map may establish front yard setbacks of no less than 22 feet, provided that the average setback of all parcels in the subdivision is 25 feet.
  - (3) Setback, Building Code, and Composite Development Plan requirements still apply.
  - (4) The maximum lot coverage allowed in Chapter 82.06, Table 82-21A will prevail for allowed institutional land uses.

**Table 82-9B**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	RL Rural Living	RS Single Residential	RM Multiple Residential
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	1 unit per 2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	4 units per acre <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	20 units per acre Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	Lot less than 14,000 sf =15 ft Lots 14,000 sf or larger=25 ft.	Lot less than 14,000 sf =15 ft Lots 14,000 sf or larger=25
Side - Street side	25 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	20 ft	20% of lot width, need not exceed 15 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	20% of lot width, need not exceed 15 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
Rear	20 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Accessory structures	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)		
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	20%	40% <sup>(3)</sup>	60%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	45 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Map suffix may modify.
- (2) The side yard setback standards in the Fire Safety Overlay (Chapter 82.13) shall prevail. The setback provisions of the small lot development standards (Chapter 84.22) shall not apply.
- (3) The maximum lot coverage allowed in Chapter 82.06, Table 82-21B will prevail for allowed institutional land uses.

**Table 82-9C**  
**Residential Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	RL Rural Living	RS Single Residential	RM Multiple Residential
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	1 unit per 2.5 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	4 units per acre <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	20 units per acre Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	25 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
Side - Street side	25 ft	Local street - 15 ft <sup>(3)</sup> Collector or wider - 25 ft	Local street - 15 ft Collector or wider - 25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	Lot 75 wide or less - 5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other; Other lots - 15 ft	5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other <sup>(4)</sup>	5 ft on one side, 10 ft on other
Rear	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Accessory structures	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)		
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	20%	Lot less than 20,000 sf - Entire building envelope <sup>(5)</sup> Lot of 20,000 sf or larger - 40% <sup>(6)</sup>	60%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	45 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Map suffix may modify.
- (2) A Final Map or Parcel Map may establish front yard setbacks of no less than 22 feet, provided that the average setback of all parcels in the subdivision is 25 feet.
- (3) This setback shall be 25 feet in the Phelan-Pinon Hills Community Plan area.
- (4) This setback shall be 10 feet on both sides in the Phelan-Pinon Hills Community Plan area.
- (5) Setback, Building Code, and Composite Development Plan requirements still apply.
- (6) The maximum lot coverage allowed in Chapter 82.06, Table 82-21B will prevail for allowed institutional land uses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4121 (2010)



## CHAPTER 82.05 COMMERCIAL LAND USE ZONING DISTRICTS

### Sections:

- 82.05.010 Purpose
- 82.05.020 Purposes and Location of the Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.05.030 Minimum Area for Designation
- 82.05.040 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements
- 82.05.050 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards
- 82.05.060 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards

### 82.05.010 Purpose

This Chapter lists the land uses that may be allowed within the commercial land use zoning districts established by the General Plan and listed in Section 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts), determines the type of planning permit/approval required for each use, and provides basic standards for site layout and building size.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.05.020 Purposes and Location of the Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts

The purposes of the individual commercial land use zoning districts and the locations where they are applied are as specified in the General Plan and as described in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.05.030 Minimum Area for Designation

The commercial land use zoning districts shall be applied through the General Plan amendment process (Chapter 86.12) only to sites with the minimum areas indicated in Table 82-10.

**Table 82-10**  
**Minimum Area for Commercial Land Use**  
**Zoning District Designation**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Area for Designation
CR (Rural Commercial)	2.5 acres
CN (Neighborhood Commercial)	1 acre
CO (Office Commercial)	5 acres
CG (General Commercial)	5 acres
CS (Service Commercial)	5 acres
CH (Highway Commercial)	5 acres

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.05.040 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements**

- (a) **General permit requirements.** Table 82-11 identifies the uses of land allowed by this Development Code in each commercial land use zoning district established by Chapter 82.01(Land Use Plan, and Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), in compliance with Section 82.01.020 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements).
- (b) **Requirements for certain specific land uses.** Where the last column in Table 82-11 ("Specific Use Regulations") includes a section number, the referenced section may affect whether the use requires Land Use Review, or Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit, or other County approval, and/or may establish other requirements and standards applicable to the use.

**Table 82-11**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	CR	CN	CO	CG	CS	CH	
<b>AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE &amp; OPEN SPACE USES</b>							
Accessory crop production	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Agriculture support services	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1, 2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Crop production, horticulture, orchard, vineyard	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Natural resources development (Mining)	—	—	—	—	—	—	88.03
Nature preserve (accessory uses)	—	—	—	—	—	—	
<b>INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING &amp; PROCESSING, WHOLESALING</b>							
Construction contractor storage yard	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	—	
Firewood contractor	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	84.09
Hazardous waste operations	—	—	—	—	—	—	84.11
Manufacturing Operations I	M/C <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Motor vehicle storage/Impound facility	CUP	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	
Recycling facilities - Small collection facility	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	84.19
Recycling facilities - Large collection facility	CUP	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	84.19
Recycling facilities - Light processing facility	CUP	—	—	CUP	CUP	—	84.19
Recycling facilities - Heavy processing facility	—	—	—	—	—	—	84.19
Recycling facilities, reverse vending machine (accessory only)	A	A	A	A	A	A	84.19
Salvage operations - within enclosed structures	M/C <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	—	M/C	—	
Storage - Personal storage (mini-storage)	M/C	—	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Storage - Recreational vehicles	CUP	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	
Storage - Warehouse, Indoor Storage	M/C	—	—	—	—	—	
Wholesaling and distribution	M/C <sup>(5)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
<b>RECREATION, EDUCATION &amp; PUBLIC ASSEMBLY</b>							
Adult-oriented business	—	—	—	CUP	—	—	84.02
Campgrounds	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Commercial entertainment - Indoor	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Commercial entertainment - Outdoor	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Conference/convention facility (5, 6)	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Equestrian facility	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Fitness/health facility (6)	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Golf course	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Library, museum, art gallery, outdoor exhibit (6)	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) Not allowed in the Phelan planning area.
- (2) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (3) The use shall be allowed in Lucerne Valley with a Site Plan Permit.
- (4) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table.
- (5) The use is allowed in Lucerne Valley with a MUP.
- (6) A MUP shall not be allowed if the use requires more than 200 parking spaces.

**Table 82-11**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts (continued)**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	CR	CN	CO	CG	CS	CH	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY (continued)							
Meeting facility, public or private <sup>(4)</sup>	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Park, playground	M/C	—	—	—	—	—	
Places of worship	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Recreational vehicle park	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Rural sports and recreation	CUP	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	
School - College or university <sup>(4, 5)</sup>	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
School - Private <sup>(4, 5)</sup>	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
School - Specialized education/training <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Sports or entertainment assembly	CUP	—	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Theater <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
RESIDENTIAL							
Accessory dwelling (caretakers residence, etc.)	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	84.01
Accessory use or structure - Residential (conforming and non-conforming uses)	A	P <sup>(2, 3)</sup>	P <sup>(2, 3)</sup>	P <sup>(2, 3)</sup>	P <sup>(2, 3)</sup>	P <sup>(2, 3)</sup>	84.01
Guest housing	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	84.01
Home occupation	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	84.12
Homeless shelter	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Live/work unit	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Mobile home park/manufactured home land-lease community	CUP	—	—	—	—	—	84.14
Multiple dwelling, up to 19 units, attached or detached	A	—	—	—	—	—	84.16
Multiple dwelling, 20 or more units	CUP	—	—	—	—	—	84.16
Residential use only as part of a mixed use project	PD	—	PD	PD	PD	PD	84.16
Secondary dwelling unit	A	—	—	—	—	—	84.01
Single dwelling	A	—	—	—	—	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
		—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) A MUP shall be required for projects in Lucerne Valley.
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table.
- (3) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table.
- (4) A MUP shall not be allowed if the use requires more than 200 parking spaces.
- (5) May require a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.

**Table 82-11**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts (continued)**

LAND USE  <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	CR	CN	CO	CG	CS	CH	
RETAIL							
Auto and vehicle sales and rental	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
Bar, tavern	P <sup>(1)</sup>	M/C	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
Building and landscape materials sales - Indoor	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Building and landscape materials sales - Outdoor	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Construction and heavy equipment sales and rental	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	—	
Convenience store	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	
Fuel dealer (propane for home and farm use, etc.)	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	—	
General retail	M/C	—	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
Groceries, specialty foods	M/C	M/C	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
Manufactured home, boat, or RV sales	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Night club	P <sup>(1)</sup>	M/C	—	M/C	P <sup>(1)</sup>		
Restaurant, café, coffee shop	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	
Service station	M/C	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Second hand stores, pawnshops	P	—	—	P	P	—	
Shopping center	M/C	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Swap meet, outdoor market, auction yard	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Warehouse retail	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
SERVICES - BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, PROFESSIONAL							
Medical services - Hospital <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	—	—	—	
Medical services - Rehabilitation center	—	—	CUP	—	—	—	
Office - Accessory	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Professional services	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	
SERVICES - GENERAL							
Bail bond service within 1 mile of correctional institution	P	—	P	P	P	P	
Cemetery including pet cemeteries	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	84.06
Child care - Day care center	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	—	
Correctional institution <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Convenience and support services	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	
Equipment rental	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table.
- (3) A MUP shall not be allowed if the use requires more than 200 parking spaces.
- (4) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.

**Table 82-11**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts (continued)**

LAND USE  See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	CR	CN	CO	CG	CS	CH	
SERVICES GENERAL (Continued)							
Kennel or cattery - 2.5-acre minimum lot area		—	—	—		—	84.04
Lodging - Bed and breakfast inn (B&B)	SUP	—	—	—	—	—	84.05
Lodging - Hotel or motel - 20 or fewer guest rooms	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Lodging - Hotel or motel - More than 20 guest rooms	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Personal services	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Public safety facility	M/C	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Social Care Facility - 7 or more clients	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Vehicle services - Major repair/body work	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Vehicle services - Minor maintenance/repair	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Veterinary clinic, animal hospital	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE							
Ambulance, taxi, or limousine dispatch facility	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Broadcasting antennae and towers	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Broadcasting studio	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	
Electrical power generation <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Parking lots and structures, accessory	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	P <sup>(3)</sup>	
Pipelines, transmission lines, and control stations <sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	<sup>(5)</sup>	
Sewage treatment and disposal facility <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Solid waste disposal <sup>(4)</sup>	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Transportation facility	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Truck Stop	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Truck Terminal	—	—	—	—	M/C	—	
Utility facility	CUP	—	—	—	CUP	—	
Wind energy system, accessory	S	S	S	S	S	S	84.26
Wireless telecommunications facility	S	S	S	S	S	S	84.27
OTHER							
Accessory structures and uses	P	P	P	P	P	P	84.01
Off-Site Signs	—	—	—	CUP	—	CUP	83.13.060
Off-Site Signs (Freeway Oriented)	—	—	—	CUP	—	CUP	83.13.060
Temporary special events	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	84.25
Temporary uses and activities	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	84.25

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) A CUP shall be required for this use in the Phelan planning area.
- (2) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (3) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table.
- (4) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (5) These uses are regulated and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. See alternate review procedures in Section 85.02.050

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**82.05.050 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards**

- (a) Each subdivision shall comply with the minimum parcel size requirements shown in Tables 82-12A, 82-12B and 82-12C for the applicable land use zoning district.
- (b) The minimum parcel size requirements for a specific subdivision are determined by the review authority as part of subdivision approval. The review authority may require one or more parcels within a specific subdivision to be larger than the minimums required by these tables based on potential environmental impacts, the physical characteristics of the site or surrounding parcels, and/or other factors.
- (c) See also the standards in Sections 83.02.050 (Parcel Area Measurements and Exceptions).

**Table 82-12A**  
**Commercial Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Valley Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area <sup>(1)</sup>	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
CR	2.5	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CN	1 acre	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CO	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CG	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CS	5 acres	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
CH	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development, Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit application.

**Table 82-12B**  
**Commercial Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Mountain Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area <sup>(1)</sup>	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
CR	2.5	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
CN	1 acre	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
CO	5 acres	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
CG	5 acres	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
CS	5 acres	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
CH	5 acres	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development, Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit application.

**Table 82-12C**  
**Commercial Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Desert Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area <sup>(1)</sup>	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
CR	2.5	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CN	1 acre	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CO	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CG	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CS	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3
CH	5 acres	120 ft	120 ft	1:3

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development, Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



**82.05.060 Commercial Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards**

Subdivisions, new land uses and structures, and alterations to existing land uses and structures shall be designed, constructed, and established in compliance with the requirements in Tables 82-13A and B, 8-14A and B, 82-15A and B, in addition to the applicable standards (e.g., landscaping, parking and loading, etc.) in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards) and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities).

**Table 82-13A**  
**CR, CN, and CO Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CR Rural Commercial	CN Neighborhood Commercial	CO Office Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	2 units per acre; 4 units per acre in mobile home park/manufactured home land-lease community. Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapter 83.05 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.3:1	.3:1	.75:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	60 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

Notes: (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.

(2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)**

**Table 82-13B**  
**CG, CS, AND CH Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CG General Commercial	CS Service Commercial	CH Highway Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)		
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.5:1	.5:1	.5:10
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	60 ft	60 ft	60 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Table 82-14A**  
**CR, CN, AND CO Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CR Rural Commercial	CN Neighborhood Commercial	CO Office Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	2 units per acre; 4 units per acre in mobile home park/ manufactured home land-lease community. Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Street side	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.25:1	.25:1	.5:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Table 82-14B**  
**CG, CS, AND CH Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CG General Commercial	CS Service Commercial	CH Highway Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Street side	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.5:1	.4:1	.3:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards).		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations)		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Table 82-15A**  
**CR, CN, AND CO Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CR Rural Commercial	CN Neighborhood Commercial	CO Office Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	2 units per acre; 4 units per acre in mobile home park/ manufactured home land-lease community. Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.3:1	.25:1	.5:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Table 82-15B**  
**CG, CS, AND CH Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District		
	CG General Commercial	CS Service Commercial	CH Highway Commercial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>		
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>		
Front	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor Area Ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum allowed floor area ratio (FAR).</i>		
Maximum FAR	.5:1	.3:1	.3:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces s.</i>		
Maximum coverage	80%	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>		
Maximum height	35 ft	35 ft	60 ft <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).		
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)		
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)		
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).		
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)		

## Notes:

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.
- (3) In the Phelan/Pinon Hills Community Plan area, the maximum height is 35 ft.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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## **CHAPTER 82.06 INDUSTRIAL AND SPECIAL PURPOSE LAND USE ZONING DISTRICTS**

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### **82.06.010 Purpose**

This Chapter lists the land uses that may be allowed within the industrial and special purpose land use zoning districts established by the General Plan and listed in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays), determines the type of planning permit/approval required for each use, and provides basic standards for site layout and building size.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.06.020 Purposes and Location of the Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts**

The purposes of the individual Industrial and special purpose land use zoning districts and the locations where they are applied are as specified in the General Plan and as described in Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.06.030 Minimum Area for Designation**

The Industrial and special purpose land use zoning districts shall be applied through the General Plan amendment process (Chapter 86.12) only to sites with the minimum areas indicated in Table 82-16.

**Table 82-16**  
**Minimum Area for Industrial and Special Use**  
**Land Use Zoning District Designation**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Area for Designation
IC (Community Industrial)	5 acres
IR (Regional Industrial)	30 acres
IN (Institutional)	None required
SD (Special Development)	5 acres
SP (Specific Plan)	As specified by General Plan

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **82.06.040 Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning District Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements**

- (a) **General permit requirements.** Table 82-17 identifies the uses of land allowed by this Development Code in each Industrial and special purpose land use zoning district established by Chapter 82.01 (Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, Overlays), in compliance with Section 82.02.030 (Allowed Land Uses and Planning Permit Requirements).
- (b) **Requirements for certain specific land uses.** Where the last column in Table 82-17 ("Specific Use Regulations") includes a section number, the referenced section may affect whether the use requires Site Plan Permit, or Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit, Planned Development Permit, or other County approval, and/or may establish other requirements and standards applicable to the use.
- (c) **Allowed land uses in the SD land use zoning district.** A special development may allow intermixing of residential, commercial and industrial uses, provided that the review authority determines that there is a specific need for the special development standards. The Special Development Land Use Zoning District may have a suffix to indicate the focus of a particular SD zone. A "RES" suffix indicates that the focus is on residential Planned Development projects. A "COM" suffix indicates that the focus is on commercial Planned Development projects. An "IND" suffix indicates that the focus is on industrial Planned Development projects. However, all can still have mixed uses within these zones.



**Table 82-17**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts**

	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						
LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	IC	IR	IN	SD-RES <sup>(6)</sup>	SD-COM <sup>(6)</sup>	SD-IND <sup>(6)</sup>	Specific Use Regulations
AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE & OPEN SPACE USES							
Agriculture Support Services	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Animal Keeping	—	—	—	S	—	—	84.04
Crop production, horticulture, orchard, vineyard	—	—	—	A	—	—	
Livestock operations/sales	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Natural resources development (mining)	CUP	CUP	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Nature preserve (accessory uses)	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING & PROCESSING, WHOLESALING							
Construction contractor storage yard	M/C	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	M/C	
Hazardous waste operation	—	CUP	—	—	—	—	
Firewood contractor	P	P	—	—	—	M/C	84.09
Manufacturing Operations I	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	CUP <sup>(4)</sup>	CUP <sup>(4)</sup>	CUP <sup>(4)</sup>	
Manufacturing Operations II	— <sup>(1)(5)</sup>	M/C	—	—	—	CUP <sup>(4)</sup>	
Motor vehicle storage/Impound facility	M/C	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	
Recycling facilities - Small collection facility	SUP	SUP	—	—	MUP	MUP	84.19
Recycling facilities - Large collection facility	CUP	CUP	—	—	CUP <sup>(7)</sup>	CUP	84.19
Recycling facilities - Light processing facility	CUP	CUP	—	—	CUP <sup>(7)</sup>	CUP	84.19
Recycling facilities - Heavy processing facility	CUP	CUP	—	—	—	CUP	84.19
Recycling facilities, reverse vending machines (accessory only)	A	A	—	A	A	A	84.19
Salvage operations - Within an enclosed structure	CUP	M/C	—	—	CUP	M/C	
Salvage operations - General	—	CUP	—	—	—	—	
Storage - Personal storage (mini-storage)	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Storage - Recreational vehicles	M/C	M/C	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Storage - Warehouse, indoor storage	M/C	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Wholesaling and distribution	M/C	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	

**Key**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) Concrete batch plants in the Phelan planning area may be allowed subject to a CUP.
- (2) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (3) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table.
- (4) PD Permit required if total floor area or use area exceeds 10,000 sq. ft.
- (5) Pallet manufacturing, reconditioning, and storage yards in the unincorporated area in Fontana bounded by the I-10 on the north, Almond Ave. on the east, 660 ft. south of Santa Ana Ave. on the south, and Mulberry Ave. on the west that is zoned IC may be allowed subject to a CUP.
- (6) The Special Development Land Use Zoning District may have a suffix to indicate the focus of a particular SD zone. A "RES" suffix indicates that the focus is on residential Planned Development projects. A "COM" suffix indicates that the focus is on commercial Planned Development projects. An "IND" suffix indicates that the focus is on industrial Planned Development projects. However, all can still have mixed uses within these zones.
- (7) This use shall be located completely within an enclosed structure.

**Table 82-17**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts (continued)**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	IC	IR	IN	SD-RES <sup>(6)</sup>	SD-COM <sup>(6)</sup>	SD-IND <sup>(6)</sup>	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY							
Campgrounds	—	—	—	CUP	—	—	
Commercial entertainment - Indoor	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Conference/convention facility	—	—	—	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	
Equestrian facility	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Fitness/health facility	P <sup>(5)</sup>	P <sup>(5)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Golf course	—	—	—	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	
Library, museum, art gallery, outdoor exhibit	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Meeting facility, public or private	CUP	—	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Park, playground	—	—	P	P	P	P	
Places of worship	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Rural sports and recreation	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
School - College or university	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	
School - Private	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C <sup>(4)</sup>	
School - Specialized education/training	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
RESIDENTIAL							
Accessory dwelling (labor quarters, etc.)	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	84.01
Accessory structures and uses - Residential (conforming and non-conforming uses)	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(1,2)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	84.01
Dependent housing	—	—	—	SUP	—	—	84.08
Guest housing	—	—	—	P <sup>(2)</sup>	—	—	84.01
Home occupation	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	SUP	84.12
Homeless shelter	CUP	—	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Live/work unit	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Mobile home park/manufactured home land-lease community	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	—	
Multiple residential use	—	—	—	PD	PD	PD	
Residential use with retail, service, or industrial use	—	—	—	PD	PD	PD	
Second dwelling unit	—	—	—	S	—	—	84.01
Single dwelling	—	—	—	A	—	—	

**KEY**

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P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use allowed by this table. Requires a Special Use Permit when recreational vehicles are used for seasonal operations.
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a residential use allowed by this table.
- (3) PD permit required if total floor area of all structures or use area exceeds 10,000 sf.
- (4) May require a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (5) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (6) The Special Development Land Use Zoning District may have a suffix to indicate the focus of a particular SD zone. A "RES" suffix indicates that the focus is on residential Planned Development projects. A "COM" suffix indicates that the focus is on commercial Planned Development projects. An "IND" suffix indicates that the focus is on industrial Planned Development projects. However, all can still have mixed uses within these zones.

**Table 82-17**  
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	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						
LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	IC	IR	IN	SD-RES <sup>(5)</sup>	SD-COM <sup>(5)</sup>	SD-IND <sup>(5)</sup>	Specific Use Regulations
RETAIL							
Auto and vehicle sales and rental	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Bar, tavern	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Building and landscape materials sales - Indoor	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Building and landscape materials sales - Outdoor	M/C	M/C	—	—	CUP	CUP	
Construction and heavy equipment sales and rental	M/C	M/C	—	—	CUP	CUP	
Convenience store	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Fuel dealer (propane for home and farm use, etc.)	CUP	CUP	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	
General retail - 10,000 sf or less, with or without residential unit	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
General retail - More than 10,000 sf, with or without residential unit	—	—	—	PD	PD	PD	
Manufactured home or RV sales	M/C	M/C	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Night Club	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Restaurant, café, coffee shop	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Second hand stores, pawnshops	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Service station	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Swap meet, outdoor market, auction yard	M/C	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	
Warehouse retail	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	CUP	CUP	
SERVICES – BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, PROFESSIONAL							
Medical services - Hospital <sup>(4)</sup>	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Medical services - Rehabilitation center	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Office - Accessory	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Professional Services	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
SERVICES – GENERAL							
Bail bond service within 1 mile of correctional institution	P	P	P	—	P	P	
Cemetery, including pet cemeteries	—	—	—	CUP	CUP	CUP	84.06
Correctional institution	— <sup>(4)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>	CUP	— <sup>(4)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>	— <sup>(4)</sup>	
Equipment rental	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C	M/C	
Kennel or cattery	M/C	—	—	—	—	M/C	84.04
Lodging – Bed and breakfast inn (B&B)	—	—	—	SUP <sup>(6)</sup>	SUP <sup>(6)</sup>	—	
Lodging – Hotel or motel – 20 or fewer guest rooms	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
Lodging – Hotel or motel – More than 20 guest rooms	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	—	
KEY							
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P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)				
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)				
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)				
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)				
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed				

**Notes:**

- (1) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability)..
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a residential use permitted by this table.
- (3) PD permit required, if total floor area or use area exceeds 10,000 sq. ft.
- (4) Requires a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (5) The Special Development Land Use Zoning District may have a suffix to indicate the focus of a particular SD zone. A “RES” suffix indicates that the focus is on residential Planned Development projects. A “COM” suffix indicates that the focus is on commercial Planned Development projects. An “IND” suffix indicates that the focus is on industrial Planned Development projects. However, all can still have mixed uses within these zones.
- (6) A CUP shall be required for three or more rooms.

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LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT						Specific Use Regulations
	IC	IR	IN	SD-RES <sup>(5)</sup>	SD-COM <sup>(5)</sup>	SD-IND <sup>(5)</sup>	
SERVICES - GENERAL (Continued)							
Personal services	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Public safety facility <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	CUP	—	—	—	
Social care facility - 7 or more clients	—	—	M/C	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Vehicle services - Major repair/body work	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	M/C	
Vehicle services - Minor maintenance/repair	P <sup>(1)</sup>	P <sup>(1)</sup>	CUP <sup>(8)</sup>	—	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	M/C	
Veterinary clinic, animal hospital	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	M/C	
TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS & INFRASTRUCTURE							
Ambulance, taxi, or limousine dispatch facility	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Broadcasting antennae and towers	M/C	M/C	M/C	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Broadcasting studio	M/C	M/C	M/C	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	CUP <sup>(3)</sup>	
Communication contractor	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	M/C <sup>(7)</sup>	
Electrical power generation <sup>(6)</sup>	CUP	CUP	CUP	—	—	—	
Parking lots, accessory	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	
Parking structures	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	P <sup>(2)</sup>	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Pipelines, transmission lines, and control stations <sup>(4)</sup>	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	(4)	
Sewage treatment and disposal facility <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	CUP	—	—	—	
Solid waste disposal <sup>(6)</sup>	—	—	CUP	—	—	—	
Transportation facility	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	M/C	
Truck Stop	M/C	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	
Truck Terminal	M/C	M/C	—	—	—	M/C	
Utility facility	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	CUP	
Water treatment plants and storage tanks	—	CUP	CUP	—	CUP	CUP	
Wind energy system, accessory	S	S	S	S	S	S	84.26
Wireless telecommunications facility	S	S	S	S	S	S	84.27
OTHER							
Accessory structures and uses	P	P	P	P	P	P	84.01
Temporary special events	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	TSP	84.25
Temporary structures and uses	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	TUP	84.25

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
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M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
		—	Use not allowed

**Notes:**

- (1) CUP required if maximum building coverage exceeds 10,000 sq. ft., the use will have more than 20 employees per shift, or if not exempt from CEQA; may qualify for a MUP in compliance with Section 85.06.020 (Applicability).
- (2) Use allowed as an accessory use only, on the same site as a retail, service, or industrial use permitted by this table.
- (3) PD permit required if total floor area or use area exceeds 10,000 sq. ft.
- (4) These uses are regulated and approved by the Public Utilities Commission. See alternate review procedures in Section 85.02.050.
- (5) The Special Development Land Use Zoning District may have a suffix to indicate the focus of a particular SD zone. A “RES” suffix indicates that the focus is on residential Planned Development projects. A “COM” suffix indicates that the focus is on commercial Planned Development projects. An “IND” suffix indicates that the focus is on industrial Planned Development projects. However, all can still have mixed uses within these zones.
- (6) May require a General Plan Amendment to Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District.
- (7) This use shall be located completely within an enclosed structure with no exterior overnight storage of vehicles.
- (8) When associated with an institutional use.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

### 82.06.050 Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning District Subdivision Standards

- (a) Each subdivision shall comply with the minimum parcel size requirements shown in Tables 82-18A, 82-18B and 82-18C for the applicable land use zoning district.
- (b) The minimum parcel size requirements for a specific subdivision are determined by the review authority as part of subdivision approval. The review authority may require one or more parcels within a specific subdivision to be larger than the minimums required by these tables based on potential environmental impacts, the physical characteristics of the site or surrounding parcels, and/or other factors.
- (c) See also the standards in Section 83.02.050 (Parcel Area Measurements and Exceptions).

**Table 82-18A**  
**Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Valley Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
IC	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
IR	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
IN	None required	60 ft	100 ft	1:4
SD	5 acres <sup>(2) (3) (4)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	Lot of less than 10 acres - 1:3 Lot of 10 acres or more - 1:4

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development or Conditional Use Permit application.
- (2) Except where modified by map suffix.
- (3) A suffix may be added to a Special Development Land Use Zoning District to emphasize the focus of a specific SD zone. A “RES” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on residential development while still allowing commercial uses. A “COM” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on commercial development while still allowing some residential uses. A “IND” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on industrial development while still allowing other mixed uses. Also, a map suffix may allow minimum lot area to be less than 5 acres (e.g., SD-5 = Special

Development with a five-acre minimum lot area). A map suffix may also indicate maximum dwelling units per acre (e.g., SD-3/1 = Special Development with a maximum density of three dwelling units per acre).

- (4) A Final Development Plan may approve lot sizes smaller than those specified by the land use zoning district. The combination of open spaces and concentrations of smaller lot areas shall be compatible with the land uses on surrounding properties.

**Table 82-18B**  
**Industrial and Special Purpose District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Mountain Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
IC	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
IR	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
IN	None required	60 ft for interior lot 70 ft for corner lot	100 ft	1:3
SD	5 acres <sup>(2) (3) (4)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	Lot of less than 10 acres - 1:3 Lot of 10 acres or more - 1:4

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development or Conditional Use Permit application.
- (2) Except where modified by map suffix.
- (3) A suffix may be added to a Special Development Land Use Zoning District to emphasize the focus of a specific SD zone. A “RES” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on residential development while still allowing commercial uses. A “COM” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on commercial development while still allowing some residential uses. A “IND” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on industrial development while still allowing other mixed uses. Also, a map suffix may allow minimum lot area to be less than 5 acres (e.g., SD-5 = Special Development with a five-acre minimum lot area). A map suffix may also indicate maximum dwelling units per acre (e.g., SD-3/1 = Special Development with a maximum density of three dwelling units per acre).
- (4) A Final Development Plan may approve lot sizes smaller than those specified by the land use zoning district. The combination of open spaces and concentrations of smaller lot areas shall be compatible with the land uses on surrounding properties.

**Table 82-18C**  
**Industrial and Special Purpose District Minimum Lot Size**  
**Desert Region**

Land Use Zoning District	Minimum Lot Area	Minimum Lot Dimensions		
		Minimum Width	Minimum Depth	Maximum Width to Depth Ratio
IC	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
IR	5 acres <sup>(1)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
IN	None required	60 ft	100 ft	1:3
SD	5 acres <sup>(2) (3) (4)</sup>	60 ft	100 ft	Lot of less than 10 acres - 1:3 Lot of 10 acres or more - 1:4

**Notes:**

- (1) Minimum lot area may be less than specified if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development or Conditional Use Permit application.
- (2) Except where modified by map suffix.
- (3) A suffix may be added to a Special Development Land Use Zoning District to emphasize the focus of a specific SD zone. A “RES” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on residential development while still allowing commercial uses. A “COM” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on commercial development while still allowing some residential uses. A “IND” suffix would indicate that the focus of the zone is on industrial development while still allowing other mixed uses. Also, a map suffix may allow minimum lot area to be less than 5 acres (e.g., SD-5 = Special Development with a five-acre minimum lot area). A map suffix may also indicate maximum dwelling units per acre (e.g., SD-3/1 = Special Development with a maximum density of three dwelling units per acre).
- (4) A Final Development Plan may approve lot sizes smaller than those specified by the land use zoning district. The combination of open spaces and concentrations of smaller lot areas shall be compatible with the land uses on surrounding properties.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2009)

### **82.06.060 Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning District Site Planning and Building Standards**

- (a) **Site layout and building standards.** Subdivisions, new land uses and structures, and alterations to existing land uses and structures, shall be designed, constructed, and established in compliance with the requirements in Tables, 82-19A and B, 82-20A and B, 82-21A and B, in addition to the applicable standards (e.g., landscaping, parking and loading, etc.) in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards), and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities).



**Table 82-19A**  
**IC and IR Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IC Community Industrial	IR Regional Industrial
<b><u>Density</u></b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapter 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.45:1	.55:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	85%	85%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	75 ft	150 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.



**Table 82-19B**  
**IN and SD Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Valley Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IN Institutional	SD Special Development
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	1 unit per 40 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.05 and 83.06 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft	10 ft
Rear	10 ft	10 ft
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.75:1	.5:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	150 ft	50 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by a map suffix or when a Planned Development application has been approved establishing a different density.

**(b) Industrial land use zoning district additional standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in Chapter 83.01 (General Performance Standards).

**(c) SD district additional standards.**

- (1) **Performance standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in 83.01 (General Performance Standards).
- (2) **Alternate standards.** A Final Development Plan may establish different design standards including accessory sign standards.

- (3) **Development Plan standards.** Development Plan standards shall apply in lieu of conflicting standards in this Development Code. All standards established by this Development Code that do not conflict with the Development Plan standards shall apply to the project.

**Table 82-20A**  
**IC and IR Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IC Community Industrial	IR Regional Industrial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.05 and 83.06 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Street side	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.4:1	.4:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	85%	85%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	45 ft	45 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

**Table 82-20B**  
**IN and SD Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IN Institutional	SD Special Development
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	1 unit per 40 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Street side	15 ft	15 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft	10 ft
Rear	10 ft	10 ft
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.5:1	.3:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	30 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by a map suffix or when a Planned Development application has been approved establishing a different density.
- (b) **Industrial land use zoning district additional standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in Chapter 83.01 (General Performance Standards).
- (c) **SD land use zoning district additional standards.**
  - (1) **Performance standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in Chapter 83.01 (General Performance Standards).
  - (2) **Alternate standards.** A Final Development Plan may establish different design standards including accessory sign standards.

- (3) **Development Plan standards.** Development Plan standards shall apply in lieu of conflicting standards in this Development Code. All standards established by this Development Code that do not conflict with the Development Plan standards shall apply to the project.

**Table 82-21A**  
**IC and IR Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IC Community Industrial	IR Regional Industrial
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)	
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(1)</sup>
Rear	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>	10 ft <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.4:1	.6:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	85%	85%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	50 ft <sup>(3)</sup>	75 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Only one side yard setback is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent lot is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the lot.
- (2) A rear yard setback is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.
- (3) In the Phelan/Pinon Hills Community Plan area, the maximum height is 35 ft.

**Table 82-21B**  
**IN and SD Land Use Zoning District Development Standards**  
**Desert Region**

Development Feature	Requirement by Land Use Zoning District	
	IN Institutional	SD Special Development
<b>Density</b>	<i>Maximum housing density. The actual number of units allowed will be determined by the County through subdivision or planning permit approval, as applicable.</i>	
Maximum density	Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	1 unit per 40 acres <sup>(1)</sup> Accessory dwellings as allowed by Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses)
<b>Setbacks</b>	<i>Minimum setbacks required. See Chapters 83.02 for exceptions, reductions, and encroachments. See Division 5 for any setback requirements applicable to specific land uses.</i>	
Front	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Street side	25 ft	25 ft
Side - Interior (each)	10 ft	10 ft
Rear	10 ft	10 ft
<b>Floor area ratio (FAR)</b>	<i>Maximum floor area ratio (FAR) allowed.</i>	
Maximum FAR	.5:1	.3:1
<b>Lot coverage</b>	<i>Maximum percentage of the total lot area that may be covered by structures and impervious surfaces.</i>	
Maximum coverage	80%	80%
<b>Height limit</b>	<i>Maximum allowed height of structures. See Section 83.02.040 (Height Limits and Exceptions) for height measurement requirements, and height limit exceptions.</i>	
Maximum height	50 ft	35 ft
<b>Accessory structures</b>	See Chapter 84.01 (Accessory Structures and Uses).	
<b>Infrastructure</b>	See Chapter 83.09 (Infrastructure Improvement Standards)	
<b>Landscaping</b>	See Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards)	
<b>Parking</b>	See Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations).	
<b>Signs</b>	See Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations)	

**Notes:**

- (1) Except where modified by a map suffix or when a Planned Development application has been approved establishing a different density.
- (b) **Industrial land use zoning district additional standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in Chapter 83.01 (General Performance Standards).
- (c) **SD land use zoning district additional standards.**
- (1) **Performance standards.** Performance standards establishing acceptable levels of noise, vibration, air pollution, glare, and other possible pollutants are in Chapter 83.01 (General Performance Standards).
- (2) **Alternate standards.** A Final Development Plan may establish different design standards including accessory sign standards.

- (3) **Development Plan standards.** Development Plan standards shall apply in lieu of conflicting standards in this Development Code. All standards established by this Development Code that do not conflict with the Development Plan standards shall apply to the project.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

#### **82.06.070      Adopted Planned Development Applications**

Whenever a Planned Development application is processed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors, a General Plan Amendment will be processed and adopted concurrently. The General Plan Amendment will indicate that there has been some type of change to the development standards or allowed uses within the area included within the boundaries of the Planned Development application. This General Plan Amendment will be annotated on the Land Use Zoning District Maps as a suffix to the Special Development District. The suffix will include the letters “PD” and the year of adoption and the sequence number of the specific Planned Development application that had been approved for that specific year [e.g. (PD-2006-01)].

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 82.07 ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURE (AA) OVERLAY**

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**Sections:**

- 82.07.010 Purpose
- 82.07.020 Location Requirements
- 82.07.030 Development Standards
- 82.07.040 Land Use Limitations

**82.07.010 Purpose**

The Additional Agriculture (AA) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is intended to create, preserve, and improve areas for small-scale and medium-scale agricultural uses utilizing productive agricultural lands for raising, some processing, and the sale of plant crops, animals, or their primary products. It is an overlay where agricultural uses exist compatibly with a variety of rural residential lifestyles.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.07.020 Location Requirements**

The AA Overlay may be applied where it will serve to protect and enhance an area that is a neighborhood or community substantially occupied by rural-type single dwellings on large parcels, and predominantly used for small-scale commercial agricultural activities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.07.030 Development Standards**

This Chapter establishes regulations to allow animal keeping as a primary use of land. All animal keeping land uses shall comply with public health laws regarding proper care and the maximum number of animals.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.07.040 Land Use Limitations**

- (a) **Allowed additional animals.** The additional animal types listed in Table 82-22 (Animals Allowed in AA [Additional Agricultural] Overlay) shall be allowed in the AA Overlay in order to meet the agricultural needs of the community or region.

**Table 82-22**  
**Animals Allowed in AA (Additional Agricultural) Overlay**

Animal Type	Minimum Lot Area	Maximum Allowed Animal Density
Dogs and cats	As per Table 84-2 in Chap. 84.04	As per Table 84-5 in Chap. 84.04
Other small non-farm animals	1/2 acre	6 animals per parcel
Fish raising (maximum pond size)	½ acre	1/2-acre surface area
Aviary, apiary, or similar small animal farms	1 acre	1 farm per parcel
Rabbits and chinchillas	1 acre	50 per each 10,000 sf., 200 animals maximum
Poultry - Female	1 acre	99 animals maximum
	5 acres	99 animals per each 5 acres
Poultry – Male (roosters, drakes, ganders, etc.)	1 acre	2 per genus per parcel
	10 acres	2 per genus per each 5 acres
Sheep, female goats, and similar small livestock	1/2-acre	1 animal per each 4,000 sf.
	2-1/2 acres	1 animal per each 3,000 sf.
Male adult goats	1 acre	1 per parcel
	5 acres	1 per 5 acres, 4 animals max
Cattle	1 acre	1 per each 10,000 sf.
	2-1/2 acres	1 per each 7,000 sf.
Horses	1/2-acre	1 per each 10,000 sf.
	2-1/2 acres	1 per each 7,000 sf.
Hogs (9 maximum)	1 acre	1 per each 20,000 sf.
	2-1/2 acres	1 per each 14,000 sf.

**(b) Parcel Area for qualifying number or density of animal type.** Parcel area used to qualify one animal type shall not be reused to qualify another animal type.

**(c) Additional animals allowed with Conditional Use Permit.** The following animalkeeping uses shall be allowed with Conditional Use Permit approval.

- (1) Commercial kennels and catteries, with a minimum site area of one acre.
- (2) Agricultural support services.
- (3) Animal keeping at densities greater than, or the keeping of animal types different than, those allowed by this Section. Commercial poultry ranches are restricted to a minimum of 10 acres.
- (4) Cow and goat dairies, with a minimum site area of 10 acres.
- (5) Hog ranches and calf growing ranches, with a minimum site area of five acres.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)



## **CHAPTER 82.08 AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE (AP) OVERLAY**

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### **Sections:**

- 82.08.010 Purpose
- 82.08.020 Location Requirements
- 82.08.030 Development Standards
- 82.08.040 Land Use Limitations

### **82.08.010 Purpose**

- (a) The Agricultural Preserve (AP) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) identifies properties within an established agricultural preserve. The properties may be subject to a Land Conservation Contract executed between the landowner and the Board. These agreements offer tax advantages to the landowner and include an enumerated list of the allowed uses for the commercial production of plant and animal products that have been found to be compatible with agriculture.
- (b) Because the preservation of agricultural land uses is essential to the economic well-being of the County, the Agricultural Preserve (AP) Overlay is intended to protect vital agricultural uses by limiting allowed land uses to those that are compatible and supportive of agriculture and related uses and/or agricultural by-products.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.08.020 Location Requirements**

- (a) The AP Overlay shall be applied to properties within an Agricultural Preserve as defined in the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), Government Code Section 51200, et seq., and as designated upon the General Plan land use maps.
- (b) The AP Overlay may be applied only to properties designated in the Resource Conservation (RC), Agriculture (AG), Rural Living (RL), and Floodway (FW) zoning districts.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.08.030 Development Standards**

Development and new land uses proposed within the AP Overlay shall comply with the development standards of the applicable primary zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.08.040 Land Use Limitations**

The rezoning of property to apply the AP Overlay shall comply with all applicable requirements of Government Code Section 51200, et seq. Land and land uses proposed within an agricultural preserve must be an agricultural use or be compatible with agricultural uses.

(a) **Compatible uses.** The following land use types have been determined to be compatible:

- (1) Agricultural use, described as any use of land for the purpose of producing an agricultural commodity, consisting of any and all plant and animal products for commercial purposes, provided the use is permitted by the primary zoning district and not prohibited by other law or ordinance.
- (2) A stand for display and sale of agricultural commodities produced on the premises or other premises within the preserve.
- (3) Gas, electric, water, communication utility facilities, and similar public service facilities, operated by a public agency or mutual water company.
- (4) Public highways.
- (5) Fire protection facilities.
- (6) Flood control works, including channel rectification and alteration.
- (7) Public works required for fish and wildlife enhancement and preservation.
- (8) Improvements for the primary benefit of the land within the preserve.
- (9) State improvements described in Government Code Section 51293(d).
- (10) Single dwellings only for the use of an owner or manager of land within the agricultural preserve, or a person employed on the land, if the use is permitted by the applicable primary zoning district, but not exceeding three dwellings for each parcel of not less than 10 acres.
- (11) Farm labor camps, including temporary trailer housing, subject to all applicable requirements of this Development Code and all other applicable laws.
- (12) Drying, packing or other processing of an agricultural commodity usually performed on the premises where it is produced.
- (13) A legal use existing on the date the land is included within an agricultural preserve, but any use since discontinued for two years shall not be resumed unless permitted under these rules.

- (14) A use required to be permitted by an amendment to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 hereafter adopted.
- (15) "Open space uses" as defined in Government Code Section 51201.
- (16) Religious facilities. Total square footage of all structures on site shall not exceed 12,000 square feet. Minimum parcel size shall be 10 acres, unless the parcel was created before January 1, 1991, in which case the minimum parcel size shall be five acres.
- (17) Agriculturally oriented schools with an approved Conditional Use Permit, subject to provisions adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 3, 1980 regarding compatibility within an Agricultural Preserve.
- (18) Resource Recovery Systems designed for the use of animal or plant products or waste for no less than 75 percent of their fuel or material source (percent measured as British Thermal Unit heat content for energy generation or percent of volume of materials consumed for agricultural products averaged over the current year of operation) for the production of a commodity for the primary benefit of the agricultural community or for the generation of electricity, unless prohibited by other law or ordinance.
  - (A) Any temporary or permanent use of more than 25 percent non-animal or plant products or waste (percent measured as described above) by an approved project is subject to Commission approval and their finding that an adequate animal or plant product or waste supply is not available to maintain the approved design output capacity of the project due to interruptions of delivery or elimination of the source beyond the feasible control of the applicant.
  - (B) Commission approval to exceed 25 percent non-animal or plant product or waste shall apply only as long as an adequate animal or plant product or waste supply is not available and subject to prohibition by other law or ordinance. Sludge materials shall not be permitted as an alternative source.
- (19) Recreational uses as defined by California Government Code Subsections 51201(e) and (n), subject to Conditional Use Permit.
- (b) **Additional uses.** Any use determined by the Board to be a compatible use in all agricultural preserves, after a public hearing with 10 days published notice and other notice as may be required. Thereafter, the use shall be deemed compatible in any agricultural preserve, provided that it is not inconsistent with uses listed in Subsection A., above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 82.09 AIRPORT SAFETY (AR) OVERLAY**

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**Sections:**

- 82.09.010 Purpose
- 82.09.020 Location Requirements
- 82.09.030 Airport Safety Review Areas
- 82.09.040 Applicable Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans
- 82.09.050 Review Procedures
- 82.09.060 Development Standards

**82.09.010 Purpose**

The Airport Safety (AR) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to provide greater safety to aviators and the general public by establishing requirements for land use compatibility reviews within designated areas in close proximity to a public use airport or heliport.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.09.020 Location Requirements**

Airport Safety (AR) Overlay boundaries are designated on the Land Use Plan by the symbols AR1, AR2, AR3, and AR4, as defined in Section 82.09.030 (Airport Safety Review Areas), in the:

- (a) Area within an adopted Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a public use airport;
- (b) Unincorporated areas of an adopted Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan for a public use airport within an incorporated city; and
- (c) Area within a low altitude/high speed corridor designated for military aircraft operations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.09.030 Airport Safety Review Areas**

For the purposes of this Chapter, the following Airport Safety Review Areas are established.

- (a) **Airport Safety Review Area 1 (AR1).** AR1 includes the areas at either end of a runway, outside the airport boundaries, that correspond with the FAA Runway Protection Zone (per FAR Part 152) for each runway end. AR1 also includes any area identified by an Interim Airport Land Use Plan as a crash hazard zone, or as a touchdown pad and peripheral area for a heliport.

- (b) **Airport Safety Review Area 2 (AR2).** AR2 includes the areas within the adopted 65 CNEL (Community Noise Equivalency Level) or Ldn (Day-Night Average Sound Level) noise contours.
- (c) **Airport Safety Review Area 3 (AR3).** AR3 includes one of the following areas, as applicable.
- (1) **Public use airport with adopted noise contours.** For a public use airport with adopted noise contours, AR3 includes the area within one mile outside the 65 Ldn noise contour, encompassing the boundaries prescribed in FAR Part 77 that depict imaginary surfaces for "objects affecting navigable airspace," as applicable to the specific FAA-approved Airport Layout and Approach Plan. The imaginary surfaces are as follows.
    - (A) **Approach Surface.** Extending outward and upward from the end of the primary runway surface along a slope of 20 to 1 and extending for a horizontal distance of 5,000 feet. (Slope and distances increase depending on precise approach existing or planned for the particular runway.)
    - (B) **Horizontal Surface.** A horizontal plane 150 feet above the established airport elevation. The perimeter is constructed by swinging arcs of 5,000 feet (10,000 feet for runways other than utility or visual) radii from the center of each of the primary runway surfaces (i.e., beginning points of Safety Review Area I) and connecting the adjacent arcs by lines tangent to the arcs.
    - (C) **Conical Surface.** A surface extending outward and upward from the periphery of the horizontal surface at a slope of 20 to 1 (20:1) for a horizontal distance of 4,000 feet. (Distances increase for military airports.)
  - (2) **Public use airport without adopted noise contours.** For a public use airport without adopted noise contours (e.g. 65 Ldn), AR3 includes the area within one mile of the outer boundaries of the airport ownership.
  - (3) **Heliports.** The area outside the 65 Ldn noise contour for a heliport but within one-half mile of the line.
- (d) **Airport Safety Review Area 4 (AR4).** AR4 includes the low-altitude/high speed corridors designated for military aircraft use.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.09.040      Applicable Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans**

This Section lists the Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans with which development in compliance with this Chapter shall be consistent.

(a) **Plans adopted by County.** Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans have been established by the County for the following airports:

- (1) Baker;
- (2) Barstow - Daggett;
- (3) Big Bear City;
- (4) Roy Williams Airport (Hi-Desert) (Joshua Tree);
- (5) Sun Hill Ranch (near Helendale); and
- (6) Twentynine Palms.

(b) **Plans adopted by other jurisdictions.** The following Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans have been established by other jurisdictions but have impact on unincorporated areas and have been recognized by the Board by resolution.

- (1) Apple Valley Airport.
- (2) Cable Airport (Upland).
- (3) Chino Airport.
- (4) Hesperia Airport.
- (5) Needles Airport.
- (6) LA/Ontario International Airport.
- (7) Redlands Airport.
- (8) Rialto Airport.
- (9) San Bernardino International Airport.
- (10) Southern California Logistics Airport (Victorville).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.09.050      Review Procedures**

(a) **Public hearing.** In addition to all other requirements of this Development Code that require a public hearing before a decision on a land use application, public hearing review is also required when a proposed use is inconsistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Compatibility criteria of the applicable Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- (b) **Required findings.** The approval of a land use application for a proposed expansion, revision, or establishment of airport or heliport facilities within an Airport Safety Review Area shall require that the review authority first find that the proposal is consistent with the General Plan, and the findings, development standards and review procedures of this Chapter.
- (c) **Land Use approval.** Land use approval for any project found to be inconsistent with an adopted Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall be reviewed and acted upon by the Board in the form of a minute order or resolution, in compliance with Public Utilities Code Section 21661.5, and the State Department of Transportation shall be provided a copy of the minute order or resolution.
- (d) **Conditions of approval.** Any requirements resulting from project review in compliance with this Section shall be incorporated into the project design and conditions of approval.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.09.060 Development Standards**

The following standards and criteria shall apply to each development or land use proposed within an AR Overlay or an Airport Safety Review Area, in addition to any standards required by the applicable Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

- (a) **Allowed land uses.** Each proposed uses shall be consistent with the General Plan, any applicable Airport Land Use Plan, and this Section; provided that no permanent structure or use shall be allowed within Airport Safety Review Area 1.
- (b) **Height limits.** Proposed structures and the normal mature height of any vegetation shall not exceed the height limitations established in Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77, unless Form 7460-1 (Notice of Proposed Construction or Alteration) has been filed with and approved by the FAA before the issuance of a Building Permit. All mitigation measures recommended by the FAA shall be incorporated into the project conditions of approval. Existing topographic elevations, as compared to the elevation of the centerline of the runway, shall be considered in determining the permitted height of an affected structure.

For heliports, structures and the normal mature height of any vegetation adjacent to the helipad shall not exceed the height limitations provided by the requirements of Federal Aviation Regulations (FAR) Part 77 for heliports.

- (c) **Interference with aircraft operations.** The proposed use or structure shall not reflect glare, emit electronic interference, produce smoke, or store or dispense hazardous materials in such a manner that would endanger aircraft operations or public safety in the event of an aircraft accident.



For heliports, uses or structures adjacent to the helipad shall not reflect glare, emit electronic interference, produce smoke, or store or dispense hazardous materials in such a manner that would endanger aircraft operations or public safety in the event of an aircraft accident.

- (d) **Federal and State requirements.** Each airport and heliport shall be constructed in compliance with FAA requirements and the requirements of applicable state law.
- (e) **Noise standards.** Noise level reduction shall be designed and constructed in all structures to maintain maximum interior noise level of 45 dba for residential uses, and 55 dba for commercial and industrial uses.
- (f) **Easements.** An Avigation Easement shall be granted to the appropriate airport and recorded before the issuance of a building permit for those uses established within an AR1, AR2, or AR3. A copy of the easement shall be forwarded to the County and the affected airport. Also an Avigation Easement shall be granted to the appropriate military agency and recorded before the issuance of a building permit for those uses established within an AR4.
- (g) **Notifications by property owner.** The property owner shall provide to all renters, lessees or buyers information that the site is subject to aircraft overflight from the applicable airport, is subject to the potential noise problems associated with aircraft operations, and is subject to an Avigation Easement. The information shall be provided before completion of the rental, lease or sale, and shall be incorporated into the CC&Rs recorded with the property and in all lease and rental agreements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.10 ALTERNATE HOUSING (AH) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.10.010 Purpose
- 82.10.020 Location Requirements
- 82.10.030 Development Standards

#### **82.10.010 Purpose**

The Alternate Housing (AH) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is intended to provide an alternative to the residential standards otherwise required by this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.10.020 Location Requirements**

The AH Overlay may be applied to any site within a rural area of the County with a primary land use zoning district that allows single dwellings, and that is a minimum of 40 acres.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.10.030 Development Standards**

A single dwelling installed within an AH Overlay shall comply with the construction standards specified by **Subsections 84.21.030 (a),(b),(c),(d),(i) and (j)** (Single Family Residential Dwellings) and the following standards:

- (a) Minimum floor area shall be 725 square feet measured from the exterior of the structure.
- (b) Minimum floor width shall be 14 feet, measured from the exterior of the structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 82.11 BIOTIC RESOURCES (BR) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.11.010 Purpose
- 82.11.020 Location Requirements
- 82.11.030 Application Requirements
- 82.11.040 Conditions of Approval
- 82.11.050 Professional Qualifications

### **82.11.010 Purpose**

The Biotic Resources (BR) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) implements General Plan policies regarding the protection and conservation of beneficial rare and endangered plants and animal resources and their habitats, which have been identified within unincorporated areas of the county.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.11.020 Location Requirements**

The BR Overlay shall be applied to areas that have been identified by a County, State or Federal agency as habitat for species of unique, rare, threatened or endangered plants or animals or their habitats as listed in the General Plan. The overlay applies to policy areas on the Open Space Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.11.030 Application Requirements**

When a land use is proposed, or an existing land use is increased by more than 25 percent of disturbed area within a BR Overlay, the land use application shall include a biotic resources report prepared as follows, except where the Director finds that prior environmental studies approved by the County have determined that the site does not contain viable habitat.

- (a) **Report content.** The biotic resources report shall identify all biotic resources located on the site and those on adjacent parcels that could be impacted by the proposed development, and shall also identify mitigation measures designed to reduce or eliminate impacts to the identified resources, and shall be submitted along with the application for the proposed development.
- (b) **Report preparation.** The biotic resources report shall be prepared by an appropriate expert such as a qualified biologist, botanist, herpetologist, or other professional "life scientist." See Section 82.11050 for qualification requirements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.11.040      Conditions of Approval**

The conditions of approval of any land use application approved within the BR Overlay shall incorporate the mitigation measures identified in the report required by Section 82.11.030 (Application Requirements), to protect and preserve the habitats of the identified plants and/or animals.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.11.050      Professional Qualifications**

Qualified professional biologists, botanists, herpetologists, or other professional "life scientists" that are employed to conduct field surveys shall meet the following criteria to qualify to perform work within the County jurisdiction:

- (a) **Education:** Individuals must possess a bachelor's degree or graduate degree from an accredited college or university in biology, ecology, wildlife biology, herpetology, zoology, or related fields.
- (b) **Professional experience:**
  - (1) Have demonstrated prior field experience using accepted resource agency techniques in survey methods, i.e., conducting field surveys for at least three years.
  - (2) Have taxonomic experience and knowledge of the species of concern in the project locale, i.e., knowledge of plant taxonomy and plant community ecology and classification as well as having familiarity with the plants of the area, including special status and locally important plants.
  - (3) Have familiarity with State and Federal laws and agency policies and regulation, which pertain to environmental quality, i.e., having familiarity with the appropriate State and Federal statutes related to plants and plant collecting.
  - (4) Have a demonstrated ability to prepare detailed technical reports, i.e., experience with analyzing impacts of a project on native plants and communities.
  - (5) Have familiarity with the endemic flora and fauna of Southern California.
- (c) **Permits:** Individuals with relevant State or Federal wildlife agency permits issued by the California Department of Fish and Game and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service have demonstrated expertise in the identification and handling of specific species and their habitats. Current permits shall be included with the application to be considered a qualifying biologist within a permitted biological or natural resource discipline.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

## **CHAPTER 82.12 CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION (CP) OVERLAY**

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### **Sections:**

- 82.12.010 Purpose
- 82.12.020 Location Requirements
- 82.12.030 Application Requirements
- 82.12.040 Development Standards

### **82.12.010 Purpose**

The Cultural Resources Preservation (CP) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is intended to provide for the identification and preservation of important archaeological and historical resources. This is necessary because:

- (a) Many of the resources are unique and non-renewable; and
- (b) The preservation of cultural resources provides a greater knowledge of County history, thus promoting County identity and conserving historic and scientific amenities for the benefit of future generations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.12.020 Location Requirements**

The CP Overlay may be applied to areas where archaeological and historic sites that warrant preservation are known or are likely to be present. Specific identification of known cultural resources is indicated by listing in one or more of the following inventories:

- (a) California Archaeological Inventory;
- (b) California Historic Resources Inventory;
- (c) California Historical Landmarks;
- (d) California Points of Historic Interest; and/or
- (e) National Register of Historic Places.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.12.030 Application Requirements**

The application for a project proposed within the CP Overlay shall include a report prepared by a qualified professional that determines through appropriate investigation the presence or absence of

archaeological and/or historical resources on the project site and within the project area, and recommends appropriate data recovery or protection measures. The measures may include:

- (a) Site recordation;
- (b) Mapping and surface collection of artifacts, with appropriate analysis and curation;
- (c) Excavation of sub-surface deposits when present, along with appropriate analysis and artifact curation; and/or
- (d) Preservation in an open space easement and/or dedication to an appropriate institution with provision for any necessary maintenance and protection; and/or
- (e) Proper curation of archeological and historical resource data and artifacts collected within a project area pursuant to federal repository standards. Such data and artifacts shall be curated at San Bernardino County Museum. Pursuant to State Historical Resources Commission motion dated 7 Feb 1992, the repository selected should consider 36 CFR 79, Curation of Federally-owned and Administered Archaeological Collection, Final Rule, as published Federal Register, 12 Sept 1990, or a later amended for archival collection standards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.12.040      Development Standards**

- (a) The proposed project shall incorporate all measures recommended in the report required by Section 82.12.030 (Application Requirements).
- (b) Archaeological and historical resources determined by qualified professionals to be extremely important should be preserved as open space or dedicated to a public institution when possible.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.12.050      Native American Monitor**

If Native American cultural resources are discovered during grading or excavation of a development site of the site is within a high sensitivity Cultural Resources Preservation Overlay District, the local tribe will be notified. If requested by the tribe, a Native American Monitor shall be required during such grading or excavation to ensure all artifacts are properly protected and/or recovered.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



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## CHAPTER 82.13 FIRE SAFETY (FS) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.13.010 Purpose
- 82.13.020 Location Requirements
- 82.13.030 Fire Safety Areas
- 82.13.040 Application Requirements
- 82.13.050 General Development Standards
- 82.13.060 FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards
- 82.13.070 FS1 Additional Development Standards
- 82.13.080 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans/Permits
- 82.13.090 Alternate Hazard Protection Measures

### 82.13.010 Purpose

The Fire Safety (FS) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to provide greater public safety in areas prone to wildland brush fires, by establishing additional development standards for these areas.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.13.020 Location Requirements

The FS Overlay shall be designated in high fire hazard areas as mapped on the General Plan Hazards Maps with the locations derived from the California Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Service, and the County Fire Department.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.13.030 Fire Safety Areas

The FS Overlay is divided into three fire safety areas to correspond to distinct geographic areas and the associated wildland fire hazard. The requirements applicable to each fire safety area are found in Section 82.13.050 (General Development Standards), Section 82.13.060 (FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards), and 82.13.070 (FS1 Additional Development Standards).

- (a) **Fire Safety Area 1 (FS1).** Fire Safety Area 1 (FS1) includes areas within the mountains and valley foothills. It includes all the land generally within the San Bernardino National Forest boundary and is characterized by areas with moderate and steep terrain and moderate to heavy fuel loading contributing to high fire hazard conditions.
- (b) **Fire Safety Area 2 (FS2).** Fire Safety Area 2 (FS2) includes those lands just to the north and east of the mountain FS1 area in the mountain-desert interface. These areas have gentle to moderate sloping terrain and contain light to moderate fuel loading. These areas

are periodically subject to high wind conditions that have the potential of dramatically spreading wildland fires.

- (c) **Fire Safety Area 3 (FS3).** Fire Safety Area 3 (FS3) includes lands just to the south of the mountain FS1 area. These lands are primarily within the wildland-urban interface of the Valley Region and consist of varying terrain from relatively flat to steeply sloping hillside areas. Present and future development within FS3 is exposed to the impacts of wildland fires and other natural hazards primarily due to its proximity to FS1. These areas are subject to Santa Ana wind conditions that have the potential of dramatically spreading wildland fires during extreme fire behavior conditions.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 82.13.040 Application Requirements

- (a) **Notice of application or permit.** A notice of each land use application and/or development permit that would lead to the construction of one or more structures or the subdivision of land within the FS Overlay shall be **sent to** the responsible Fire Authority **for comment**.
- (b) **Review authorities.** Each proposed land use application that would lead to the construction or expansion of a structure or the subdivision of land shall be submitted to the responsible fire authority and the appropriate Natural Resource Conservation Service Office for review and recommendation. Any recommendations received shall be indicated in any staff report and/or presentation for the proposed development and shall be incorporated into project conditions of approval where possible.
- (c) **Pre-application conference.** Every development project application submitted to the Department shall be reviewed by Department staff through a pre-application conference with the project proponent before the acceptance of the application for filing.
- (d) **Density bonus.** A residential density bonus, if any, shall only be allowed through the approval of a Planned Development Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.10 (Planned Development Permits).
- (e) **Subdivisions.** When 25 percent or more of a subdivision project site involving five or more lots is located on natural slopes greater than 30 percent, the subdivision application shall be submitted concurrently with a Planned Development application to evaluate appropriate project design in consideration of topographic limitations of the site. This provision shall not apply if all of the areas on the site with natural ungraded slopes over 30 percent are permanently restricted from structural development.
- (f) **Application requirements.** Each land use and other project application shall include the following information and materials, in addition to what is required by Section 82.13.060(b)(6) (Application Forms and Information Packets).

- (1) **Slope analysis.** Each project application shall include a slope analysis. The slope analysis shall include the following information:
- (A) A topographic map of the proposed project area and all adjoining properties within 150 feet at a scale of not less than one-inch to 200 feet. The contour interval shall not be more than two feet except that the contour interval may be five feet if the general natural ungraded slope is more than 10 percent. Contour lines shall be obtained by aerial or field survey, done under the supervision of a licensed Land Surveyor or Registered Engineer.
  - (B) The natural, ungraded, slope categories to be computed are zero percent to less than 15 percent, 15 percent to less than 30 percent, 30 percent **to less than 40 percent, and 40 percent and** greater. The minimum area (polygon) used for slope calculation shall be 5,000 square feet.
  - (C) The area, in acres, shall be tabulated for each category.
- (2) **Preliminary grading plan.** Each project application shall include a preliminary grading plan, except that preliminary grading plan requirements may be waived by the Director if it is determined through the required preapplication conference that this requirement is unnecessary due to site specific soils, topographic or other physical conditions, or due to the specific design of the project. The preliminary grading plan shall include the following information.
- (A) A topographic map of the proposed project area and all adjoining properties within 150 feet at a scale of not less than one inch to 200 feet. The contour interval shall not be more than two feet except that the contour interval may be five feet if the natural ungraded slope is more than 10 percent. Contour lines shall be obtained by aerial or field survey, done under the supervision of a licensed Land Surveyor or Registered Engineer.
  - (B) Contours of the finished graded slope shown at intervals similar to that on the topographic base map.
  - (C) Street grades, slope ratios, flow lines, pad elevations, maximum elevation of top and minimum elevation of toe of finished slopes over five feet in vertical height, the maximum heights of those slopes and approximate total cubic yards of cut and fill shown on the preliminary grading plan.
  - (D) Compliance with the current edition of the California Building Code, as adopted by the County, is required.
  - (E) In the event no grading is proposed, a statement to that effect shall be placed on the required topographic map described in Subsection (f)1.a, above, and the map shall delineate the boundary of an adequately sized building pad, driveway and septic system (if proposed) for each proposed parcel.

- (3) **Fuel modification plan.** Each project application shall include a fuel modification plan describing the fuel modification area required in Subsection 82.15.060(b) 6, below. The plan may be submitted as a preliminary and final plan. A preliminary and/or final plan shall be submitted concurrently with the development application to the Department for review in conjunction with the project design review. Final plans shall be reviewed and approved by the responsible Fire Authority in conjunction with the County Fire Marshall. The fuel modification plan shall address the standards in Subsection 82.13.060(b)(6), below, and the following factors:
- (A) The natural ungraded slope of the land within the project and in the areas adjacent to the project;
  - (B) Fuel loading;
  - (C) Access to the project and access directly to the fuel modified area;
  - (D) The on-site availability of water that can be used for fire fighting purposes;
  - (E) The continual maintenance of the fuel modified areas;
  - (F) The soil erosion and sediment control measures to alleviate permanent scarring and accelerated erosion; and
  - (G) A list of recommended landscape plant materials that are fire resistant.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

#### **82.13.050 General Development Standards**

Each proposed development shall comply with all applicable requirements of this Chapter, as follows.

- (a) **All phases.** The requirements of this Chapter shall apply to all phases of a development project.
- (b) **Fire Authority standards.** All proposed development shall comply with all other applicable standards required by the responsible Fire Authority. **This shall include the standards and provisions of the California Building Code (CBC) Chapter 7A (Materials and Construction Methods for Exterior Wildfire Exposure) which is included in this code by reference.**
- (c) **Applicability of land use zoning district standards and overlay standards.** The development standards established by a land use zoning district and any applicable overlay shall apply, except as modified by this Chapter.

- (d) **Additions, alterations, enlargements, or reconstructions.** Any addition, alteration, enlargement or reconstruction of a structure shall comply with the provisions of this Chapter. When an addition, alteration, enlargement or reconstruction of a structure equals or exceeds 50 percent of the existing structure, or 25 percent of the roof for roofing requirements only, the provisions of Section 82.13.060(c) (FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards - Building separation standards), Section 82.13.060(d) (FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards - Building construction requirements), and Section 82.13.070 (FS1 Additional Development Standards) regarding construction requirements shall apply to the entire structure and/or the whole roof as applicable. The structures and/or roofs shall be entirely retrofitted to comply with the requirements of this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

#### **82.13.060 FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards**

Development proposed in the FS1, FS2, or FS3 Overlays shall comply with all applicable requirements of this Section. Development proposed in the FS1 Overlay shall also comply with the requirements of Section 82.13.070 (FS1 Additional Development Standards).

- (a) **Residential density.** In order to reduce fire hazards, prevent erosion, and to preserve the existing vegetation and visual quality, the density of development for any Tentative Parcel Map or Tentative Tract Map (with the exception of one-lot subdivisions) in sloping hillside areas shall be in compliance with the following criteria:

- (1) One to four dwelling units per gross acre on slopes of zero to less than fifteen percent (0-<15%);
- (2) Two dwelling units per gross acre on slopes of 15 to less than 30 percent (15-<30%);
- (3) One dwelling unit per three gross acres on slopes of greater than 30 to less than 40 percent gradient;
- (4) One dwelling unit per ten gross acres on slopes of 40 percent or greater gradient;
- (5) In the Rancho Cucamonga Sphere of Influence, zero density is allowed for any portion of a proposed Tentative Parcel Map or Tentative Tract Map on slopes of greater than 30 percent gradient.

- (b) **Site development requirements.**

- (1) **Site and emergency access.** Each development project and each development project phase, except for a development project located exclusively on a cul-de-sac, shall have a minimum of two points of vehicular ingress and egress, designed to County road standards, with a minimum width of 26 feet of all-weather surface as defined in the Uniform Fire Code, from existing and surrounding streets. The

Department may authorize one point of vehicular access to be an emergency access route with an all-weather surface if the Department first makes each of the following findings:

- (A) Two points of nonemergency access are physically infeasible;
  - (B) Provisions have been made to reasonably ensure that the emergency access will be maintained; and
  - (C) Based on the review and consideration of the Fire Authority's recommendation, the emergency access route will provide adequate vehicular ingress and egress during emergencies.
- (2) **Private driveways or access roadways.** Private driveways or access roadways for residential units shall not exceed 150 feet in length, unless approved by the Fire Authority in compliance with Section 10.207 of the Uniform Fire Code.
- (3) **Fences.**
- (A) Where wood or vinyl fencing is used, there shall be a minimum five-foot separation between the wood or vinyl fencing and the wall of the nearest structure except on those properties where previous construction occurred in compliance with a previous code. Fencing within the five-foot separation area shall be of noncombustible material or modified one-hour fire-resistance-rated construction.
  - (B) Fences or walls required adjacent to fuel modification areas or wildland areas as conditions of approval for a development project shall be constructed of noncombustible materials as defined in the California Building Code. All other fences, including those on the interior of a development project, are not subject to this requirement, except as required in subparagraph a, above.
  - (C) Where side and rear yards are enclosed by fencing, gates shall be provided on both side yards for emergency access to the rear yard.
- (4) **Water supply.** Each development project shall provide six-inch or larger circulating (loop) water mains as required by the Uniform Fire Code, proper hydrant location and spacing, and have sufficient water storage capacity to provide the minimum fire flow duration requirements [gallons per minute (GPM) for a minimum number of hours or portions thereof] as specified by the minimum system standards established by the Fire Authority. Circulating (loop) mains are not required for cul-de-sacs and are not required for subdivisions that exclusively take all access from cul-de-sacs. In areas not served by water purveyors, on-site fire flow and water storage requirements shall be as specified by the Uniform Fire Code.
- (5) **Access to water supplies.** There shall be vehicular access, at least 12 feet in width, to within at least 10 feet of each static water source, including ponds, lakes,

swimming pools, reservoirs and water storage tanks. Access shall be either to a plumbed outlet with two-and-one-half-inch National Hose Thread Fitting, or directly to the source. This requirement shall be waived if the Fire Authority determines that the water source is sufficiently below the elevation of existing or proposed roads or driveways to make drafting of water from the source through a plumbed outlet infeasible, and that direct vehicular access to the water source would require an impractical extension of a road or driveway.

**(6) Fuel modification areas.**

- (A) A permanent fuel modification area shall be required around a development project or portions thereof that are adjacent or exposed to hazardous fire areas for the purpose of fire protection. In no case shall this area be less than 100 feet in width as measured from the development perimeter. Where feasible, the area shall be designated as common open space rather than private open space. The recommended width of the fuel modification area shall be determined based on a fuel modification plan filed in compliance with Subsection 82.13.040(f)(3) (Application Requirements – Fuel modification plans), above.
- (B) When a development project is phased, individual phases may be required to provide temporary fuel modification areas, where the development perimeter of a phase is contiguous to a subsequent phase of a project, which in its undeveloped state is a hazardous fire area. The need for a temporary fuel modification area shall be determined by the responsible Fire Authority in conjunction with the County Fire Marshall and shall be based upon the same considerations described in Subparagraph a, above, for permanent fuel modification areas and the factors addressed in the required fuel modification plan.

**(7) Setback requirements.** Each proposed structure shall comply with the following setback requirements as applicable, in addition to the setbacks required by the applicable primary land use zoning district, and the building separation requirements in Subsection C. (Building separation), below.

- (A) **Firewood or flammable materials storage.** Each area used for the storage of firewood, or other flammable materials, shall either be located at least 30 feet away from all structures, or wholly enclosed within a structure.
- (B) **Fuel tanks.** Fuel tanks (e.g., liquefied petroleum tanks) shall be located at least 10 feet away from any structure and shall be in compliance with the standards in the Uniform Fire Code, Section 83.02.080 (Allowed Projections into Setbacks), and Section 83.01.060 (Fire Hazards). The tanks shall be secured to the ground.
- (C) **National Forest boundary.** Each structure on a lot that was created on or after April 12, 2007 and abuts a boundary of the San Bernardino National Forest shall be set back at least 100 feet from the boundary. **Each structure on a lot**



that was created between March 9, 1988 and April 11, 2007 and abuts a boundary of the San Bernardino National Forest shall be set back at least 30 feet from the boundary.

**(D) Sloping site setbacks or fuel modification.** Each structure proposed in an area with slopes exceeding 30 percent and 30 feet in height shall comply with the following requirements:

- (I) Where a structure is proposed or within 200 feet of a slope that is greater than 30 percent before grading and where the slope is at least 30 feet in height, the vegetation on the slopes shall be treated in a manner so that it becomes a fuel modified area. The fuel-modified area shall be maintained for either the entire slope, or 100 feet, or to the property line, whichever distance is less for existing parcels or the distance prescribed by a fuel modification plan for new development.
- (II) Where grading is utilized that does not conform to the natural slope and the graded area is adjacent to natural ungraded slopes that are greater than 30 percent in gradient and greater than 30 feet in height, each structure shall be set back at least 30 feet from the edges of the graded area adjacent to the natural ungraded slopes.

**(8) Street name signs.** All public or private streets within or bordering a development project shall have noncombustible and reflective street name signs designed to County standards and visible at all street intersections.

**(9) Fire hydrant identification.** Each fire hydrant shall be identified by a method specified by the Fire Authority.

**(10) Erosion and sediment control.** Each development project, building permit, grading and any other significant land disturbing activity shall include the installation of erosion control measures in compliance with this Development Code.

**(11) Concealed spaces.** Unenclosed or projecting assemblies (e.g., cantilevered floors, bay windows, etc.) that contain concealed space shall be protected on the exposed surface with materials approved for the modified one-hour construction.

**(12) Decks.** Cantilevered or standard type decks shall be:

- (A) Constructed with a minimum of at least one-and-one-half-inch wood decking; and/or
- (B) Protected on the underside with materials approved for one hour fire resistive construction; and/or
- (C) Composed of noncombustible materials, as defined in the California Building Code, or other materials approved by the responsible Fire Authority.



**(13) Exposed piping.** Exposed piping, except for plumbing vents above the roof, shall be noncombustible as defined in the California Building Code.

**(c) Building separation standards.** The intent of the following exterior wall separation standards is to reduce the exposure and risk from adjacent structural fires and to reduce the potential spread of fire from structure to structure.

**(1)** Building separation standards in FS1 and FS2 areas. In FS1 and FS2 areas, the following shall apply:

**(A)** Each building on a parcel shall have exterior wall separations of at least 30 feet **except as modified by Subsection (C) below.**

**(B)** Residential structures shall have interior side yard setbacks of 20 percent of the lot width, provided that these interior side yards shall not be less than five feet and need not exceed 15 feet. In no case shall exterior wall separations be less than 10 feet for all buildings, including those on adjoining parcels. Eaves shall be permitted to project into the required setback no more than two feet. No other projections shall be allowed **less than five feet to side or rear property lines.**

**(C)** When the exterior walls of residential and accessory buildings or portions thereof are within 15 feet of interior side or rear lot lines, or the exterior wall separation is less than 30 feet, the outside of each exterior wall or portion thereof shall be constructed with **exterior wall coverings that are constructed of noncombustible materials or provide the one-hour fire-resistance-rated construction on the exterior side.** Modified one-hour construction shall be defined by the Building Official. Where building separations are less than 10 feet, additional mitigation measures may be required by the responsible Fire Authority;

**(D)** In compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures), and dependent upon site specific conditions, the following measures or combinations of measures may be substituted for the exterior wall separation requirements for all structures in FS1 and FS2 areas:

**(I)** The expansion of fuel modified areas around the perimeter of the development project beyond that required by this Section or other requirement of the County Code.

**(II)** A substantial transfer of density from steeper slopes, including areas with slopes less than 30 percent if they exist on-site, to less steep areas within the development project.

**(III)** Clustering of structures away from the development perimeter and away from fire hazard areas.

(IV) Other alternate measures (e.g., sprinklers, etc.) if approved by the Department in compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures).

- (2) **Building separation standards in FS3 areas.** In FS3 areas, exterior wall coverings shall be constructed of noncombustible materials or shall provide the equivalent one-hour fire-resistance-rated construction on the exterior side. Interior side yards shall not be less than five feet in width. Within the Mountain Region, building separation and side yard setbacks shall be as described in Paragraph 1, above.

**(d) Building construction requirements.**

- (1) **Eaves.** Eaves shall be enclosed with a minimum seven-eighth inch stucco or equivalent protection. Fascia shall be two inches nominal solid wood or stucco or equivalent protection.
- (2) **Exterior doors.** All exterior doors made of wood or wood portions shall be solid core wood. For exterior doors with inset windows, refer to Subparagraph 3.(A), below.
- (3) **Exterior glazing.** Exterior glazing shall comply with the provisions of the California Building Code and with the following additional requirements:
- (A) Exterior windows, window walls and glazed doors, and windows within exterior doors, shall be multi-layered glass panels (dual- or triple-paned), tempered glass, or other assemblies approved by the Building Official.
  - (B) Vinyl window frame assemblies shall be prohibited, except when they have all of the following characteristics:
    - (I) Frame and sash are comprised of vinyl material with welded corners;
    - (II) Metal reinforcement in the interlock area;
    - (III) Glazed with insulated glass or tempered;
    - (IV) Frame and sash profiles are certified in American Architectural Manufacturing Association (AAMA) Lineal Certification Program (verified with either an AAMA product label or Certified Products Directory); and

- (V) Certified and labeled in compliance with American National Standards Institute (ANSI)/AAMA/National Wood Window and Door Association (NWWDA) structural requirements.
- (4) **Insulation.** Paper-faced insulation shall be allowed in attics or ventilated spaces only if the paper is not exposed to the attic open space. Cellulose insulation is required to be fire retardant.
- (5) **Roof coverings.** Roof coverings shall be either noncombustible or shall be fire retardant material not composed of organic fiber with a minimum Class A rating, as defined in the California Building Code. The tile shall be tight-fitting and the open ends of high-profile tile shall be capped with non-ignitable material to prevent birds' nests or other combustible material from accumulating. Gutters and downspouts shall be constructed of noncombustible material.
- (6) **Spark arresters.** Each chimney used in conjunction with a fireplace, or other heating appliance in which solid or liquid fuel is used, shall be maintained with a spark arrester. An approved spark arrester shall mean a device constructed of stainless steel, copper or brass, woven galvanized wire mesh, 12 gauge minimum of three-eighths inch minimum to one-half inch maximum openings, mounted in or over all outside flue openings in a vertical and near vertical position, adequately supported to prevent movement and visible from the ground.
- (7) **Street address numbers.** Each non-accessory building shall have internally illuminated non-combustible building address numbers legible from the street in compliance with the Uniform Fire Code.
- (8) **Vents and openings.** Louvers, ventilators, or openings in walls, roofs, attics, and underfloor areas having headroom less than four feet in height that are not fitted with sash or doors, shall be covered with wire screen. The screen covering the openings shall be corrosion-resistant metal or other approved material that offers equivalent protection and shall have a maximum mesh of one-eighth inch. Eave vents and roof-mounted turbine vents are prohibited.
- (9) **Water faucets.** A minimum of two, three-quarter-inch faucets with hose connections each served by a three-quarter-inch waterline and installed before any pressure-reducing device shall be available per habitable structure separated by at least one-third of the perimeter of the structure. The faucets shall be on the sides of a structure facing fire hazardous areas whenever possible.

- (e) **Perimeter access to fuel modified and fire hazard areas.** Fire fighting vehicles shall have adequate access into areas between fire hazardous areas or fuel modified areas and the development perimeter, so that a wildland fire can be contained at the development perimeter and prevented from spreading to structures. Each development project shall provide adequate vehicular access for fire fighting vehicles to the development perimeter of the project along the portion of the development perimeter that is adjacent to either an existing or proposed fuel modified area, or a fire hazard area. Provisions shall be made and shall be required, where necessary, through conditions of approval for the development project for the continual maintenance of the areas intended to provide the access. Perimeter access shall be provided, through either of the following measures or through alternate measures in compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures).
- (1) The provision of an existing or proposed road along the development perimeter, or portion thereof that is exposed to a fire hazard or fuel modified area, and which is accessible to fire fighting equipment. The road shall be capable of supporting fire-fighting equipment, shall be at least 20 feet in width, and shall not exceed a grade of 14 percent. The conditions of approval for the development project shall require provisions to ensure that the roadway will be maintained, if it is not within the publicly maintained road system.
  - (2) Development projects shall provide access ways, at least 12 feet in width, with a grade not to exceed 14 percent, and capable of supporting fire fighting vehicles, between the development perimeter and proposed or existing streets. Access ways shall be spaced at intervals of no more than an average of 350 feet along each street. The conditions of approval for the development project shall require specific provisions to ensure that access ways will remain unobstructed and will be maintained. Where feasible, access ways may not be paved and shall be designed so as not to detract from the visual quality of the project.
- (f) **Length of cul-de-sacs.** Cul-de-sacs shall not exceed 350 feet in length, except that they may be extended as allowed by this Subsection.
- (1) **Exception for parcels of less than five acres.** A cul-de-sac may exceed 350 feet in length but shall not exceed 600 feet in length, if parcels that take access from the cul-de-sac are less than five acres, and:
    - (A) Alternate measures are utilized in compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures); or
    - (B) Based upon consideration of the recommendation of the Fire Authority, the Department determines that the cul-de-sac is situated and designed so that each parcel taking access from it is not contiguous to or exposed to either undeveloped fuel modified areas along the development perimeter of the project or to fire hazard areas, and that the extension of the cul-de-sac will not increase the exposure of buildings to wildland fires.

- (2) **Exception for parcels larger than five acres.** A cul-de-sac may exceed 600 feet in length if all parcels that take access from the cul-de-sac are five acres or greater in area and:
- (A) The proposed cul-de-sac is not within or adjacent to areas that are zoned for or subdivided to parcels of five acres or less.
  - (B) Alternate measures are utilized in compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures).
- (3) **Alternate measures.** In compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures) and dependent upon site specific conditions, one of the following measures or combination of measures may be used to mitigate the effect of creating cul-de-sacs up to 600 feet in length with parcels less than five acres in area:
- (A) Limitation of the total number of dwelling units with access to the cul-de-sac to no more than 15, and restriction of further subdivision of parcels and construction of additional independent residential units which have access to the cul-de-sac. These restrictions shall be imposed through conditions of approval of the development project.
  - (B) A continuous perimeter access road at least 20 feet in width is provided along the portion of the cul-de-sac exposed to fire hazard or fuel modified areas such that it is drivable under normal conditions by fire fighting vehicles, provides adequate maneuvering space for the vehicles, and is designed so that at least one point of access to the perimeter access road is taken from roads other than the subject cul-de-sac.
  - (C) The cul-de-sac road will have a paved width of at least 40 feet with posted no parking for its entire length, and there is at least one area approximately at the midpoint of the cul-de-sac that serves the same function of a cul-de-sac bulb in allowing fire fighting vehicles adequate room to turn around. This measure may only be utilized if the expansion of the road width will not contribute to slope stability hazards either on-site or off-site.
  - (D) Other alternate measures approved by the Department in compliance with Section 82.13.090 (Alternate Hazard Protection Measures).
- (g) **Additional requirements.** Dependent upon specific site conditions (e.g., building separation, fire flow, road conditions, slope, vegetation, etc.) or a combination of conditions, the responsible Fire Authority may require structures to meet more stringent construction standards (e.g., full perimeter exterior walls to be constructed to the modified or full one-hour construction standards, sprinklers, soffitted eaves, etc.) as additional mitigation to the fire threat.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

**82.13.070 (Reserved)**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**82.13.080 Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans/Permits**

This Section provides regulations and procedures for project planning, preparation of Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans, runoff control, land clearing, and winter operations in order to control existing and potential conditions of human induced accelerated erosion.

- (a) **Applicability.** The regulations in this Section apply to all areas within Fire Safety (FS) Overlays, except ministerial projects within the FS2 Areas, and ministerial projects in FS3 Areas that are located on parcels that are less than one acre and have a slope of less than 10 percent. All unincorporated areas of the County subject to Chapter 85.11 Pre-Construction Inspections shall comply with Subsection (c), (e) and (f) of this Section.

(b) **Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans/Permits.**

- (1) **Requirement of land clearing, grading or construction activities with approved Permit and Plan.** Land clearing, grading or construction activities in the Fire Safety (FS) Overlay require a soil erosion and sediment control permit and shall comply with the provisions of an approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, unless exempt as follows:

- (A) Exempt in compliance with Section 88.02.030 (Exempt Activities); or
- (B) Exempt as determined by the Building Official.

- (2) **Approval of Plan before issuance of permits.** A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall be submitted and approved before the issuance of the following:

- (A) Building Permits.
- (B) Grading Permits.
- (C) Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permits.
- (D) Other permits where, in the opinion of the Building Official, erosion can reasonably be expected to occur.

- (3) **Plan contents.** A Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan shall:

- (A) Include the applicable measures required by this Chapter and other measures or modifications of proposed measures required by the Building Official.

- (B) Identify building and access construction envelopes and identify areas that will not be disturbed by construction activity in order to minimize disturbance of erodible areas of a proposed development site.
  - (C) Preserve existing streams and drainage courses in their natural condition in order to retain their ability to accommodate runoff and water drainage with a minimum of erosion.
- (4) **Permit application requirements.** The Building Official shall specify the following application requirements for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permits:
- (A) Requirements for the submittal of plans and supporting data to accompany applications for Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permits.
  - (B) Licensing or certification requirements for those preparing Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Permit submittals.
  - (C) The incorporation and coordination of Soil Erosion Control Plans and Permits with other plan requirements.
  - (D) Other data/materials identified by the Building Official.
- (5) **Additional permit requirements.** For additional permit requirements, see Subsection 82.13.080(f) (Winter operation measures).

(c) **General erosion control requirements.**

- (1) **Conditions causing accelerated erosion prohibited.** No person shall cause, or allow the continued existence of, a condition on a site that is causing or is likely to cause accelerated erosion as determined by the Building Official.
- (2) **Notification to control erosion.** Upon notification by the Building Official, the responsible person shall take appropriate measures to control erosion on the site within a reasonable period of time as determined by the Building Official.
- (3) **Plan/Permit approval.** Notwithstanding Subsection 83.13.080(a) (Applicability), the Building Official may require that a property owner, whose property has been cited in compliance with Subsection (2) (Notification to control erosion), above, file and obtain approval of a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permit in compliance with Subsection (b) (Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans/Permits), above.
- (4) **Cessation of activities due to inclement weather.** The Building Official may direct that a particular operation, process, or construction be stopped during periods of inclement weather if the Building Official determines that erosion problems are not adequately being controlled.

- (5) **Applicable laws and regulations.** Land clearing and grading activities that comply with this Section shall also comply with all other applicable local, state, and Federal laws and regulations. Where there is a conflict with other County regulations, the conflict shall be resolved by using the **most specific** standard and shall be accomplished before the project is allowed to proceed.
- (6) **Appeals.** A property owner, an aggrieved person, or a person whose interests are adversely affected by an action or determination of the Building Official may appeal the action or determination in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (7) **Variances.** The Director may approve, conditionally approve, or deny a variance from the provisions of this Section, the permit conditions, or the plan specifications in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Minor Variances). The Director may refer a variance request to the Commission in compliance with Section 85.17 (Variances).
- (d) **Runoff control measures.** Activities subject to a development permit (e.g. Conditional Use Permit, **Building Permit**, Grading Permit, Planned Development Permit, Site Plan Permit, Temporary Use Permit, etc.) shall implement measures to control runoff in order to prevent erosion. Measures shall be adequate to control runoff from a 10-year storm.
- (1) **Prevention of sediment discharge.** Erosion control and surface flow containment facilities shall be constructed and maintained to prevent discharge of sediment to surface waters or storm drainage systems.
- (2) **Permeability rate.**
- (A) **More than two inches per hour.** Where soils have a permeability rate of more than two inches per hour, runoff in excess of **5 percent of the** predevelopment levels shall be retained on the site by methods and in quantities approved by the Building Official. This may be accomplished through the use of infiltration basins, percolation pits or trenches, or other suitable means. This requirement may be waived where the Building Official determines that high groundwater, slope stability problems, etc., would inhibit or be aggravated by onsite retention, or where retention will provide no benefits for groundwater recharge or erosion control. **The runoff water shall be discharged over nonerodible surfaces or at a velocity that will not erode.**
- (B) **Two inches per hour or less.** Where soils have a permeability rate of two inches per hour or less and onsite percolation is not feasible, runoff shall be detained or dispersed over nonerodible vegetated surfaces so that the runoff rate does not exceed **5 percent of the** predevelopment level. **The runoff water shall be discharged over nonerodible surfaces or at a velocity that will not erode.** The Building Official shall require onsite detention unless the



applicant shows that the runoff will not contribute to downstream erosion, flooding, or sedimentation.

- (3) **Onsite percolation devices.** Concentrated runoff that cannot be effectively dispersed over nonerodible channels or conduits to the nearest drainage course shall be contained within onsite percolation devices.
  - (4) **Energy dissipaters at point of discharge.** Where water will be discharged to natural ground or channels, appropriate energy dissipaters shall be installed to prevent erosion at the point of discharge.
  - (5) **Detention or filtration mechanisms.** Runoff from disturbed areas shall be detained or filtered by berms, vegetated filter strips, catch basins, or other means necessary to prevent the escape of sediment from the disturbed area.
  - (6) **Deposition of earth or materials prohibited.** No earth, organic, or construction material shall be deposited in or placed where it may be directly carried into a stream, lake, marsh, slough, lagoon, or body of water.
  - (7) **Buffer zone along land/water margin.** Where land disturbing activities are in proximity to lakes or natural watercourses, a buffer zone shall be required along the land/water margin of sufficient width to confine visible siltation within 25 percent of the buffer zone nearest the land disturbing activities.
- (e) **Land clearing measures.** Activities subject to a development permit (e.g. Conditional Use Permit, **Building Permit**, Grading Permit, Planned Development Permit, Site Plan Permit, Temporary Use Permit, etc.) shall provide the following land clearing measures:
- (1) **Approval of Plan required before commencement of activities.** No land clearing activities, except as otherwise allowed by this Section, shall take place before approval of the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan **or Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan, as applicable.**
  - (2) **Limitations on land clearing and vegetation removal.** **The plan shall show the area of land disturbance. No land clearing shall occur outside the limits of the disturbed area shown on the approved plan.** Land clearing shall be kept to a minimum. Vegetation removal shall be limited to that amount necessary for building, access, fire protection and construction as shown on the approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan or as allowed by the Building Official through a Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permit.
  - (3) **Establishment of vegetation.** Disturbed surfaces shall be prepared and maintained to control erosion and to establish vegetative growth compatible with the area. This control shall consist of any one or a combination of the following:

- (A) Effective temporary planting (e.g., rye grass, fast germinating native seed, etc.) and/or mulching with straw, pine needles, chippings, or other slope stabilization material.
  - (B) Permanent planting of compatible drought resistant species of ground cover, shrubs, trees, or other vegetation.
  - (C) Mulching, fertilizing, watering, or other methods necessary to establish new vegetation.
- (4) **Installation and maintenance of protection.** The protection required by this Section shall be installed before calling for final approval of the project. The protection shall be maintained for at least one year or until permanent protection is established. **Temporary measures to control erosion shall be removed when permanent stabilization has been established.**
- (5) **Vegetation removal between October 15 and April 15.** Vegetation removal between October 15 and April 15 shall not precede subsequent grading or construction activities by more than 15 days. **Erosion and sediment control measures shall be in place at all times during the land disturbing activity until post-construction measures are in place and established.**
- (6) **Authorization of land disturbing activity.** The Building Official shall authorize **land disturbing** activities only if the Building Official determines that the activities comply with the provisions of, and are consistent with the purposes of, this Section:
- (A) Contiguous land clearing operations involving **a disturbance** greater than one acre **shall be reviewed by the Public Works Department Land Development Division and the Land Use Services Department Current/Advance Planning Division when necessary for compliance with all applicable water quality regulations.**
  - (B) **D**isturbed surfaces not involved in the immediate operation shall be protected by mulching or other effective means of soil protection.
  - (C) Roads and driveways shall have drainage facilities sufficient to prevent erosion on or adjacent to the roadway or on downhill properties. Erosion-resistant surfacing may include, but is not limited to, slag, crushed rock or natural soil when compacted to 90 percent of maximum density.
  - (D) Runoff from a site shall be detained or filtered by berms, vegetated filter strips, or catch basins to prevent the escape of sediment from the site. These drainage controls shall be maintained by the permittee or property owner as necessary to achieve their purpose throughout the life of the project.

- (E) Erosion control measures shall be in place at **all times and of sufficient effectiveness to control erosion.**
- (f) **Winter Operation measures.** Land clearing and grading activities during winter may require additional measures when determined to be necessary by the Building Official.
- (g) **Inspections.**
  - (1) **Types of inspections.** The Building Official may perform the following inspections to ensure compliance with this Section:
    - (A) Pre-construction inspection. A pre-construction inspection to determine the potential for erosion resulting from the proposed project.
    - (B). Progress inspections. Periodic progress inspections to determine ongoing compliance with the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan.
    - (C) Final inspection. A final inspection to determine compliance with the Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan and with other approved plans and specifications.
  - (2) **Notification.** The permittee shall provide the Building Official at least:
    - (A) Commencement of work. Twenty-four hours' advance notice before the commencement of authorized work.
    - (B) Inspection request. Nine business hours' advance notice of an inspection request.
  - (3) **Right of entry.** Filing an application for a development permit (e.g. Conditional Use Permit, **Building Permit**, Grading Permit, Planned Development Permit, Site Plan Permit, Temporary Use Permit, etc.) constitutes a grant of permission for the County to enter the permit area for the purpose of administering this Section from the date of the application filing to the termination of the erosion control maintenance period.
- (h) **Continued responsibility.** The property owner and the permittee shall be responsible for ensuring that accelerated erosion does not occur from an activity during and after project construction. Additional measures, beyond those specified in an approved Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plan, may be required by the Building Official as deemed necessary to control erosion after project completion.
- (i) **Post-approval procedures.** The procedures and requirements in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), related to permit implementation, time limits, extensions, appeals, and revocations, shall apply following the decisions on Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Plans and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Permits.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

### **82.13.090      Alternate Hazard Protection Measures**

(a) **Purpose.** This Section allows greater design flexibility than would otherwise be permitted to more efficiently and effectively achieve the purposes of the FS Overlay. Design flexibility is provided by allowing the substitution of alternate measures for otherwise applicable requirements if it is found that they provide the same or a greater level of protection from wildland fires and other natural hazards, and that they will fulfill the same purpose as the established standard or requirement.

(b) **Applicability.**

(1) The provisions of this Section following shall apply only to the standards and requirements of:

(A) Subsection 82.13.060(c) (Building separation standards in FS1 and 2 areas);

(B) Subsection 82.13.060(e) (Perimeter access to fuel modified and fire hazard areas); and

(C) Subsection 82.13.060(f) (Length of cul-de-sacs).

(2) Since these alternative measures apply to the standards and requirements that pertain to these three specific design elements, they are intended to be applied to development projects only and not to individual parcel conditions. Therefore, they do not apply to the determination of setbacks for residential construction on individual lots.

(c) Substitution of alternative measures for standards and requirements.

(1) If alternative measures are proposed, the Fire Authority shall determine, with specific consideration of the effect of the proposed alternative measures, whether the proposed development project has adequate provisions for fuel modification and management, including the ongoing maintenance of fuel modified areas.

(2) If the Fire Authority makes a positive determination in compliance with Paragraph 1, above, alternate measures may be substituted for the established standards and requirements if the Department, with consideration of the recommendation of the Fire Authority, finds and justifies all of the following:

(A) The approved alternative measures meet the intent of, and serve the same purpose as, the established standard or requirement.

- (B) The approved alternative measures provide the same or a greater level of protection or are as effective as the established standard or requirement.
- (C) There are clear and substantial reasons for utilizing the alternative measures because they provide for a more efficient and economic use of the site, or provide for a superior physical design, and are consistent with the intent of the FS Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 82.14 FLOODPLAIN SAFETY (FP) OVERLAY

### Sections:

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### 82.14.010 Purpose

The Floodplain Safety (FP) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to provide greater public safety, promote public health, and minimize public and private economic losses due to flood conditions by establishing regulations for development and construction within flood prone areas.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

### 82.14.020 Location Requirements

- (a) The FP1, FP2, and FP3 Overlays described in Section 82.14.040 [Floodplain Safety Review Areas] are applied to areas of special flood hazard identified by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) or the Federal Insurance Administration in a scientific and engineering report entitled "Flood Insurance Study for San Bernardino County, California and Incorporated Areas," initially prepared in 1978, which has subsequent updates, with accompanying Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). Subsequent report and map updates that may be published in the future shall further identify additional flood hazard areas or, as in the case of FP3, are areas designated by the County Flood Control District that are areas of undetermined, but possible, shallow flooding. The most current copies of the Flood Insurance Study and the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) are on file at the Department of Public Works.
- (b) The Flood Insurance Study establishes the minimum areas to which the FP Overlays may be applied. Additional areas may be added after studies for the areas are prepared by the Flood Control District or other governmental agencies (e.g., Corps of Engineers).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

### 82.14.030 Applicability

No structure or land use shall hereafter be constructed, located, extended, converted, or altered without full compliance with the provisions of this Chapter and other applicable regulations.

Violations of the provisions of this Chapter by failure to comply with any of its requirements (including violation of conditions and safeguards required by conditions of approval) shall be subject to the penalties established by this Development Code. Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent the County from taking lawful action as is necessary to prevent or remedy any violation.

- (a) **Abrogation and greater restrictions.** The provisions of this Chapter are not intended to repeal, abrogate, or impair any existing easements, covenants, or deed restrictions **or any map changes made by FEMA**. However, where this Chapter or other section, easement, covenant, **or deed restriction or map revision as may be made by FEMA** conflict or overlap, the more stringent regulations or standards shall govern.
- (b) **Interpretation.** In the interpretation and application of this Chapter all provisions shall be considered as minimum requirements, liberally construed in favor of the governing body and, deemed neither to limit nor repeal any other powers granted under state statutes.
- (c) **Implementation.** The requirements of this Section shall be integrated into the processing and review of all land use applications and development permits where specific flood hazard review and flood protection recommendations are made by the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### **82.14.040 Floodplain Safety Review Areas**

The Floodplain Safety Overlay (FP) shall be subdivided into three review areas as follows. Proposed development shall comply with the following requirements.

- (a) **Floodplain Safety Review Area 1 - (FP1).** FP1 includes areas subject to a base flood (also called “100-year flood”) as defined by the Federal Flood Insurance Regulations. The following FEMA-designated flood hazard zones are included in FP1: A, AE, AH, A1-30 and AO. (Note: FEMA-designated regulatory floodway is included within the AE zone.) The following standards shall apply to property within the FP1 area.
  - (1) **Elevation of first floor.** New construction and substantial improvement of any structure shall be constructed so that the first floor (including basement) shall be one foot or more above the base flood elevation, when the FEMA map base flood elevations are shown, and will not result in any significant increase in flood levels during a base flood discharge. When the base flood elevations are not shown, new construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall be constructed so that the first floor (including basement) shall be two feet or more above the highest adjacent grade.
  - (2) **Review procedures.** A project proposed in this area shall be subject to a Flood Hazard Development Review **and/or a Floodplain Development Standards Review**. These reviews shall ensure that the proposed project complies with this Development Code regarding flood protection measures and shall require the



submittal of an Elevation Certificate completed by a **licensed** land surveyor, **registered civil** engineer, or architect who is authorized by State or local law to certify elevation information.

- (3) **Development Restriction.** In areas where no regulatory floodway has been designated **by FEMA**, new construction, substantial improvement or other development (including fill) shall **not** be permitted within any areas designated by FEMA as A, **A1-30**, **AO**, **AH**, or AE on the FIRM<sub>s</sub>, unless it is demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.

- (4) **FEMA-Designated Floodways.** Floodways, as defined by FEMA, are different from the Floodway Land Use Zoning District established in Chapter 82.01 [Land Use Plan, Land Use Zoning Districts, and Overlays] and regulated by Chapter 82.03 [Agriculture and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts] of this Title. They are defined as the channels of a river or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. They are also referred to as "Regulatory Floodways" [see Subsection 810.01.080(ff)(25)]. They are generally coterminous with the County's Floodway Land Use Zoning Districts. They are considered FEMA-designated flood hazard zones in that they are included within the AE zone and thereby included within the FP1 (Floodplain Safety Review Area 1).

- (b) **Floodplain Safety Review Area 2 (FP2).** FP2 includes areas between limits of the base flood (100-year flood) and a 500-year flood; and certain areas subject to 100-year flooding with an average depth of less than one foot or where the contributing drainage areas are less than one square mile; or areas protected by levees from the base flood. The following FEMA-designated flood hazard zones are included in FP2: A-99 and the shaded Zone X. The following standards shall apply to property within the FP2 area.

- (1) **Elevation of first floor.** New construction and substantial improvement of any structure shall be so constructed that the first floor (including basement) shall be one foot above the highest adjacent grade.
- (2) **Review procedures.** A project proposed in this area **shall be subject to a Floodplain Development Standards Review conducted by the Building and Safety Division** and may be subject a Flood Hazard Development Review based upon the determination by the Drainage Section of Land Development of the Department of Public Works. This review shall ensure that the proposed project complies with this Development Code regarding flood protection measures and will require the submittal of an Elevation Certificate completed by a **licensed** land surveyor, **registered civil** engineer, or architect who is authorized by State or local law to certify elevation information.

- (c) **Floodplain Safety Review Area 3 (FP3).** FP3 includes areas of **undetermined, but possible**, shallow flooding as determined by the County, the Flood Control District, or other governmental agency. The following standards shall apply to property within the FP3 area:
- (1) **Field investigation required.** Before a building permit can be issued on any affected lot, a field investigation shall be made of the lot to determine if the proposed construction will have any substantial detrimental effect on the drainage way. An applicant for the building permit on an affected lot shall first apply for the required field investigation and shall pay the appropriate fee. The following shall be included in the application for field investigation:
    - (A) A corner record, record of survey, parcel map, final map, or a past survey that is approved by the County Surveyor as being in conformance with the Land Surveyors Act shall be submitted.
    - (B) A plot plan showing the proposed structures and grading by size, location and orientation.
  - (2) **Building site identification.** Before the inspection of the site by the Building Inspector, the applicant shall locate the proposed construction on the site by the use of stakes, strings, line marks or similar methods.
  - (3) **On-site meeting.** The applicant shall then meet with the inspector, on the site if necessary, to discuss the final building location and any mitigating measures required by the Building Official to maintain the natural drainage way in its existing condition.
  - (4) **Final building plan content.** The final building plans that are submitted for approval shall show the approved location and mitigating measures.
  - (5) **Development Standards.** Development Standards for the FP3 Floodplain Safety Review Area shall be determined on a case-by-case and shall be dependent upon the specific of the project. A Flood Hazard Development Review or a Floodplain Development Standards Review may be required.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### **82.14.050 Development Standards for Projects within FP1 and FP2 Floodplain Safety Review Areas**

- (a) **Anchoring.** All new construction and substantial improvements **of structures, including manufactured homes**, shall be anchored to the foundation to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. If a structure is elevated on fill as specified in Subsection 82.14.050(c), and 82.14.050(d)(1), the anchoring requirement shall be satisfied. Other alternative anchoring techniques that are effective may be considered.

**(b) Construction materials and methods.** All new construction and improvements of structures whether substantial or not, including manufactured homes, shall be constructed:

- (1) With materials and utility equipment installed below the base flood elevation or the highest adjacent grade that are resistant to flood damage. This would include but not be limited to water resistant lumber, floor coverings, adhesives, paints, masonry construction and finishes, water proof electrical systems, and mechanical footings, or other acceptable materials measures. (See FEMA Technical Bulletin TB 2-93.)
- (2) Using methods and practices that minimize flood damage. This would include but not be limited to elevating the structure, aligning the structure to be parallel with water flow, increasing the structural designs to withstand hydrologic and hydrographic sources, and increasing the depth of footings.
- (3) With electrical, heating, ventilation, plumbing and air conditioning equipment and other service facilities that are designed and/or located so as to prevent water from entering or accumulating within the components during conditions of flooding.
- (4) So that adequate drainage paths are provided around structures on slopes to guide flood waters around and away from proposed structures.

**(c) Grading.** If fill is placed to elevate pads above base elevation, it must be demonstrated that fill will not settle and is protected from erosion, scour, or differential settlement, as follows.

- (1) The pad elevation shall be certified to meet or exceed the elevation required by the applicable Floodplain Safety Review Area, and it must be demonstrated that the cumulative effect of the proposed development when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than one foot at any point within the community.
- (2) Fill shall be compacted to 95 percent per ASTM (American Society of Testing Materials) Standard D-698.
- (3) Fill slopes shall be no steeper than two feet horizontal to one foot vertical ratio unless substantiating data for steeper slopes is provided, and the slopes are approved by the County.
- (4) Fill slopes adjacent to a water course may be required to be armored with stone, rock or approved equal protection.

**(d) Elevation and flood-proofing.**

- (1) **Residential Structures.** New construction and substantial improvement of any residential structure shall include having the lowest floor (including basement), elevated to one foot above base flood elevation or two feet or more above the

highest adjacent grade in the FP1 area, and one foot above **highest adjacent grade** in the FP2 area. Upon completion of the structure, the elevation of the lowest floor (including basement) shall be certified by a registered **civil** engineer or licensed land surveyor to be properly elevated above the floodplain elevation at the time of certification. The certification shall be provided **on the current FEMA Elevation Certificate form** to the **Building Official**. In accordance with FEMA regulations (Substantial Improvement & Substantial Damage), the following shall apply relative to existing residential structures and substantial improvements:

- (A) If the cost of a rehabilitation or addition is not a substantial improvement, the existing building does not have to be elevated or otherwise protected. However, it is advisable to incorporate methods to reduce flood damage, such as use of flood-resistant materials and installation of electrical, heating and air conditions units above the base flood elevation.
  - (B) If the cost of a rehabilitation is a substantial improvement, the existing building shall be elevated and/or the basement filled to meet the elevation standard.
  - (C) If an addition to a structure is a substantial improvement, the addition must be elevated or flood-proofed, providing that improvements to the existing structure are minimal. The existing structure may not have to be elevated if the common wall remains intact with the exception of a doorway. If the structure is within any A Zone and if substantial improvements are made to the existing structure (such as a kitchen makeover), both the existing structure and the addition must be elevated and otherwise brought into compliance.
  - (D) When a proposed substantial improvement is a vertical addition and the lower floor is to be used for any other purpose than a garage for the parking of private passenger vehicles, the entire structure must be elevated.
  - (E) Additions that are not substantial improvements shall meet the applicable requirements of Subsection 82.14.050(b) above.
- (2) **Nonresidential Construction.** Nonresidential construction shall be either elevated in compliance with Subsection (d)(1) of this Section or **be dry flood-proofed**. Dry flood-proofing shall consist of all of the following:
- (A) The area below the base flood level, **together with attendant utility and sanitary facilities, shall be constructed so that** the structure is watertight with walls substantially impermeable to the passage of water;
  - (B) The structural components **shall be** capable of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyancy; and

- (C) The structure shall be certified by a registered civil engineer or architect that the standards of this subsection are satisfied. Such certifications shall be provided to the Floodplain Administrator.
- (3) **Flood Openings.** In addition to the provisions of 82.14.050(d)(1) and (2) above, all new construction and improvements to existing structures with fully enclosing structural areas below the lowest floor (excluding basements) that are used solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage, and that are subject to flooding, shall be designed to automatically equalize hydrostatic flood forces on exterior walls by allowing for the entry and exit of floodwaters. Designs for meeting this requirement must meet the following minimum criteria:
- (A) For non-engineered openings, have a minimum of two openings on different sides having a total net area of not less than one square inch for every square foot of enclosed area subject to flooding. The bottom of all openings shall be no higher than one foot above grade. Openings may be equipped with screens, louvers, valves or other coverings or devices provided that they permit the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. Also, buildings with more than one such enclosed area must have openings on exterior walls for each area to allow flood water to directly enter and exit; or
- (B) Be certified by a registered civil engineer or an architect. This certification must be verified by the Floodplain Administrator.
- (C) Flood openings may not be appropriate on alluvial fans or high debris flow areas (i.e. alluvial fans) and are subject to review and approval by the appropriate County reviewing agency. Structural calculations that address hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loading shall be submitted by the applicant as part of this approval process.
- (4) **Garages and low cost accessory structures.**
- (A) **Attached garages.**
- (I) A garage attached to a residential structure, constructed with the garage floor slab below the base flood elevation, must be designed to allow for the automatic entry of flood waters. Areas of the garage below the base flood elevation must be constructed with flood resistant materials.
- (II) A garage attached to a nonresidential structure must meet the above requirements or be dry flood-proofed. (For guidance on below grade parking areas, see FEMA Technical Bulletin TB-6.)
- (B) **Detached garages and accessory structures.**
- (I) “Accessory structures” used solely for parking (two-car detached garages or smaller) or limited storage (small, low-cost sheds), may be constructed

such that its floor is below the base flood elevation, provided the structure is designed and constructed in accordance with the following requirements:

- (i) Use of the accessory structure must be limited to parking or limited storage;
  - (ii) The portions of the accessory structure located below the base flood elevation must be built using flood-resistant materials;
  - (iii) The accessory structure must be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse and lateral movement;
  - (iv) Any mechanical and utility equipment in the accessory structure must be elevated or flood-proofed to or above the base flood elevation;
  - (v) The accessory structure must comply with floodplain encroachment provisions in Subsection 82.14.050(g)(1) below; and
  - (vi) The accessory structure must be designed to allow for the automatic entry of flood waters in accordance with Subsection 82.14.050(d)(3)(C) above.
- (II) Detached garages and accessory structures not meeting the above standards must be constructed in accordance with all applicable standards in this Section and to the elevations required by the Floodplain Safety Area in which it is located.
- (5) **Crawl Space Construction.** This subsection applies to buildings with crawl spaces up to two feet below grade. Below-grade crawl space construction in accordance with the requirements listed below will not be considered basements.
- (A) The building must be designed and adequately anchored to resist flotation, collapse, and lateral movement of the structure resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy. Crawl space construction is not allowed in areas with flood velocities greater than five feet per second unless the design is reviewed by a qualified design professional, such as a registered architect or civil engineer;
  - (B) The crawl space is an enclosed area below the base flood elevation and, as such, must have openings that equalize hydrostatic pressures by allowing for the automatic entry and exit of floodwaters. (For guidance on flood openings, see FEMA Technical Bulletins 11-01 and 1-08);

- (C) Portions of the building below the base flood elevation must be constructed with materials resistant to flood damage. This includes not only the foundation walls of the crawl space used to elevate the building, but also any joists, insulation, or other materials that extend below the base flood elevation; and
- (D) Any building utility systems within the crawl space must be elevated above base flood elevation or designed so that floodwaters cannot enter or accumulate within the system components during flood conditions.
- (E) Requirements for all below-grade crawl space construction, in addition to the above requirements, to include the following:
  - (I) The interior grade of a crawl space below the base flood elevation must not be more than two feet below the lowest adjacent exterior grade;
  - (II) The height of the below-grade crawl space, measured from the interior grade of the crawl space to the top of the crawl space foundation wall must not exceed four feet at any point;
  - (III) There must be an adequate drainage system that removes floodwaters from the interior area of the crawl space within a reasonable period of time after a flood event, not to exceed 72 hours; and
  - (IV) The velocity of floodwaters at the site should not exceed five feet per second for any crawl space. For velocities in excess of five feet per second, other foundation types should be used.

**(e) Utility standards.**

- (1) All new and replacement water supply and sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system and discharge from systems into flood waters.
- (2) On-site waste disposal systems shall be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
- (3) All public utilities and facilities such as electrical, telephone, cable TV, gas etc., shall utilize floodproofing measures in their location and construction to minimize flood damage. They shall be adequately anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement of the facility resulting from hydrodynamic and hydrostatic loads, including the effects of buoyancy.

**(f) Design requirements.** All development proposals, including subdivisions, shall comply with the following requirements:

- (1) All preliminary proposals shall identify the special flood hazard area and the elevation of the base flood.



- (2) All final plans shall provide the elevation of proposed structures and pads above the **floodplain** elevation as derived from the FEMA map adopted at the time of certification. If the site is filled above the base flood, the final pad elevation shall be certified by a registered **civil** engineer or licensed land surveyor and shall be submitted to the **Floodplain** Administrator. The entire site need not be elevated; only the building pads need be elevated and other means of conducting storm flows through the site shall be provided.
  - (3) All proposals shall be consistent with the need to minimize flood damage.
  - (4) All proposals shall have public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems located and constructed to minimize flood damage.
  - (5) All proposals shall provide adequate drainage to reduce exposure to flood hazards and not deflect flood flows onto other properties.
- (g) **Manufactured homes.** All new and replacement manufactured homes and additions to manufactured homes shall comply with all applicable provisions this Section **in addition to the following:**
- (1) **Elevations.**
    - (A) Within Zones A1-30, AO, AH, and AE of the FP1 Floodplain Safety Review Area, all manufactured homes shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to one foot or more above the base flood elevation; or
    - (B) Within Zone A of the FP1 Floodplain Safety Review Area, all manufactured homes shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to two feet or more above the highest adjacent grade; or
    - (C) Within the FP2 Floodplain Safety Review Area, all manufactured homes shall be elevated on a permanent foundation such that the lowest floor of the manufactured home is elevated to one foot or more above the highest adjacent grade.
  - (2) All manufactured homes shall be securely anchored to a permanent foundation system to resist flotation, collapse or lateral movement. Methods of anchoring shall include, but not be limited to, the use of over-the-top or frame ties to ground anchors.
  - (3) Upon the completion of the structure, the elevation of the lowest floor including basement shall be certified by a registered civil engineer or licensed land surveyor, and verified by the Floodplain Administrator.



- (h) **Floodway standards.** FEMA-designated floodways are extremely hazardous areas due to the velocity of flood waters that carry debris, potential projectiles, and erosion potential, therefore, the following provisions apply:
- (1) Encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, stockpiling, and other development are prohibited unless certification by a registered civil engineer or architect is provided, demonstrating that encroachments shall not result in any increase in flood levels during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
  - (2) If Subsection 82.14.050(g)(1) above is satisfied, all new construction and substantial improvements shall comply with all other applicable flood hazard reduction provisions of this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### 82.14.060 Exceptions and Modifications

- (a) **Exceptions.** The following structures and land uses are exempt from the requirements and standards established by this Chapter.
- (1) The reconstruction, rehabilitation or restoration of structures listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historic Places upon a determination by the Director that the proposed repair or rehabilitation will not preclude the structure's continued designation as an historic structure and the exception is the minimum necessary to preserve the historic character and design of the structure.
  - (2) Replacement of utilities, including septic systems, in compliance with health and safety codes shall be exempt from the flood elevation requirements of this Development Code and shall otherwise be subject to the legal non-conforming use provisions of this Development Code.
  - (3) Structures of such a minor nature that they are exempt from development permits, provided it can be demonstrated that there is no effect contrary to the intent and purpose of the County's floodplain regulations.
- (b) **Modifications.** In the public interest, the Building Official or the Floodplain Administrator may, without notice or public hearing, approve, conditionally approve, deny or refer to the Commission requests to modify the requirements of the Floodplain Safety (FP) Overlay.
- (1) **Procedure.** Written application (either Major Variance or Minor Variance) for such modifications shall be submitted to the Planning Division, upon the forms provided by the County for this purpose.

- (2) **Required findings.** A modification to the standards imposed by this Chapter shall be allowed subject to lawful conditions that will secure substantial protection for the public health, safety and general welfare and provided that all of the following be found and justified as being true:
- (A) The modification, if within any designated regulatory floodway, will not result in any significant increase in flood levels during the base flood discharge.
  - (B) The modification is for new construction or substantial improvement, and other proposed new development to be erected on a lot of one-half acre or less in size contiguous to and surrounded by lots with existing structures constructed below the base flood level, providing that the procedures of this Chapter have been fully considered. As the lot size increases beyond one-half acre, the technical justification required for issuing the variance increases.
  - (C) The granting of the modification will not result in increased flood heights, additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud or victimization of the public or conflict with existing laws or ordinances.
  - (D) The modification is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief and is consistent with the objectives of sound floodplain management.
- (c) **Written Notification.** Any applicant to whom an exception is granted shall be given written notice:
- (1) The issuance of an exception to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage, and
  - (2) Such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property. A Notice of Condition shall be recorded by the Floodplain Administrator in the Office of the County Recorder and shall be recorded in a manner so that it appears in the chain of title of the affected parcel of land.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### 82.14.070 Boundary Changes

An applicant may apply to FEMA for an adjustment to the designated Base Flood elevation and/or other designations on the FIRM. Prior to submitting such application to FEMA, all required documents required by FEMA must be submitted to the Flood Control District for review and acknowledgement. Depending on the size, scope and specific design a land use proposal within the County, an applicant for such proposal may be required to submit an application to FEMA for an adjustment to the base flood elevation. The Department of Public Works will determine if this FEMA application is actually required.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

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## CHAPTER 82.15 GEOLOGIC HAZARD (GH) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.15.010 Purpose
- 82.15.020 Location Requirements
- 82.15.030 Professional Reports
- 82.15.040 Development Standards

#### **82.15.010 Purpose**

The Geologic Hazard (GH) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to provide greater public safety by establishing investigation requirements for areas that are subject to potential geologic problems, including active faulting, landsliding, debris flow/mud flow, rockfall, liquefaction, seiche, and adverse soil conditions.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.15.020 Location Requirements**

The GH Overlay shall be designated:

- (a) In areas that are adjacent to active earthquake fault traces as depicted on the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zone Maps;
- (b) In areas that are adjacent to potentially active earthquake fault traces as designated by the County Geologist.
- (c) In areas where landslides, debris flows/mud flows, rockfall or other slope instabilities occur;
- (d) In areas where liquefaction of the soil or seiche is associated with earthquake activity; and
- (e) In areas of adverse soil conditions, such as those underlain by hydrocollapsible, expansive, corrosive soils.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.15.030 Professional Reports**

Except as provided for areas of adverse soil conditions, a detailed geologic study prepared by a California Registered Professional Geologist shall be submitted with all land use applications and development permits proposed within the GH Overlay, that would lead to the construction of roads or structures or the subdivision of land.

**(a) Report contents.**

- (1) Areas of faulting.** In areas of the GH Overlay where faulting is a concern, the geologic report shall confirm the presence or absence of active faults and, if applicable, shall establish appropriate construction setbacks from active faulting.
- (2) Areas of slope stability.** In areas of the GH Overlay where slope stability is a concern, the geologic report shall evaluate landslides and other slope instabilities that could affect the project and, if applicable, shall include recommendations for mitigation.
- (3) Areas of liquefaction susceptibility.** In areas of the GH Overlay where liquefaction is a concern, the geologic report shall evaluate the potential for liquefaction based upon anticipated ground shaking, historic groundwater levels and character of the alluvial materials. If the investigation determines that a potential for liquefaction exists, a geotechnical investigation may be required.
- (4) Areas of potential seiche.** In areas of the GH Overlay where seiche is a concern, the geologic report shall evaluate the potential for seiche based upon anticipated ground shaking, the character of the water body and the elevation of the proposed development with respect to the high water line. The investigation shall determine if the freeboard requirements will be met.
- (5) Areas of adverse soil conditions.** In areas of the GH Overlay where adverse soil conditions are known to exist, a geotechnical investigation report shall be prepared by a California Registered Professional Engineer. The investigation shall sample and conduct laboratory analysis of subsurface soils and, if applicable, shall include recommendations for mitigation.

**(b) Exemptions from report requirements.** Exemptions to the requirement for a geologic study include:

- (1) A single-family residential wood or steel frame dwelling not exceeding two stories in height provided the proposed structure is not located within the boundaries of a mapped landslide or within that portion of the GH Overlay designated as having adverse soil conditions.
- (2) Single-family residential wood frame or steel dwellings located within a subdivision of land for which a geologic report was prepared and approved;
- (3) A non-habitable structure that is accessory to a residential use that is not physically connected to the principal structure; and
- (4) Alterations or additions to any structure where the value or area does not exceed 50 percent of the structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.15.040      Development Standards**

Development and land uses proposed within the GH Overlay shall comply with the following standards.

- (a) A structure used for human occupancy shall be located 50 feet or farther from any active earthquake fault traces. Lesser setbacks may be applicable in certain situations as determined by an appropriate geologic investigation and approved by the County Geologist or other engineering geologist designated by the Building Official.
- (b) A structure used for critical facilities shall be located 150 feet or farther from any active earthquake fault trace as indicated by General Plan. Critical facilities shall include dams, reservoirs, fuel storage facilities, power plants, nuclear reactors, police and fire stations, schools, hospitals, rest homes, nursing homes and emergency communication facilities.
- (c) Utility lines and streets shall not be placed within the construction setback area of a hazardous fault except for crossing which can be made perpendicular to the fault trace or as recommended by the project geologist and approved by the County Geologist or individual designated by the Building Official.
- (d) The use of development restricted areas as recreation and common open spaces is encouraged.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 82.16 HAZARDOUS WASTE (HW) OVERLAY**

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**Sections:**

- 82.16.010 Purpose
- 82.16.020 Location Requirements
- 82.16.030 Development Standards

**82.16.010 Purpose**

The Hazardous Waste (HW) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to:

- (a) Ensure that hazardous waste facilities are sited in areas that protect public health, safety, welfare, and the environment;
- (b) Buffer hazardous waste facilities so that incompatible uses cannot be permitted in the future;
- (c) Identify permitted uses within the overlay; and
- (d) Outline applicable permit review procedures.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.16.020 Location Requirements**

- (a) The Hazardous Waste Overlay shall be applied to areas where a Hazardous Waste Facility is being approved. This will require the concurrent filing of a General Plan Amendment and a Conditional Use Permit
- (b) The Hazardous Waste Overlay may most appropriately be located in the following land use zoning districts:
  - (1) Resource Conservation (RC) for land disposal and incineration facilities. Incineration facilities shall not, however, be located in areas where emissions from the facility could directly impact food crops or livestock.
  - (2) Regional Industrial (IR) for treatment, incineration, recycling, storage and transfer facilities. Incineration facilities shall not, however, be located in areas where emissions from the facility could directly impact food crops or livestock.
- (c) Siting Criteria for Hazardous Waste Facilities: Refer to policies in the Safety Element of the General Plan or to Table 5-2 of Chapter 5 of the San Bernardino County Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

- (d) A Risk Assessment evaluating a proposal for a Hazardous Waste Facility shall determine the appropriate location for the overlay for the facility.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.16.030 Development Standards**

- (a) **Review procedures include State and County processes.** The types of applications required for local evaluation of a specified hazardous waste facility proposal include both discretionary and ministerial permits. The required permits or processes include:
  - (1) A General Plan Amendment to apply the HW Overlay to the proposed site and respective buffer.
  - (2) A Conditional Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit and Minor Use Permit).
  - (3) A Special Use Permit issued by the San Bernardino County Fire Department, which shall be required as a condition of approval of the Conditional Use Permit.
  - (4) Ministerial Permits from the Building and Safety Division for building, grading, flood control, etc.

For a complete discussion of the local application review process, refer to Section 5.3.3 and Table 5-4 of Chapter 5 of the San Bernardino County Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

- (b) **Compatible land uses.** The following list of use classifications may be compatible with a hazardous waste facility depending on the risk assessment and are allowed within a HW Overlay.
  - (1) Contract/Construction Services.
  - (2) Manufacturing Operations I & II.
  - (3) Open Lot Services I & II.
  - (4) Repair Services I, II & III.
  - (5) Salvage Services I and II.
  - (6) Transportation Services I & II.
  - (7) Wholesale/Warehouse Services I & II.



(c) **Prohibited land uses.** The following uses are specifically prohibited from the HW Overlay:

- (1) Agricultural uses of any type.
- (2) Residential uses of any type.
- (3) Facilities with a high concentration of people/immobile population, including schools, hospitals, auditoriums, amphitheaters, jails, etc.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 82.17 MINERAL RESOURCES (MR) OVERLAY**

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**Sections:**

- 82.17.010 Purpose
- 82.17.020 Location Requirements
- 82.17.030 Application Requirements
- 82.17.040 Development Standards

**82.17.010 Purpose**

The Mineral Resources (MR) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created with the following intent and objectives.

**(a) Intent.**

- (1) The extraction of mineral resources is essential to the economic well being of the County and the needs of the society.
- (2) Certain privately owned land areas of the County contain significant amounts of mineral resources. Mineral Resources Overlays are created to protect these resources for present and future extractions. Since mineral extraction must take place on the physical site where the minerals naturally occur, special controls are needed to minimize conflicts with other land uses. The Mineral Resources Overlay functions as a "holding district" since the land will be redesignated and reclaimed for other land uses when mining operations cease. Also, the district will insure that land disturbances are minimized through regulations and through the prohibition of any other land uses in these districts that are incompatible with mining.
- (3) Once the mining activity ceases, the mined lands shall be reclaimed for new uses in order to prevent or minimize adverse effects on the environment and to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

**(b) Objectives.** The MR Overlay shall have the following objectives:

- (1) Prevent or minimize all adverse environmental effects.
- (2) Reclaim mined lands to a usable condition that is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.
- (3) Encourage the production and conservation of minerals while preserving areas relating to environmental and recreational amenities if such amenities are located within the mining locale.
- (4) Eliminate residual hazards to the public health and safety.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.17.020      Location Requirements**

The MR Overlay shall be applied on the following areas:

- (a) Areas with existing major surface mining activities;
- (b) Areas where mining activity is expected to take place in the future; and
- (c) Areas adjacent to current or proposed mining activity to prohibit the intrusion of incompatible uses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.17.030      Application Requirements**

A Mining/Reclamation Plan describing the phasing of reclamation, in relation to the phases of the mining operation, shall be submitted for land areas which are to be included within a MR Overlay, subject to the requirements of this Development Code regarding surface mining and land reclamation and the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.17.040      Development Standards**

- (a) MR Overlays shall be free from any land use that is incompatible with mining activity.
- (b) When mining activity ceases, the landowner and/or mining company shall be responsible for the reclamation of the site.
- (c) Reclamation shall include but not be limited to the reasonable mitigation or elimination of residual hazards.
- (d) Incompatible land uses shall be suitably buffered from mining activity. Appropriate transition measures shall be taken in order to insure compatibility between mining activity and surrounding land uses.
- (e) Non-mining projects located within the MR Overlay may be approved only if the following finding is made in the affirmative: Even though the project may otherwise be determined to be incompatible with mineral resource protection policies, conditions of approval shall be applied to minimize potential conflicts with these policies.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.18 NOISE HAZARD (NH) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.18.010 Purpose
- 82.18.020 Location Requirements
- 82.18.030 Development Standards

#### **82.18.010 Purpose**

The Noise Hazard (NH) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to provide greater public safety by establishing land use review procedures and requirements for land uses in areas with identified high noise levels.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.18.020 Location Requirements**

The NH Overlay may be applied to those areas where the Average Day-Night Sound Level (Ldn) is 65 decibels, 65 dBA or greater..

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.18.030 Development Standards**

When a land use application or development permit is proposed within the NH Overlay, the following standards shall apply with respect to residential uses:

- (a) **Acoustical report required.** Noise levels shall be identified. An acoustical report shall be performed to identify noise impact. Any recommendation for noise attenuation or other mitigation measures shall be incorporated into the design standards or conditions of approval as applicable.
- (b) **Interior noise levels.** Interior noise levels in all single-family and multi-family residences and educational institutions shall not exceed 45 dBA Ldn emanating from sources outside of the residential building.
- (c) **Exterior noise levels.** Exterior noise levels in all single-family residential land use areas and multi-family residential land use areas should not exceed 65 dBA Ldn. Exterior noise levels shall not exceed 70 dBA Ldn for any residential use areas. Ability to mitigate exterior noises to the levels of 65 dBA Ldn and 70 dBA Ldn shall be considered by the review authority when determining the actual Ldn level with which the land uses must comply.

- (d) **Noise mitigation measures.** In areas where noise exceeds the noise standard, measures shall be taken to mitigate noise levels. An acoustical report identifying these mitigation measures shall be required and reviewed by the Environmental Health Services Division before issuance of any required development permits or approval of land use applications.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.19 OPEN SPACE (OS) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.19.010 Purpose
- 82.19.020 Location Requirements
- 82.19.030 Special Requirements for Natural Resources
- 82.19.040 Development Standards within Scenic Areas
- 82.19.050 Development Standards for Trails

### 82.19.010 Purpose

The Open Space (OS) Overlay established by 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to address the issue of open space from many perspectives. It does not simply protect natural open space areas for wildlife; the Open Space Overlay strikes a balance between the needs of an urbanizing County and the many uses, which require open lands. The following are descriptions of the many types of open space considered in the overlay:

- (a) **Natural Resources.** Open space for the protection of natural resources encompasses a variety of areas, which are required to maintain biological diversity, to protect significant natural features, and to ensure that future generations will have access to a quality “natural” experience. The County recognizes that natural areas in and adjacent to the urbanizing portions of the County are under substantial pressure. As urbanization of the Valley, Mountain and Desert Regions of the County continues, the loss of areas, which are capable of supporting both common and endangered plant and animal species, is accelerating. For this reason, protection of natural resources, or the proper management of natural lands for multiple users, is an important focus of the Open Space Overlay.
- (b) **Scenic Resources.** Scenic areas in the County contain vistas that rival many found elsewhere in the state and the nation. These scenic resources can be deteriorated by increased urbanization along scenic corridors. The Open Space Overlay seeks to preserve these resources and to provide additional opportunities for the public to enjoy these pleasing features.
- (c) **Trails.** Because they provide public access to open space lands and serve as an active recreational amenity, trails form an important part of the overlay. Trails will be used to provide entry and to direct public access to those areas which can safely withstand human activity, to provide alternative transportation opportunities, and to provide a sense of County history.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.19.020 Location Requirements

The Open Space Overlay shall be applied to the areas described above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.19.030 Special Requirements for Natural Resources**

**Areas designated for Wildlife Corridors, Special Policy Areas or Buffer Zones:** When a land use is proposed, or an existing land use is increased by more than 25 percent of disturbed area within a OS Overlay designated as a wildlife corridor, special policy area or buffer zone, the land use application shall include a biotic resources report or other special report as appropriate for the subject area prepared as follows, except where the Director finds that prior environmental studies approved by the County have determined that the site does not contain viable habitat.

- (a) **Report content.** If a biotic resources report is required, it shall identify all biotic resources located on the site and those on adjacent parcels that could be impacted by the proposed development and the impacts on the area as a wildlife corridor. If another special report is required, it shall identify all resources that are sensitive and need protection. The report shall also identify mitigation measures designed to reduce or eliminate impacts to the identified resources, and shall be submitted along with the application for the proposed development
- (b) **Report preparation.** The biotic resources report shall be prepared by an appropriate expert (e.g., a qualified biologist, botanist, herpetologist, or other professional "life scientist)." The professional qualifications of the person preparing a biotic resources report shall be in compliance with Section 82.11.050 (Professional Qualifications). The professional qualifications of the person preparing a paleontologic resources report shall be in compliance with Section 82.19.040 (Paleontologist Qualifications). The professional qualifications of the person preparing another special report may also require special qualifications in compliance the Department's procedures.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.19.040 Development Criteria within Scenic Areas**

- (a) **Applicability.** The criteria below shall be used to evaluate a land use proposed within a scenic area in an Open Space Overlay and shall apply to:
  - (1) Areas with unique views of the County's desert, mountain and valley areas or any other aesthetic natural land formations.
  - (2) An area extending 200 feet on both sides of the ultimate road right-of-way of State and County designated Scenic Highways as identified in the General Plan. The area covered may vary to reflect the changing topography and vegetation along the right-of-way.
- (b) **Report.** A special viewshed analysis may be required if it is determined that the proposed project may have a significant negative impact on the scenic values of the subject parcel.



- (c) **Building and structure placement.** Structure placement shall be compatible with and shall not detract from the visual setting or obstruct significant views.
- (d) **Review area.** Intensive land development proposals, including residential facilities, commercial activities and mobile home parks/manufactured home land-lease community, shall be designed to blend into the natural landscape and maximize visual attributes of the natural vegetation and terrain. The design of development proposals shall also provide for maintenance of a natural open space parallel to and visible from the right-of-way.
- (e) **Access drives.** Right-of-way access drives shall be minimized. Developments involving concentrations of commercial activities shall be designed to function as an integral unit with common parking and right-of-way access drives.
- (f) **Landscaping.** The removal of native vegetation, especially timber, shall be minimized and replacement vegetation and landscaping shall be compatible with the local environment and, where practicable, capable of surviving with a minimum of maintenance and supplemental water. Landscaping and plantings shall not obstruct significant views, either when installed or when they reach mature growth.
- (g) **Roads, pedestrian walkways, parking and storage areas.** A large-scale development should restrict the number of access points by providing common access roads. Parking and outside storage areas shall be screened from view, to the maximum extent feasible, from either the Scenic Highway or the adjacent scenic or recreational resource by existing topography, by the placement of structures, or by landscaping and plantings which are compatible with the local environment and, where practicable, are capable of surviving with a minimum of maintenance and supplemental water.
- (h) **Above ground utilities.** Utilities shall be constructed and routed underground except in those situations where natural features prevent the underground siting or where safety considerations necessitate above ground construction and routing. Above ground utilities shall be constructed and routed to minimize detrimental effects on the visual setting of the designated area. Where it is practical, above ground utilities shall be screened from view from either the Scenic Highway or the adjacent scenic or recreational resource by existing topography, or by placement of structures.
- (i) **Grading.** The alteration of the natural topography of the site shall be minimized and shall avoid detrimental effects to the visual setting of the designated area and the existing natural drainage system. Alterations of the natural topography shall be screened from view from either the Scenic Highway or the adjacent scenic or recreational resource by landscaping and plantings which harmonize with the natural landscape of the designated area, and which are capable of surviving with a minimum of maintenance and supplemental water.
- (j) **Timber harvesting.** Timber harvesting within or adjacent to the right-of-way shall be limited to that which is necessary to maintain and enhance the quality of the forest.

- (k) **Storage Areas.** Outside storage areas associated with commercial activities shall be completely screened from view of the right-of-way with landscaping and plantings that are compatible with the local environment and are capable of surviving with a minimum of maintenance and supplemental water.
- (l) **Signs.** Primary freestanding signs greater than 18 square feet are prohibited in the OS Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.19.050 Development Standards for Trails

The following standards shall be used to evaluate proposed trails:

Table 83-23 Urban Standards (Maximum Accessibility)				
Item	Bicycle+ Pedestrian <sup>(1)</sup>	Bicycle-only <sup>(1)</sup>	Hiking-only	Equestrian-only <sup>(4)</sup>
Minimum width (one way)	10 ft.	5 ft.	5 ft.	8 ft.
Minimum width (two way)	12 ft.	8-10 ft.	8-10 ft.	10 ft.
Surface	Hardened, e.g. asphalt <sup>(2)</sup>	Hardened, e.g. asphalt	Hardened	Hard-packed, No paving
Shoulder	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum
Vertical Clearance	12 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.	12 ft.
Cross Slope	2% maximum	2% maximum	2% maximum	2% maximum
Maximum Grade	5%	5%	5%	Maximum limit is erosion control

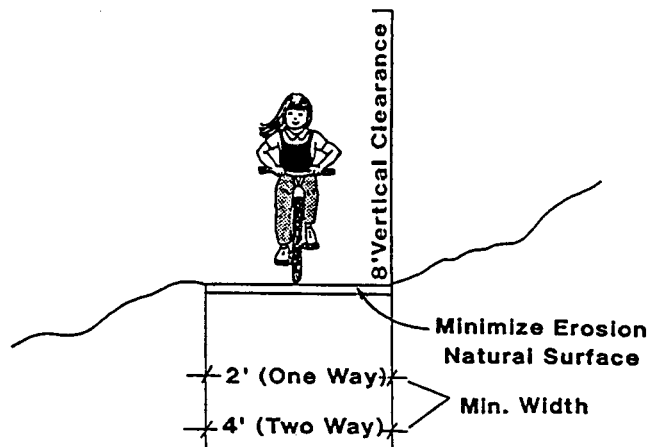
Table 83-24 Low Use and Natural Area Standards				
Item	Bicycle+ Pedestrian <sup>(1)</sup>	Bicycle-only <sup>(1)</sup>	Hiking-only	Equestrian-only <sup>(4)</sup>
Minimum width (one way)	6-8 ft.	2 ft.	2 ft.	6 ft.
Minimum width (two way)	8-10 ft.	2 ft.	4 ft.	8 ft.
Surface	Firm all weather and unobstructed	Minimize erosion	Minimize erosion	Minimize erosion
Shoulder	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum	2 ft. minimum
Vertical Clearance	10 ft.	8 ft.	8 ft.	12 ft.
Cross Slope	3% maximum	3% maximum	3% maximum	3% maximum
Maximum Grade	5%; rest and turning areas every 200 ft. minimum	Maximum limit is erosion control	Maximum limit is erosion control	Maximum limit is erosion control

(1) Standards meet Caltrans Class I Bikeway standards.

- (2) Where equestrian uses occur, an appropriate trail material (e.g., decomposed granite) shall be provided on the equestrian portion of the trail only; the remainder of the trail shall use materials appropriate to its intended use.
- (3) Multiple use trails with both bicyclists and equestrians shall be no narrower than 6 feet. A combined use trail with hiking and bicycling only should be no narrower than 4 feet.
- (4) A maximum of 20% vertical grade or as needed for erosion control, whichever is less. This can be exceeded for short distances (no more than 200').

### LOW USE AND NATURAL AREAS

#### Mountain Bike Only



### URBAN

#### Bicycle Only

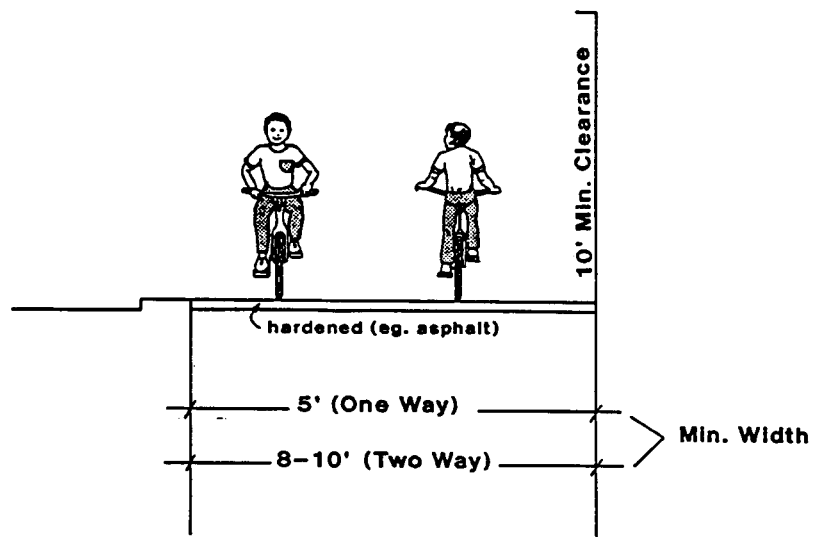
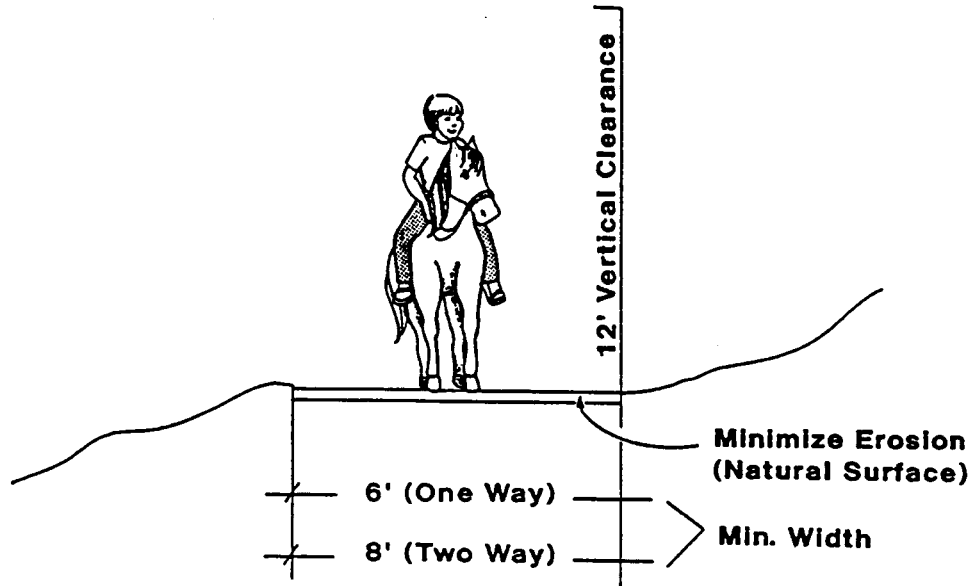
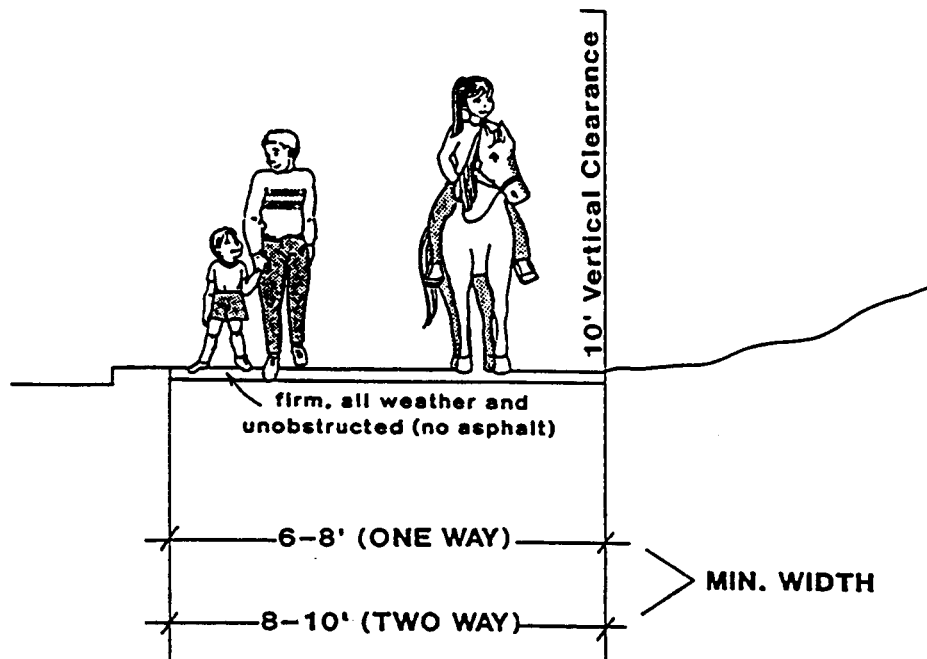


Figure 82-1  
Trails - Low Use and Natural Areas/Urban #1

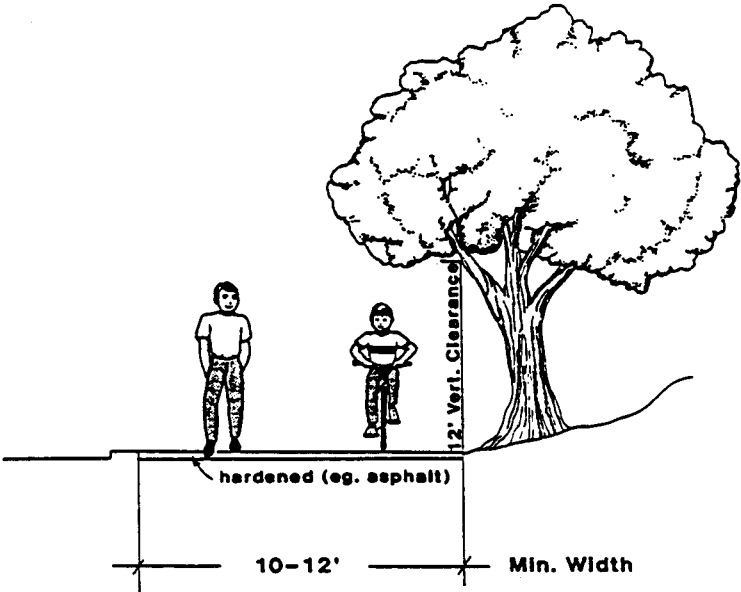
**LOW USE AND NATURAL AREAS****Equestrian Only****Bicycle, Hiking and Equestrian**

**"Low Use"** assumes that all uses will not occur simultaneously  
*(pullouts may be necessary in natural areas of high use)*

**Figure 82-2**  
**Trails - Low Use and Natural Areas**

URBAN

Pedestrian and Bicycle



Bicycle, Hiking and Equestrian Combined in One Easement

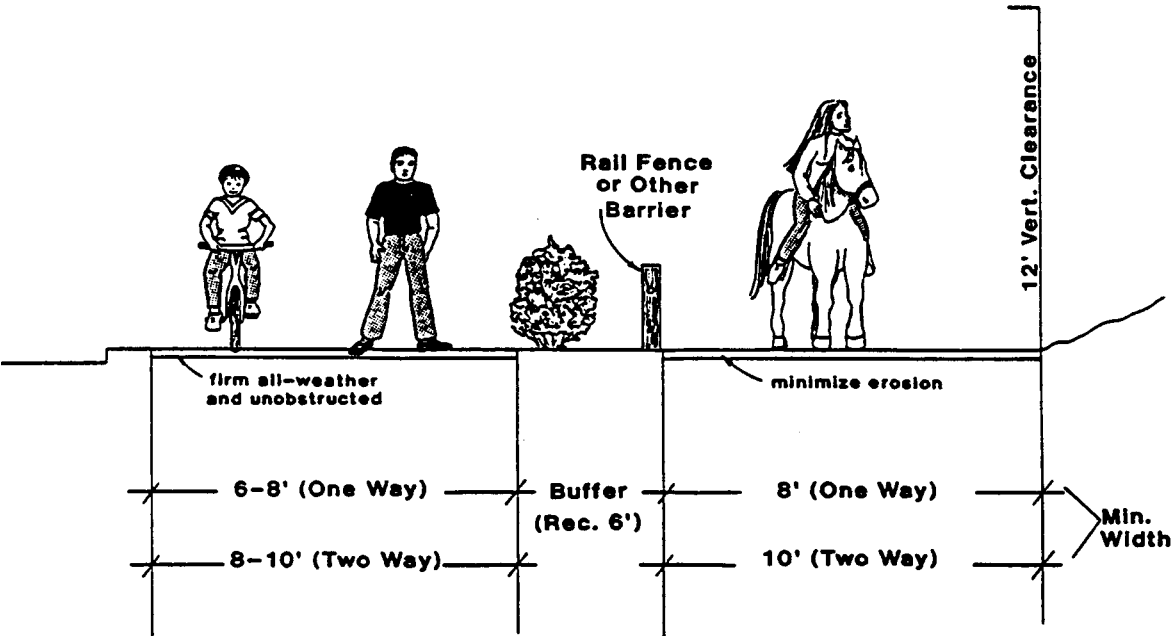
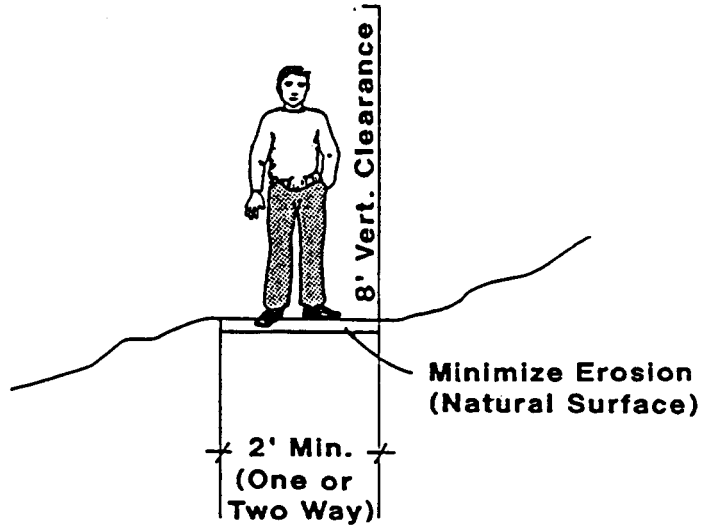


Figure 82-3  
Trails - Urban

## LOW USE AND NATURAL AREAS

### Hiking Only



## URBAN

### Hiking Only

### Equestrian Only

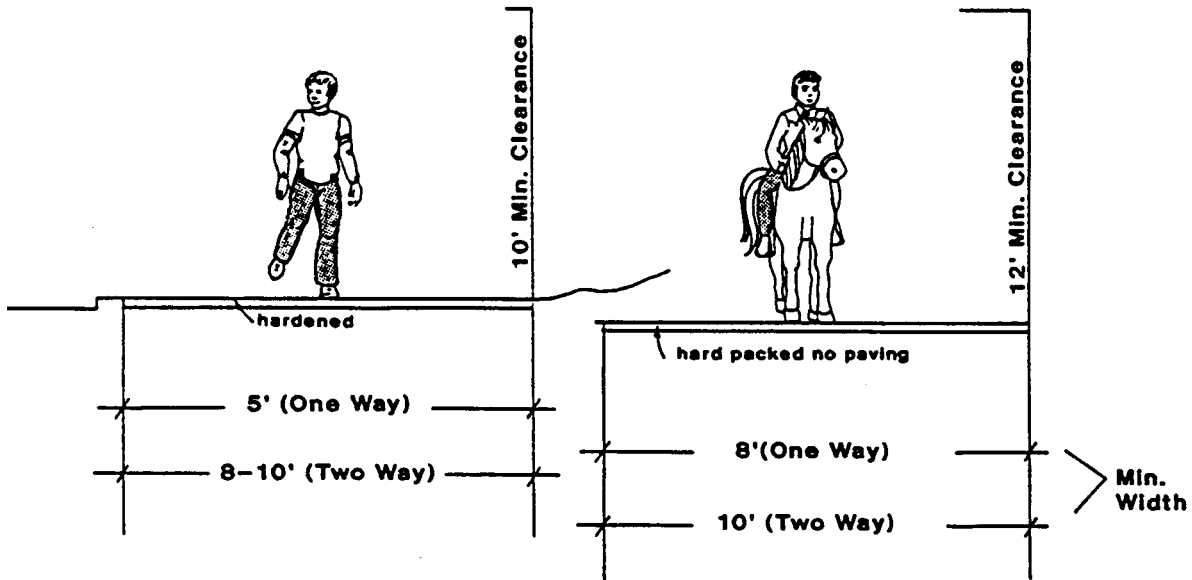


Figure 82-4  
Trails - Low Use and Natural Areas/Urban #2

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.20 PALEONTOLOGIC RESOURCES (PR) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.20.010 Purpose
- 82.20.020 Location Requirements
- 82.20.030 Development Standards
- 82.20.040 Paleontologist Qualifications

### **82.20.010 Purpose**

The Paleontologic Resources (PR) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created in recognition of the following:

- (a) The identification and preservation of significant paleontologic (fossil) resources is necessary as many such resources are unique and non-renewable.
- (b) Preservation of such paleontologic resources provides a greater knowledge of County natural history, thus promoting County identity and conserving scientific amenities for the benefit of future generations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.20.020 Location Requirements**

The Paleontologic Resources (PR) Overlay may be applied to those areas where paleontologic resources are known to occur or are likely to be present. Specific identification of known fossil occurrences or potential paleontologic sensitivity is indicated by listing in the locality files of one or more of the following institutions:

- (a) San Bernardino County Museum;
- (b) University of California; and
- (c) Los Angeles County Museum.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **82.20.030 Criteria for Site Evaluation for Paleontologic Resources**

When a land use is proposed within a PR Overlay, the following criteria shall be used to evaluate the project's compliance with the intent of the overlay.

- (a) **Field survey before grading.** In areas of potential but unknown sensitivity, field surveys before grading shall be required to establish the need for paleontologic monitoring.

- (b) **Monitoring during grading.** A project that requires grading plans and is located in an area of known fossil occurrence within the overlay, or that has been demonstrated to have fossils present in a field survey, shall have all grading monitored by trained paleontologic crews working under the direction of a qualified professional, so that fossils exposed during grading can be recovered and preserved. Paleontologic monitors shall be equipped to salvage fossils as they are unearthed to avoid construction delays, and to remove samples of sediments that are likely to contain the remains of small fossil invertebrates and vertebrates. Monitors shall be empowered to temporarily halt or divert equipment to allow removal of abundant or large specimens. Monitoring is not necessary if the potentially-fossiliferous units described for the property in question are not present, or if present are determined upon exposure and examination by qualified paleontologic personnel to have low potential to contain fossil resources
- (c) **Recovered specimens.** Qualified paleontologic personnel shall prepare recovered specimens to a point of identification and permanent preservation, including washing of sediments to recover small invertebrates and vertebrates. Preparation and stabilization of all recovered fossils is essential in order to fully mitigate adverse impacts to the resources.
- (d) **Identification and curation of specimens.** Qualified paleontologic personnel shall identify and curate specimens into the collections of the Division of Geological Sciences, San Bernardino County Museum, an established, accredited museum repository with permanent retrievable paleontologic storage. These procedures are also essential steps in effective paleontologic mitigation and CEQA compliance. The paleontologist must have a written repository agreement in hand prior to the initiation of mitigation activities. Mitigation of adverse impacts to significant paleontologic resources is not considered complete until curation into an established museum repository has been fully completed and documented.
- (e) **Report of findings.** Qualified paleontologic personnel shall prepare a report of findings with an appended itemized of specimens A preliminary report shall be submitted and approved before granting of building permits, and a final report shall be submitted and approved before granting of occupancy permits. The report and inventory, when submitted to the appropriate Lead Agency along with confirmation of the curation of recovered specimens into the collections of the San Bernardino County Museum, will signify completion of the program to mitigate impacts to paleontologic resources.
- (f) **Mitigation financial limits.** In no event shall the County require the applicant to pay more for mitigation as required by Subsections (b), (c), and (d), above within the site of the project than the following amounts:
- (1) One-half of one percent of the projected cost of the project, if the project is a commercial or industrial project;
  - (2) Three-fourths of one percent of the projected cost of the project for a housing project consisting of one unit; and



- (3) If a housing project consists of more than one unit, three-fourths of one percent of the projected cost of the first unit plus the sum of the following:
  - (A) \$200 per unit for any of the next 99 units;
  - (B) \$150 per unit for any of the next 400 units; and
  - (C) \$100 per unit for units in excess of 500.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.20.040 Paleontologist Qualifications**

Qualified professional paleontologists that are employed to conduct field surveys or monitor grading shall meet the following criteria to qualify to perform work within the County jurisdiction:

- A. Education:** An advanced degree (Masters or higher) in geology, paleontology, biology or related disciplines (exclusive of archaeology).
- B. Professional experience:** At least five years professional experience with paleontologic (not including cultural) resources, including the collection, identification and curation of the resources.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.21 SIGN CONTROL (SC) OVERLAY

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### Sections:

- 82.21.010 Purpose
- 82.21.020 Location Requirements
- 82.21.030 Development Standards

#### **82.21.010 Purpose**

The Sign Control (SC) Overlay established by Sections 82.01.020 (Land Use Plan and Land Use Zoning Districts) and 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to regulate freestanding signs ensure compatibility with the character of the neighborhood.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.21.020 Location Requirements**

The SC Overlay shall be applied where it is determined that the location of large freestanding signs may be detrimental to the character of the neighborhood.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **82.21.030 Development Standards**

No freestanding sign shall exceed 25 feet in height, and the sign face shall not exceed the sign area indicated in the bracketed suffix to the overlay map symbol (e.g. CG-SC[150], shall mean a maximum sign area of 150 square feet.) Where the bracketed suffix includes the letter "p" (e.g. CG-SC [p]) a primary freestanding sign greater than 18 square feet shall be prohibited.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 82.22 SPHERE STANDARDS (SS) OVERLAY

### Sections:

82.22.010	Purpose
82.22.020	Location Requirements
82.22.030	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Adelanto
82.22.040	Development Standards within the Sphere of the Town of Apple Valley
82.22.050	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Barstow
82.22.060	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Big Bear Lake
82.22.070	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Chino
82.22.080	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Colton
82.22.090	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Fontana
82.22.100	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Hesperia
82.22.110	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Highland
82.22.120	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Loma Linda
82.22.130	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Montclair
82.22.140	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Needles
82.22.150	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Rancho Cucamonga
82.22.160	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Redlands
82.22.170	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Rialto
82.22.180	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of San Bernardino
82.22.190	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Twentynine Palms
82.22.200	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Upland
82.22.210	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Victorville
82.22.220	Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Yucaipa

### 82.22.010 Purpose

- (a) **Purpose.** The Sphere Standards (SS) Overlay established by 82.01.030 (Overlays) is created to allow the implementation of County development standards or standards that more closely conform to city development standards within specified spheres of influence areas identified in this Chapter.
- (b) **Intent.** The intent is to ensure that the County's approval of a proposed development in a sphere of influence is consistent with the shared objectives of the County and the applicable city where the County has determined it is appropriate to adopt similar standards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.22.020 Location Requirements**

The Sphere Standards Overlay shall only be applied to the city/town spheres of influence indicated in Table 82-23 (Sphere Standards Overlay) and shall be created upon adoption of an amendment to this Development Code in compliance with Chapter 86.12 (Amendments). **These standards apply only to the unincorporated portions of a city's/town's sphere of influence.**

**Table 82-23  
Sphere Standards Overlays**

Name of City/Town with Sphere of Influence over County lands	Zoning Prefix	Adoption Date of City/Town Sphere Standards	Section Reference (Where sphere standards located in Development Code)
Adelanto	AD	Not adopted	82.22.030
Apple Valley	AV	December 27, 2012	88.22.040
Barstow	BW	Not adopted	88.22.050
Big Bear Lake	BB	Not adopted	88.22.060
Chino	CC	Not adopted	88.22.070
Colton	CL	Not adopted	88.22.080
Fontana	FT	May 8, 2007	88.22.090
Hesperia	HP	Not adopted	88.22.100
Highland	HD	Not adopted	88.22.110
Loma Linda	LL	Not adopted	88.22.120
Montclair	MC	Not adopted	88.22.130
Needles	ND	Not adopted	88.22.140
Rancho Cucamonga	RC	Not adopted	88.22.150
Redlands	RD	Not adopted	88.22.160
Rialto	RT	Not adopted	88.22.170
San Bernardino	SB	Not adopted	88.22.180
Twentynine Palms	TP	Not adopted	88.22.190
Upland	UP	Not adopted	88.22.200
Victorville	VV	Not adopted	88.22.210
Yucaipa	YU	Not adopted	88.22.220

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4020 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)**

**82.22.030 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Adelanto**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.040 Development Standards within the Sphere of the Town of Apple Valley**

- (a) **General Provisions.** The provisions contained in this section are only those provisions that are different from countywide provisions and unique to the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence.

- (b) **Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts -- Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-4 of Chapter 82.04, except for the unique uses noted below:

**Table 82-24**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**  
**within the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	AV/RC	AV/AG	AV/FW	
AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE & OPEN SPACE USES				
Community garden	A	A	A	
Nursery (Wholesale)	M/C	M/C	M/C	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY				
Desert botanical garden	MUP	MUP	—	
Historical landmarks and structures	A	A	A	
Zoos	CUP	CUP	—	

#### KEY

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

- (c) **Residential Land Use Zoning Districts -- Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.**  
As outlined in Table 82-7 of Chapter 82.04, except for the unique uses noted below:

**Table 82-25**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**  
**within the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT		Specific Use Regulations
	AV/RL	AV/RS	
AGRICULTURAL, RESOURCE & OPEN SPACE USES			
Agricultural accessory structure (non-habitable) – 1,000 sf max.	A	A	
Agricultural accessory structure (non-habitable) – up to 10,000 sf max. on 5 ac. or less	A	—	
Agricultural accessory structure (non-habitable) – greater than 10,000 sf on 5 ac. or less	M/C	—	
Community garden	A	A	
Nursery (Wholesale)	M/C	—	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY			
Historical landmarks and structures	A	A	
RESIDENTIAL USES			
Fitness/health facility	CUP	—	

**KEY**

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed



- (d) **Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts -- Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.**  
As outlined in Table 82-11 of Chapter 82.05, except for the unique uses noted below.

**Table 82-26**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements for Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts**  
**within the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	AV/CR	AV/CN	AV/CG	
INDUSTRY, MANUFACTURING & PROCESSING, WHOLESALING				
Storage - Personal storage (mini-storage)	M/C	—	CUP	
Storage - Recreational vehicles	CUP	—	CUP	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY				
Historical landmarks and structures	A	A	A	
School - Specialized education/training	M/C	M/C	M/C	
RETAIL				
Construction and heavy equipment sales and rental	M/C	—	CUP	
Nurseries (Retail)	M/C	—	M/C	
SERVICES - GENERAL				
Crematorium	CUP	—	CUP	
Mortuary services	CUP	—	CUP	
Repair Services – non-automotive	MUP	MUP	MUP	
Social Care Facility - 7 or more clients	—	—	—	

### KEY

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
		—	Use not allowed

- (e) **Industrial and Special Use Land Use Zoning Districts -- Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-17 of Chapter 82.05, except for the unique uses noted below.

**Table 82-27**  
**Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements**  
**for Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts**  
**within the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence**

LAND USE <i>See Division 10 (Definitions) for land use definitions</i>	PERMIT REQUIRED BY DISTRICT			Specific Use Regulations
	AV/IC	AV/IR	AV/SD-PD	
RECREATION, EDUCATION & PUBLIC ASSEMBLY				
Historical landmarks and structures	A	A	A	
RETAIL				
Building and landscape materials sales - Indoor	M/C	M/C	—	
Building and landscape materials sales - Outdoor	M/C	M/C	—	
SERVICES – BUSINESS, FINANCIAL, PROFESSIONAL				
Office - Government	M/C	M/C	M/C	
SERVICES - GENERAL				
Lodging – Hotel or motel – 20 or fewer guest rooms	CUP	CUP	M/C	
Lodging – Hotel or motel – More than 20 guest rooms	CUP	CUP	M/C	

#### KEY

A	Allowed use (no planning permit required)	PD	Planned Development Permit required (Chapter 85.10)
P	Permitted Use; Site Plan Permit required (Chapter 85.08)	SUP	Special Use Permit required (Chapter 85.14)
M/C	Minor Use Permit required; unless a Conditional Use Permit required in compliance with Section 85.06.050 (Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit)	S	Permit requirement set by Specific Use Regulations (Division 4)
		TSP	Temporary Special Events Permit required (Chapter 85.16)
CUP	Conditional Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	TUP	Temporary Use Permit required (Chapter 85.15)
MUP	Minor Use Permit required (Chapter 85.06)	—	Use not allowed

- (f) **Single-Family Residential Dwellings.** The exception to the ten-year standard outlined in Subsection 84.21.030(i) [Certification tag or label required] shall not be allowed. Therefore, in the Apple Valley Sphere of Influence, a permit from the Building and Safety Division for the installation of a manufactured home not within an approved and properly licensed mobile home park shall not be issued, if more than ten years have elapsed between the date of manufacture and the date of the application for the issuance of the permit to install such manufactured home.

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

### 82.22.050 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Barstow

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.060 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Big Bear Lake**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.070 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Chino**

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.080 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Colton**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.090 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Fontana**

**Fontana Sphere of Influence:** The density within the **FT/RM (Fontana/Multiple Residential)** Land Use Zoning District shall be up to 24 units per acre depending on the design of the project and the amenities provided. The density of 24 units per acre shall be allowed if the Total Amenity Points as outlined in Section 84.16.050 (Common Amenities and Facilities) is 12 points or greater and all other required design standards of Chapter 84.16 (Multi-Family Residential Development Standards) are met.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4020 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)****82.22.100 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Hesperia**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.110 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Highland**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.120 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Loma Linda**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.130 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Montclair**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

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Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

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Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

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Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.170 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Rialto**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.180 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of San Bernardino**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.190 Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Twentynine Palms**

(Reserved)

Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.200      Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Upland**

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Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.210      Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Victorville**

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Adopted Ordinance 4189 (2012)

**82.22.220      Development Standards within the Sphere of the City of Yucaipa**

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## CHAPTER 82.23 COMMUNITY PLANS, SPECIFIC PLANS AND AREA PLANS

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### Sections:

- 82.23.010 Purpose
- 82.23.020 Location Requirements

### 82.23.010 Purpose

- (a) **Purpose.** Specific Plans, Community Plans and Area Plans may be established to allow the implementation of special development standards for specified areas.
- (b) **Intent.** The intent is to ensure that the County's approval of a proposed development in these specified areas is consistent with the standards as adopted for specific areas.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 82.23.020 Adopted Community Plans

- (a) **Available for review.** All adopted Community Plans are available for review at the Department and are posted on the Department web page ([www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices)).
- (b) **Adopted plans.** The following symbols appear as a prefix on the land use zoning district maps to identify the various community plan areas that have been adopted by the Board:

#### (1) Valley Community Plans:

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|-----------------|----|
| (A) Bloomington | BL |
| (B) Muscoy      | MS |

#### (2) Mountain Community Plans:

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|------------------|----|
| (A) Bear Valley  | BV |
| (B) Crest Forest | CF |
| (C) Hilltop      | HT |

(D) Lake Arrowhead	LA
(E) Lytle Creek	LC
(F) Oak Glen	OG

**(3) Desert Community Plans:**

(A) Homestead Valley	HV
(B) Joshua Tree	JT
(C) Lucerne Valley	LV
(D) Morongo Valley	MV
(E) Oak Hills	OH
(F) Phelan/Pinon Hills	PH

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**82.23.030 Adopted Specific Plans**

- (a) **Available for review.** Specific plans are adopted by the Board and shall be shown on the appropriate land use zoning district map with a Specific Plan (SP) Land Use Zoning District designation. All adopted Specific Plans are available for review at the Department and are posted on the Department web page ([www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices)).
- (b) **Adopted plans.** The following symbols appear as a prefix on the land use zoning district maps to identify the various specific plan areas that have been adopted by the Board:

(1) Agua Mansa Industrial Corridor Specific Plan	AM
(2) Glen Helen Specific Plan	GH
(3) Kaiser Commerce Center Specific Plan	KC

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



**82.23.040      Adopted Area Plans**

- (a) **Available for review.** All adopted Areas Plans are available for review at the Department and are posted on the Department web page ([www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices](http://www.sbcounty.gov/landuseservices)).
- (b) **Adopted plans.** The following symbols appear as a prefix on the land use zoning district maps to identify the area plan that has been adopted by the Board:

East Valley Area Plan (EV)

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## **CHAPTER 82.24      BEAR VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.25      BLOOMINGTON COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.26      CREST FOREST COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.27 HILLTOP COMMUNITY PLAN**

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## **CHAPTER 82.28      HOMESTEAD VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.29      JOSHUA TREE COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.30      LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.31      LUCERNE VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.32      LYTLE CREEK COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.33 MORONGO VALLEY COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.34      MUSCOY COMMUNITY PLAN**

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## **CHAPTER 82.35      OAK GLEN COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 82.36 OAK HILLS COMMUNITY PLAN**

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- 82.36.020 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.36.030 Residential Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.36.040 Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts
- 82.36.050 Industrial and Special Use Land Use Zoning Districts

**82.36.010 General Provisions**

Development standards, procedural regulations and other provisions of this Title shall apply to all projects within the Oak Hills Community Plan area except as noted in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4204 (2013)

**82.36.020 Agricultural and Resource Management Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) **Minimum Area Designation:** As outlined in Table 82-3 of Chapter 82.03.
- (b) **Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-4 of Chapter 82.03.
- (c) **Subdivision Standards.** As outlined in Subsection Table 82-4C of Chapter 82.03, except as noted below:
  - (1) **Oak Hills/Resource Conservation (OH/RC) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Minimum Width:** 150 feet.
    - (B) **Minimum Depth:** 150 feet.
  - (2) **Oak Hills/Floodway (OH/FW) Land Use Zoning District.** The provisions of Section 82.03.070 plus the following additional provisions shall apply to all development within the OH/FW Land Use Zoning District:
    - (A) **Site Design.** The natural drainage courses should not be occupied or obstructed and should be left in their natural state as much as possible. Hard lined concrete facilities are discouraged; however rock slope protection may be used for erosion control.
    - (B) **Road Crossings.** Road crossings shall be designed to have minimal impact on the natural drainage courses.

- (C) **Boundaries.** Where it has been demonstrated in a detailed drainage report that land within the Floodway Land Use District should not be restricted by the limitations of the Floodway designation, the boundary between the Floodway and the adjacent land use district shall be interpreted to be consistent with such report.

- (d) **Development Standards.** As outlined in Table 82-5C of Chapter 82.03.

Adopted Ordinance 4204 (2013)

### **82.36.030 Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) **Minimum Area Designation.** As outlined in Table 82-6 of Chapter 82.04.
- (b) **Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-7 of Chapter 82.04.
- (c) **Subdivision Standards.** As outlined in Subsection Table 82-8C of Chapter 82.04, except as noted below for the Oak Hills/Single Residential (OH/RS) Land Use Zoning District:
- (1) **Minimum Lot Size.** The minimum lot size shall be 7,200 square feet. Within areas that contain significant environmental or topographic constraints, clustering of residential uses may be encouraged to preserve natural resources and mitigate environmental impacts. Maximum permitted density will be determined through the development review process, based upon environmental and infrastructure conditions.
  - (2) **Minimum Width:** 100 feet for subdivisions with parcels greater than or equal to one acre and 60 feet for subdivisions with parcels less than one acre.
  - (3) **Minimum Depth:** 100 feet for subdivisions with parcels or any size.
- (d) **Development Standards.** As outlined in Table 82-9C of Chapter 82.04, except as noted below:
- (1) **Oak Hills/Rural Living (OH/RL) Land Use Zoning District.** Side – Interior Setbacks: 15 feet.
  - (2) **Oak Hills/Single Residential (OH/RS) Land Use Zoning District.** Maximum coverage: 40%.

Adopted Ordinance 4204 (2013)

**82.36.040 Commercial Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) **Minimum Area Designation:** As outlined in Table 82-10 of Chapter 82.05, except the minimum area for the Oak Hills/Neighborhood Commercial (OH/CN) Land Use Zoning District designation shall be 2.5 acres.
- (b) **Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-11 of Chapter 82.05.
- (c) **Subdivision Standards.** As outlined in Subsection Table 82-12C of Chapter 82.05, except as noted below:
  - (1) **Oak Hills/Neighborhood Commercial (OH/CN) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Minimum Lot Size:** 2.5 acres. Minimum lot size can be less than two and one-half (2.5) acres if the subdivision application is filed concurrently with a Planned Development, Conditional Use Permit, or Department Review application.
    - (B) **Minimum Width:** 300 feet.
    - (C) **Minimum Depth:** 300 feet.
    - (D) **Site Design.** Site design should incorporate effective internal circulation for both vehicular and pedestrian traffic, as well as buffering if adjacent to residential uses.
  - (2) **Oak Hills/General Commercial (OH/CG) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Minimum Width:** 300 feet.
    - (B) **Minimum Depth:** 300 feet.
    - (C) **Site Design.** Site design within general commercial use areas should include effective internal circulation, designed to minimize traffic impacts on adjacent arterial streets.
    - (D) **Regional Commercial Uses.** Regional commercial uses should have access from major highways or arterials, and be of a size and configuration to facilitate development of businesses attracting consumers from a regional market area. Minimum site area for a development project within a regional commercial area should be ten acres.
- (d) **Development Standards.** As outlined in Tables 82-15A and 84-15B of Chapter 82.05, except as noted below:

**(1) Oak Hills/Neighborhood Commercial (OH/CN) Land Use Zoning District.**

- (A) Maximum lot coverage:** 40%.
- (B) Side - Street Side Setback:** 15 feet.
- (C) Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** Maximum FAR (floor area/lot area): 0.47.

**(2) Oak Hills/General Commercial (OH/CG) Land Use Zoning District.**

- (A) Maximum lot coverage:** 60%.
- (B) Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** Maximum FAR (floor area/lot area): 1.20.

Adopted Ordinance 4204 (2013)

**82.36.050 Industrial and Special Purpose Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) Minimum Area Designation:** As outlined in Table 82-16 of Chapter 82.06, except the minimum area for the Oak Hills/Special Development (OH/SD) Land Use Zoning District designation shall be ten acres.
- (b) Allowed Uses and Permit Requirements.** As outlined in Table 82-17 of Chapter 82.06. The allowed uses for the Special Development (SD) Land Use Zoning District shall be as outlined under Special Development-Residential (SD-RES).
- (c) Subdivision Standards.** As outlined in Subsection Table 82-18C of Chapter 82.06, except as noted below:

**(1) Oak Hills/Community Industrial (OH/IC) Land Use Zoning District.**

- (A) Minimum Width:** 150 feet.
- (B) Minimum Depth:** 200 feet.
- (C) Site Design.** Where possible, industrial areas should be separated from residential areas by natural or manmade barriers, such as drainage courses, utility easements, railroad tracks, or major arterials. Adequate land use and design buffers to mitigate impacts of truck traffic, noise, emissions, and other potential land use conflicts, must be addressed through the design review process.

**(2) Oak Hills/Institutional (OH/IN) Land Use Zoning District.**

- (A) **Maximum Width to Depth Ratio:** 1:4.
- (B) **Site Design.** The boundaries of the Institutional Land Use District are intended to match the rights-of-way or easements for public utilities and interstate transportation corridors within the community plan area.
- (3) **Oak Hills/Special Development (OH/SD) Land Use Zoning District.**
  - (A) **Minimum Lot Area:** 10 acres.
  - (B) **Minimum Width:** 400 feet.
  - (C) **Minimum Depth:** 400 feet.
- (d) **Development Standards.** As outlined in Tables 82-21A and 81-21B of Chapter 82.06, except as noted below:
  - (1) **Oak Hills/Community Industrial (OH/IC) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Side - Street Side Setback:** 15 feet.
    - (B) **Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** Maximum FAR (floor area/lot area): 0.97.
    - (C) **Maximum lot coverage:** 70%.
  - (2) **Oak Hills/Institutional (OH/IN) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Front Setback:** 15 feet.
    - (B) **Side - Street Side Setback:** 15 feet.
    - (C) **Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** Maximum FAR (floor area/lot area): 1.20.
    - (D) **Maximum lot coverage:** 70%.
  - (3) **Oak Hills/Special Development (OH/SD) Land Use Zoning District.**
    - (A) **Front Setback:** 15 feet.
    - (B) **Side - Street Side Setback:** 15 feet.
    - (C) **Side - Interior Yard Setback.** Only one side yard is required to provide for emergency access. If the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial, a side yard shall be required along that side of the property.

(D) **Rear Yard Setback.** A rear yard is required only when the adjacent property is not designated commercial or industrial.

(E) **Floor Area Ratio (FAR):** Maximum FAR (floor area/lot area): 1.20.

(F) **Maximum Structure Height:** 50 feet.

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**CHAPTER 82.37      PHELAN/PINON HILLS COMMUNITY PLAN**

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**CHAPTER 83.01 GENERAL PERFORMANCE STANDARDS**

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**83.01.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish uniform performance standards for development within the County that promotes compatibility with surrounding areas and land uses.

Performance standards are designed to mitigate the environmental impacts of existing and proposed land uses within a community. Environmental impacts include air quality, glare, heat, noise, runoff control, and waste disposal. These general performance standards are intended to protect the health and safety of businesses, nearby residents, and workers and to prevent damaging effects to surrounding properties.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.01.020 Applicability**

- (a) **New and existing uses in all land use zoning districts.** The provisions of this Chapter apply to all new and existing uses in all land use zoning districts. The standards of this Chapter elaborate upon and otherwise augment the development standards specified for individual land use zoning districts in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and in Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities).
- (b) **Compliance of alterations or modifications.** Uses of the land that existed on the effective date of this Division shall not be altered or modified so as to conflict with, or further conflict with, these standards.

- (c) **Evidence of compliance with standards.** If requested by the Director or the Review Authority, applicants shall provide evidence to the Director that the proposed development is in compliance with the standards in this Division and other applicable standards in this Development Code before the issuance of a Building Permit or business license.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.01.030      Modification of Standards**

- (a) **Modification by specific reference.** The provisions of this Division shall prevail should they conflict with the provisions of a land use zoning district or specific plan, unless the land use zoning district or plan standard specifically overrides or modifies the provisions of this Division by specific reference.
- (b) **Modification by establishment of overlay or approval of planned development or variance.** An overlay, approved Planned Development, or approved Variance may modify the provisions of this Division.

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#### **83.01.040      Air Quality**

- (a) **Equipment permit and inspection requirements.** Required permits shall be obtained from either the Mojave Air Pollution Management District or the South Coast Air Quality Management District depending on the location of the subject property and equipment for equipment that may cause air pollution. Before the equipment may be constructed, plans and specifications shall be submitted to the appropriate District for approval
- (b) **Permits from Air Quality Management Districts.** Permits shall be obtained from either the Mojave Air Pollution Management District or the South Coast Air Quality Management District depending on the location of the subject property and equipment. If requested by the Director, uses, activities, or processes that require Air Quality Management District approval to operate shall file a copy of the permit with the Department within 30 days of its approval.
- (c) **Diesel Exhaust Emissions Control Measures.** The following emissions control measures shall apply to all discretionary land use projects approved by the County on or after January 15, 2009:
  - (1) **On-Road Diesel Vehicles.** On-road diesel vehicles are regulated by the State of California Air Resources Board.
  - (2) **Off-Road Diesel Vehicle/Equipment Operations.** All business establishments and contractors that use off-road diesel vehicle/equipment as part of their normal business operations shall adhere to the following measures during their



operations in order to reduce diesel particulate matter emissions from diesel-fueled engines:

- (A) Off-road vehicles/equipment shall not be left idling on site for periods in excess of five minutes. The idling limit does not apply to:
  - (I) idling when queuing,
  - (II) idling to verify that the vehicle is in safe operating condition,
  - (III) idling for testing, servicing, repairing or diagnostic purposes,
  - (IV) idling necessary to accomplish work for which the vehicle was designed (such as operating a crane),
  - (V) idling required to bring the machine system to operating temperature, and
  - (VI) idling necessary to ensure safe operation of the vehicle.
- (B) Use reformulated ultra low-sulfur diesel fuel in equipment and use equipment certified by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) or that pre-dates EPA regulations.
- (C) Maintain engines in good working order to reduce emissions.
- (D) Signs shall be posted requiring vehicle drivers to turn off engines when parked.
- (E) Any requirements or standards subsequently adopted by the South Coast Air Quality Management District, the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District or the California Air Resources Board.
- (F) Provide temporary traffic control during all phases of construction.
- (G) Onsite electrical power connections shall be provided for electric construction tools to eliminate the need for diesel-powered electric generators, where feasible.
- (H) Maintain construction equipment engines in good working order to reduce emissions. The developer shall have each contractor certify that all construction equipment is properly serviced and maintained in good operating condition.
- (I) Contractors shall use ultra low sulfur diesel fuel for stationary construction equipment as required by Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Rules 431.1 and 431.2 to reduce the release of undesirable emissions.

- (J) Substitute electric and gasoline-powered equipment for diesel-powered equipment, where feasible.
- (3) **Project Design.** Distribution centers, warehouses, truck stops and other facilities with loading docks where diesel trucks may reside overnight or for periods in excess of three hours shall be designed to enable any vehicle using these facilities to utilize on-site electrical connections to power the heating and air conditioning of the cabs of such trucks, and any refrigeration unit(s) of any trailer being pulled by the trucks, instead of operating the diesel engines and diesel refrigeration units of such trucks and trailers for these purposes. This requirement shall also apply to Recreational Vehicle Parks (as defined in Section 810.01.200(k) of this title) and other development projects where diesel engines may reasonably be expected to operate on other than an occasional basis.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4065 (2008)

#### **83.01.050 Electrical Disturbances**

No activity, land use, or process shall cause electrical disturbance that adversely affects persons or the operation of equipment across lot lines and that does not conform to the regulations of the Federal Communications Commission. Existing or proposed uses that generate electrical disturbances that are to be considered hazardous or a public nuisance shall be contained, modified, or shielded to prevent disturbances.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.01.060 Fire Hazards**

This Section establishes standards for storage of solid materials susceptible to fire hazards and flammable liquids and gases where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

- (a) **Combustible solids.** Land uses that include the storage of solid materials susceptible to fire hazards shall be subject to the following storage standards in the indicated land use zoning districts.
- (1) **Regional Industrial (IR) land use zoning district.**
- (A) **Inside storage.** A structure utilized for the storage, manufacture, or use of flammable solid materials shall be located no less than 40 feet from any lot line and any other on-site structures or shall adhere to standards specified in Subsection 2, below.
- (B) **Outdoor storage.** Outdoor storage of flammable solid materials shall be no less than 50 feet from any lot line and any other on-site structures.
- (2) **All other manufacturing or industrial uses legally established within any other land use zoning district.** The storage, manufacture, or use of highly flammable solid materials shall take place in enclosed spaces having fire resistance of no less than two hours and protected with an automatic fire extinguishing system.
- (b) **Flammable liquids and gases.** Land uses that involve the storage of flammable liquids and gases shall be subject to the following standards when established within the land use zoning districts indicated.
- (1) **Setbacks.** County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials) shall establish setback requirements for flammable liquids and gases.
- (2) **Storage capacity.** The total storage capacity of flammable liquids and gases on a parcel shall not exceed the quantities indicated in Table 83-1 (Storage Standards for Flammable Liquids and Gases).

Table 83-1 Storage Standards for Flammable Liquids and Gases		
Stored Substance	Land Use Zoning District	Maximum Capacity
<i>SCF = Standard cubic feet at 60° F and 29.92" Hg (i.e., mercury)</i>		
Liquids	Regional Industrial District (IR)	120,000 gallons
	All other manufacturing or industrial uses legally established within any other land use zoning district	60,000 gallons

<b>Table 83-1</b> <b>Storage Standards for Flammable Liquids and Gases</b>		
Stored Substance	Land Use Zoning District	Maximum Capacity
<i>SCF = Standard cubic feet at 60° F and 29.92" Hg (i.e., mercury)</i>		
Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)	All manufacturing or industrial uses established in any land zoning use district	Per County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials)
	All commercial uses legally established in any land use zoning district	15,000 gal/tank 20,000 gallons maximum aggregate total
	All agricultural uses legally established in any land use zoning district and aggregate total	15,000 gal/tank and aggregate total
Gases other than liquefied petroleum gas	Regional Industrial District (IR)	300,000 SCF above ground 600,000 SCF below ground
	All other manufacturing or industrial uses legally established within any other land use zoning district	150,000 SCF above ground 300,000 SCF below ground

(c) **Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).**

(1) **General requirements**

(A) **Agricultural, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing uses and land use zoning districts.** Liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) storage and distribution facilities for agricultural, commercial, industrial, or manufacturing uses shall be allowed subject to a Use Permit in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). The location, installation, operation, and maintenance of LPG storage and distribution facilities shall be subject to:

(I) The standards in this Subsection.

(II) The conditions, requirements, and standards imposed by the Review Authority in compliance with this Chapter.

(B) **Residential uses and land use zoning districts.** County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials) shall establish standards for residential uses and residential land use zoning districts for LPG storage.

(C) **Conflict between land use district and Use Permit requirements.** In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this Subsection 83.01.060(c) (Liquefied Petroleum Gas [LPG]) and the provisions of a land use zoning

district, including the requirement for Use Permit, the provisions of this Section shall prevail and control.

**(2) Fire protection requirements for all parcels.**

- (A) Setbacks for LPG storage and distribution facilities from structures and property lines shall be those specified by County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).
- (B) LPG storage tanks shall be centrally located on the parcel to the satisfaction of the Fire Department.

**(3) Additional fire protection requirements for specific types of parcels.** For parcels that have no more than one occupied structure less than 5,000 square feet in size and where the water system provides substandard flows per International Standards Organization (ISO) standards for structure protection, additional fire protection requirements shall be as follows:

- (A) **Where parcel size is 10 acres or more:** Fire flow shall be calculated for exposures only in compliance with County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).

**(B) Where parcel size is at least five acres but less than 10 acres:**

- (I) A one hour approved protective coating shall be applied to the LPG storage tank.
- (II) Fire flow shall be calculated for exposures only, in compliance with County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).

**(C) Where parcel size is at least two and one-half acres, but less than five acres:**

- (I) A two hour approved protective coating shall be applied to the tank.
- (II) Fire flow shall be calculated for exposures only, in compliance with County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).

**(4) Additional fire protection requirements for any parcel with adequate fire flow available per ISO Standards:**

- (A) Fire hydrant(s) shall serve the parcel in compliance with County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).
- (B) Fire flow shall provide for exposure protection (ISO Calculation) and LPG storage tank protection/suppression.

- (I) Sprinklers shall use calculations, as adopted by County Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).
- (II) Hose lines shall use the formula: *GPM = 5 times the square root of the tank capacity.*
- (C) Additional protection.
  - (I) Where the Fire Chief determines that water can be applied to the tank or exposures by the Fire Department in required amounts in eight minutes or less, no additional protection shall be required.
  - (II) Where the Fire Chief determines that water cannot be applied to the tank or exposures by the Fire Department in required amounts in eight minutes or less, one of the following protection measures shall be required:
    - (i) One hour approved protective coating shall be applied to the LPG storage tank; or
    - (ii) A fixed spray water system shall be installed as approved by the Fire Department.
- (5) **Additional fire protection requirements for any parcel not included in either Subsections (C)(III) or (C)(IV), above:**
  - (A) Either a one-hour or more protective coating shall be applied to the LPG storage tank, as required by the Fire Department, or a fixed spray water system shall be installed instead of coating the tank.
  - (B) Fire flow shall be calculated for exposure only, in compliance with the San Bernardino Code Title 2, Division 3 (Fire Protection and Explosives and Hazardous Materials).

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#### **83.01.070 Heat**

Land uses in industrial districts shall not emit heat that would cause a temperature increase on any adjacent property in excess of 10 degrees Fahrenheit, whether the change is in the air, on the ground, or in a structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.01.080 Noise**

This Section establishes standards concerning acceptable noise levels for both noise-sensitive land uses and for noise-generating land uses.

**(a) Noise measurement.** Noise shall be measured:

- (1) At the property line of the nearest site that is occupied by, and/or zoned or designated to allow the development of noise-sensitive land uses;
- (2) With a sound level meter that meets the standards of the American National Standards Institute (ANSI Section SI4 1979, Type 1 or Type 2);
- (3) Using the "A" weighted sound pressure level scale in decibels (ref. pressure = 20 micronewtons per meter squared). The unit of measure shall be designated as dB(A).

**(b) Noise impacted areas.** Areas within the County shall be designated as “noise-impacted” if exposed to existing or projected future exterior noise levels from mobile or stationary sources exceeding the standards listed in Subsection (d) (Noise standards for stationary noise sources) and Subsection (e) (Noise standards for adjacent mobile noise sources), below. New development of residential or other noise-sensitive land uses shall not be allowed in noise-impacted areas unless effective mitigation measures are incorporated into the project design to reduce noise levels to these standards. Noise-sensitive land uses shall include residential uses, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, religious institutions, libraries, and similar uses.

**(c) Noise standards for stationary noise sources.**

- (1) **Noise standards.** Table 83-2 (Noise Standards for Stationary Noise Sources) describes the noise standard for emanations from a stationary noise source, as it affects adjacent properties:

**Table 83-2**  
**Noise Standards for Stationary Noise Sources**

Affected Land Uses (Receiving Noise)	7 am-10 pm Leq	10 pm-7 am Leq
Residential	55 dB(A)	45 dB(A)
Professional Services	55 dB(A)	55 dB(A)
Other Commercial	60 dB(A)	60 dB(A)
Industrial	70 dB(A)	70 dB(A)

Leq = (Equivalent Energy Level). The sound level corresponding to a steady-state sound level containing the same total energy as a time-varying signal over a given sample period, typically 1, 8 or 24 hours.

dB(A) = (A-weighted Sound Pressure Level). The sound pressure level, in decibels, as measured on a sound level meter using the A-weighting filter network. The A-weighting filter de-emphasizes the very low and very high frequency components of the sound, placing greater emphasis on those frequencies within the sensitivity range of the human ear.

Ldn = (Day-Night Noise Level). The average equivalent A-weighted sound level during a 24-hour day obtained by adding 10 decibels to the hourly noise levels measured during the night (from 10 pm to 7 am). In this way Ldn takes into account the lower tolerance of people for noise during nighttime periods.

- (2) **Noise limit categories.** No person shall operate or cause to be operated a source of sound at a location or allow the creation of noise on property owned, leased, occupied, or otherwise controlled by the person, which causes the noise level, when measured on another property, either incorporated or unincorporated, to exceed any one of the following:
- (A) The noise standard for the receiving land use as specified in Subsection B (Noise-impacted areas), above, for a cumulative period of more than 30 minutes in any hour.
  - (B) The noise standard plus 5 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than 15 minutes in any hour.
  - (C) The noise standard plus 10 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than five minutes in any hour.
  - (D) The noise standard plus 15 dB(A) for a cumulative period of more than one minute in any hour.
  - (E) The noise standard plus 20 dB(A) for any period of time.
- (d) **Noise standards for adjacent mobile noise sources.** Noise from mobile sources may affect adjacent properties adversely. When it does, the noise shall be mitigated for any new development to a level that shall not exceed the standards described in the following Table 83-3 (Noise Standards for Adjacent Mobile Noise Sources).



<b>Table 83-3</b> <b>Noise Standards for Adjacent Mobile Noise Sources</b>			
Land Use		Ldn (or CNEL) dB(A)	
Categories	Uses	Interior <sup>(1)</sup>	Exterior <sup>(2)</sup>
Residential	Single and multi-family, duplex, mobile homes	45	60 <sup>(3)</sup>
Commercial	Hotel, motel, transient housing	45	60 <sup>(3)</sup>
	Commercial retail, bank, restaurant	50	N/A
	Office building, research and development, professional offices	45	65
	Amphitheater, concert hall, auditorium, movie theater	45	N/A
Institutional/Public	Hospital, nursing home, school classroom, religious institution, library	45	65
Open Space	Park	N/A	65
Notes: (1) The indoor environment shall exclude bathrooms, kitchens, toilets, closets and corridors. (2) The outdoor environment shall be limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospital/office building patios</li> <li>• Hotel and motel recreation areas</li> <li>• Mobile home parks</li> <li>• Multi-family private patios or balconies</li> <li>• Park picnic areas</li> <li>• Private yard of single-family dwellings</li> <li>• School playgrounds</li> </ul> (3) An exterior noise level of up to 65 dB(A) (or CNEL) shall be allowed provided exterior noise levels have been substantially mitigated through a reasonable application of the best available noise reduction technology, and interior noise exposure does not exceed 45 dB(A) (or CNEL) with windows and doors closed. Requiring that windows and doors remain closed to achieve an acceptable interior noise level shall necessitate the use of air conditioning or mechanical ventilation.			
CNEL = (Community Noise Equivalent Level). The average equivalent A-weighted sound level during a 24-hour day, obtained after addition of approximately five decibels to sound levels in the evening from 7 p.m. to 10 a.m. and 10 decibels to sound levels in the night before 7 a.m. and after 10 p.m.			

- (e) **Increases in allowable noise levels.** If the measured ambient level exceeds any of the first four noise limit categories in Subsection (d)(2), above, the allowable noise exposure standard shall be increased to reflect the ambient noise level. If the ambient noise level exceeds the fifth noise limit category in Subsection (d)(2), above, the maximum allowable noise level under this category shall be increased to reflect the maximum ambient noise level.
- (f) **Reductions in allowable noise levels.** If the alleged offense consists entirely of impact noise or simple tone noise, each of the noise levels in Table 83-2 (Noise Standards for Stationary Noise Sources) shall be reduced by 5 dB(A).
- (g) **Exempt noise.** The following sources of noise shall be exempt from the regulations of this Section:

- (1) Motor vehicles not under the control of the commercial or industrial use.

- (2) Emergency equipment, vehicles, and devices.
  - (3) Temporary construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition activities between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except Sundays and Federal holidays.
- (h) **Noise standards for other structures.** All other structures shall be sound attenuated against the combined input of all present and projected exterior noise to not exceed the criteria.

<b>Table 83-4</b> <b>Noise Standards for Other Structures</b>	
Typical Uses	12-Hour Equivalent Sound Level (Interior) in dBA Ldn
Educational, institutions, libraries, meeting facilities, etc.	45
General office, reception, etc.	50
Retail stores, restaurants, etc.	55
Other areas for manufacturing, assembly, testing, warehousing, etc.	65

In addition, the average of the maximum levels on the loudest of intrusive sounds occurring during a 24-hour period shall not exceed 65 dBA interior.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 83.01.090 Vibration

- (a) **Vibration standard.** No ground vibration shall be allowed that can be felt without the aid of instruments at or beyond the lot line, nor shall any vibration be allowed which produces a particle velocity greater than or equal to two-tenths (0.2) inches per second measured at or beyond the lot line.
- (b) **Vibration measurement.** Vibration velocity shall be measured with a seismograph or other instrument capable of measuring and recording displacement and frequency, particle velocity, or acceleration. Readings shall be made at points of maximum vibration along any lot line next to a parcel within a residential, commercial and industrial land use zoning district.
- (c) **Exempt vibrations.** The following sources of vibration shall be exempt from the regulations of this Section.
  - (1) Motor vehicles not under the control of the subject use.

- (2) Temporary construction, maintenance, repair, or demolition activities between 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., except Sundays and Federal holidays.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.01.100 Waste Disposal**

- (a) **Liquid waste disposal and runoff control.** No liquids of any kind shall be discharged into a public or private sewage or drainage system, watercourse, body of water, or into the ground, except in compliance with applicable regulations of the County Code, Title 23 (Waters) of the California Code of Regulations, the California Water Code, and related Federal regulations.
- (b) **Hazardous waste.** Refer to Chapter 84.11 (Hazardous Waste Facilities) for regulations relative to hazardous waste facilities.
- (c) **Solid waste disposal.** Refer to Chapter 84.24 (Solid Waste/Recyclable Materials Storage) for regulations relative to solid waste disposal.

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**CHAPTER 83.02 GENERAL DEVELOPMENT AND USE STANDARDS**

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**83.02.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure that all development produces an environment of stable and desirable character that is harmonious with existing and future development, and protects the use and enjoyment of neighboring properties, consistent with the General Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.02.020 Applicability**

The standards of this Chapter apply to all land use zoning districts. These standards shall be considered in combination with the standards for each land use zoning district in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses). Where there may be a conflict, the standards specific to the land use zoning district or specific land use shall override these general standards.

All structures, additions to structures, and uses shall conform to the standards of this Chapter as determined applicable by the Director, except as identified in Chapter 84.17 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.02.030 Clear Sight Triangles**

- (a) **View obstructions.** Adequate visibility for vehicular and pedestrian traffic shall be provided at clear sight triangles at all 90 degree angle intersections of public rights-of-way and private driveways.
  - (1) **Prohibited.** The following shall be prohibited within a clear sight triangle:
    - (A) Monument signs.
    - (B) Hedges or shrubbery.

(2) **Maximum height requirements.** The following shall not be erected, placed, planted, or allowed to grow over 30 inches in height above the nearest street curb elevation within a clear sight triangle:

- (A) Fences and walls.
- (B) Signs.
- (C) Structures.
- (D) Mounds of earth.
- (E) Other visual obstructions.

(3) **Exceptions.** The requirements for clear sight triangles shall not apply to

- (A) Traffic safety devices.
- (B) Trees trimmed to eight feet above the adjoining curb.
- (C) Utility poles.
- (D) Other government or utility installed/maintained devices allowed by this Development Code.
- (E) Freestanding sign when the lower edge of the sign face is at least eight feet above grade and when there are no more than two posts or columns, each with a maximum width or diameter of 12 inches, supporting the sign.

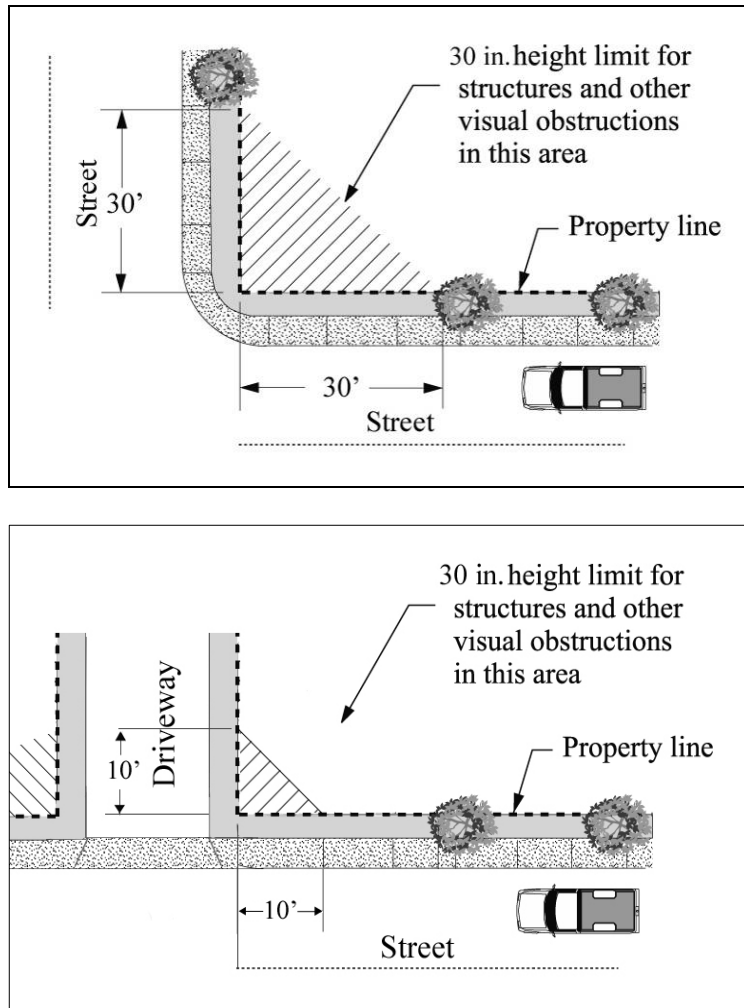
(b) **Dimensions and location.** Clear sight triangles are right triangles that shall be measured as follows:

(1) The 90-degree angle is formed by the intersection of either:

- (A) The intersection of the edges of two roadways as measured at the edge of their ultimate planned right-of-way; or
- (B) The intersection of the edge of a private driveway or alley and the edge of the ultimate planned right-of-way of an intersecting roadway.

(2) The two 45-degree angles of a clear sight triangle shall each be located as follows (See Figure 83-1):

- (A) Roadway intersections. 30 feet from the roadway intersection.
- (B) Private driveway or alleyway. 10 feet from the intersection.



**Figure 83-1**  
**Clear Sight Triangles**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.02.040 Height Measurement and Height Limit Exceptions**

All structures shall meet the standards in this Section relating to height, except for fences and walls, which shall comply with Chapter 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls).

- (a) **Maximum height allowed.** The height of buildings/structures shall not exceed the standards established by the applicable land use zoning district, except as otherwise provided in this Section.
- (b) **Height measurement.** Height shall be measured as the vertical distance above a referenced datum measured to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof or to the deck line of mansard roof or to the average height of the highest gable of a pitched or hipped roof or the highest part of a structure. The reference datum shall be selected by either of the following, whichever yields a greater height of building:

- (1) The elevation of the highest adjoining sidewalk or ground surface within a five-foot horizontal distance of the exterior wall of the building when the sidewalk or ground surface is not more than 10 feet above lowest grade.
  - (2) An elevation 10 feet higher than the lowest grade when the sidewalk or ground surface described in Subsection 1 above is more than 10 feet above lowest grade.
- (c) **Allowed building/structure height increases.** The maximum building/structure height development standards established by Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) may be increased as specified by this Section, provided the increase shall not conflict with airport safety regulations or conditions of an approved Conditional Use Permit.
- (1) **Institutional structures.** Institutional structures in land use zoning districts that impose a height limitation of 35 feet or less may exceed the 35 foot height limit by up to 25 feet when the required front, side, and rear setbacks are increased an additional one foot in excess of minimum requirements for each four feet in height above 35 feet.
  - (2) **Miscellaneous structures.** The maximum structure height specified in a land use zoning district may be exceeded by no more than 50 percent for the following structures, except that a lower maximum height may be specified in the conditions of an approved Conditional Use Permit:
    - (A) Barns, silos, grain elevators, and other farm structures in Rural Resource Conservation (RC), Agricultural (AG), or Rural Living (RL) land use zoning districts.
    - (B) Birdhouses.
    - (C) Architectural features of religious institutions.
    - (D) Cooling towers, smokestacks or other structures that are required by allowed industrial processes in industrial land use zoning districts.
    - (E) Cupolas, domes, skylights, and gables.
    - (F) Elevator housings.
    - (G) Fire and hose towers.
    - (H) Fire or parapet walls.
    - (I) Flag poles.
    - (J) Mechanical equipment and its screening to include roof-mounted wireless telecommunications support facilities.



- (K) Monuments.
- (L) Noncommercial antennae up to 65 feet in residential land use zoning districts.
- (M) Observation and carillon towers.
- (N) Ornamental towers and spheres.
- (O) Radio and television station towers.
- (P) Residential chimneys, flues, smokestacks, and enclosures.
- (Q) Solar energy collectors in the RS (Single Residential) and RM (Multiple Residential) land use zoning districts. In other land use zoning districts, these structures shall be allowed up to 65 feet. These structures shall be set back from all property lines and habitable structures at least 100 percent of the height of the structure. For noncommercial windmills, refer to Chapter 84.26 (Wind Energy Systems).
- (R) Stairway housing.
- (S) Water tanks and water towers.
- (T) Distribution and transmission cables and towers.
- (U) Other roof structures and mechanical equipment similar to those listed above.

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### **83.02.050 Parcel Area Measurements and Exceptions**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to provide regulations for parcel area standards required by this Development Code. The intent is to clarify the circumstances in which exceptions to the standards may be allowed and to provide uniform methods of calculating parcel areas and measuring parcel dimensions.
- (b) **Applicability.** Except as provided in this Chapter, all parcels of land shall conform to the parcel area standards in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) for the land use zoning districts in which the parcels are located.
- (c) **Allowed substandard parcels.** A legally created parcel having an area, width, or depth less than that required by an applicable standard provided in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) may be used or built upon, provided the development otherwise conforms to the requirements of this Development Code.

(d) **Exceptions to parcel area requirements.**

- (1) **Parcel area reduction as a result of government action for public purpose.**  
Where a parcel area or setback width or depth has been reduced by a government agency to not more than 25 percent below the minimum requirements identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), by condemnation, acquisition or dedication for a road, drain, or other public purpose, including any dedication as a result of a redistricting, Variance or Conditional Use Permit, the parcel area existing before reduction shall be what counts for meeting the requirements of this Development Code.
- (2) **Preservation of historic structures.** Parcels to be used for the preservation of historic structures or land uses may have less than the minimum parcel area required for the land use zoning district where located, provided that:
  - (A) The parcel's structure and/or use have been or may be deemed historic by an incorporated, nonprofit historic preservation organization.
  - (B) The site shall not be used for human habitation nor generate sewage effluent unless it is:
    - (I) Served by common sewage facilities; or
    - (II) Contains at least 40,000 square feet and the facilities meet the approval of the Environmental Health Services Division.
  - (C) The parcel owner shall grant an easement in perpetuity to the County or other governmental body empowered to accept the easement, restricting further development of the site to historic preservation purposes.
- (3) **Subdivision in compliance with Conditional Use Permit.** The subdivision of multi-family dwellings and mobile home parks in compliance with the conditions of an approved Conditional Use Permit shall not be held to the minimum parcel area requirements of the applicable land use zoning district.
- (4) **Subdivision where topographical constraints or created by aliquot part.** Metes and bounds subdivisions may have actual parcel areas that are 10 percent less than those required by the applicable land use zoning district, where the parcels either:
  - (A) Have topographical constraints; or
  - (B) Are created by aliquot part division (i.e., using a "proper divisor", which is any divisor of a given number other than the number itself).
- (e) **Parcel area calculations.** The minimum parcel area requirements identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) shall be calculated as follows:

- (1) **Urban Areas.** The area of parcels within the following urban land use zoning districts shall be that area included within the perimeter of the legal boundaries of the subject property, exclusive of any area within abutting planned rights-of-way (net area): Single Residential (RS) where lands are designated for lots smaller than one acre as measured herein, Multiple Residential (RM), Special Development (SD) and all commercial, industrial and institutional land use zoning districts.
  - (2) **Rural Areas.** The area of parcels within the following rural land use zoning shall be that area included within the perimeter of the legal boundaries of the subject property inclusive of that area within the planned rights-of-way up to the centerline, not to exceed 60 feet from the legal boundary of the lot (gross area): Resource Conservation (RC), Agriculture (AG), Rural Living (RL), Floodway (FW) and Open Space (OS). Within the RS-1 (Single Residential-one acre minimum lot size) Land Use Zoning District, parcels shall be measured based on gross area as defined herein, provided that when any one acre lot is created within an area not served by a municipal water and sewer system, each lot shall be configured so as to meet applicable requirements for an individual well and septic system.
  - (3) **Parcels that abut alleys.** In computing the area of a parcel that abuts upon one or more alleys, one-half the width of the alley(s) may be assumed to be a portion of the parcel.
  - (4) **Rounding.** In computing lot area requirements for the resultant parcels in a subdivision, the total lot area shall be rounded to the nearest tenth of an acre using the normal rounding convention (e.g., 2.45 acres shall be rounded to 2.5, 9.94 acres shall be rounded to 9.9 acres).
- (f) **Measurement of parcel dimensions.** All required parcel dimensions shall be measured in compliance with the definitions contained in Division 10 (Definitions).

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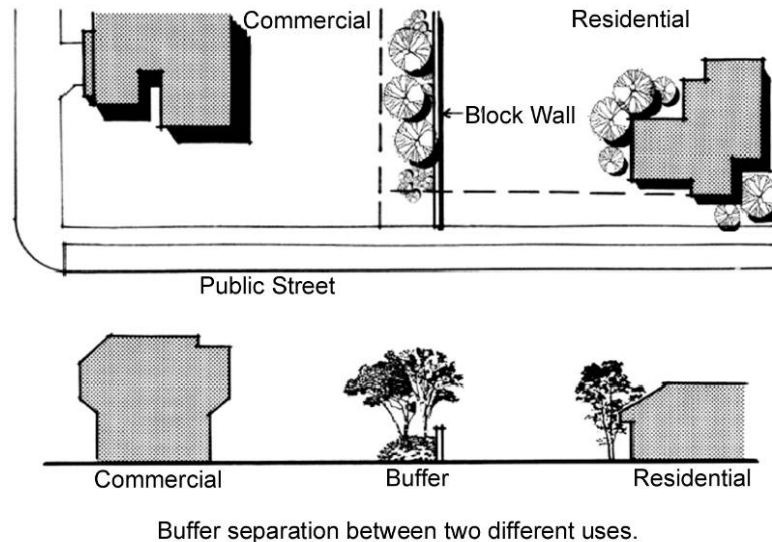
### 83.02.060 Screening and Buffering

This Section provides standards for the screening and buffering of adjoining land uses, equipment, and outdoor storage areas, and surface parking areas. Multi-family and nonresidential land uses shall comply with the requirements of this Section.

(a) **Screening between different land uses.**

- (1) An opaque screen consisting of plant material, a minimum of ten feet in width, and a solid masonry wall, a minimum of 6 feet in height, shall be installed along parcel boundaries whenever a commercial, institutional or industrial development adjoins a residential land use zoning district.
- (2) The maximum height of walls shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls).

- (3) The walls shall be architecturally treated or landscaped on both sides to avoid the appearance of unfinished precision block, subject to the approval of the Director.
- (4) Minimum sizes of plant materials shall conform to the requirements in Subsection 83.10.070 (d) (Landscape Standards Minimum sizes of plant materials).



**Figure 83-2**  
**Screening and Buffering**

**(b) Mechanical equipment, loading docks, and refuse areas.**

- (1) Roof or ground mounted mechanical equipment (e.g., air conditioning, heating, ventilation ducts and exhaust, etc.), loading docks, refuse storage areas, and utility services shall be screened from public view from adjoining public streets and rights-of-way and surrounding area(s) zoned for residential or open space uses.
- (2) The method of screening shall be architecturally compatible with other on-site development in terms of colors, materials, and architectural style.
- (3) Landscaping shall be installed adjacent to the walls at the discretion of the Director.

**(c) Outdoor storage areas.**

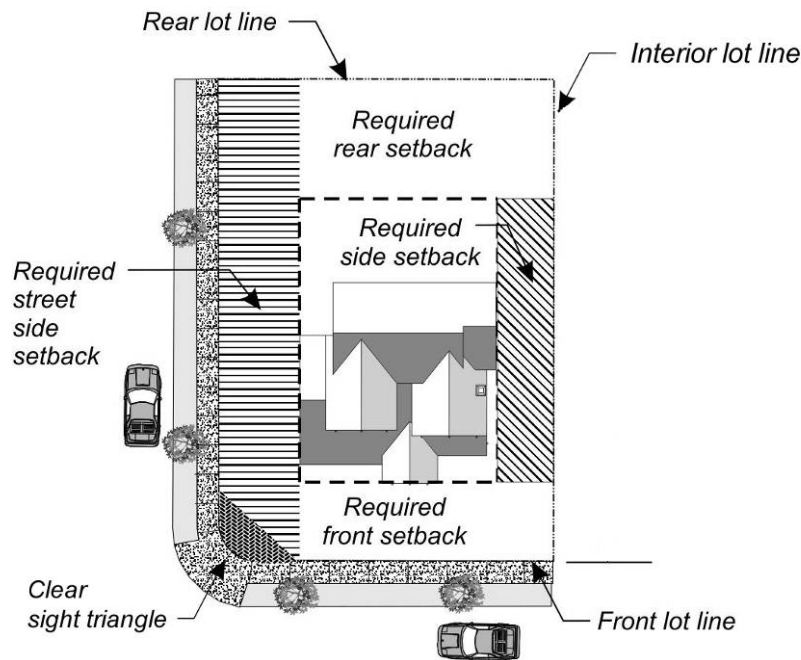
- (1) The use of outdoor areas for storage purposes shall be subject to the following standards:

- (A) Outside storage areas shall be screened with a solid sight-obscuring wall not less than six feet nor more than eight feet in height, of a type and design approved by the Director. The wall shall include sight-obscuring gates. The wall and gate(s) shall be continuously maintained in good repair; and
  - (B) Stored materials shall be kept below the level of the fence or other screening mechanism.
  - (C) Site operations in conjunction with outdoor storage, including the loading and unloading of materials and equipment, shall be conducted entirely within a walled area.
  - (D) Exterior storage shall comply with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code.
- (2) Incidental outdoor storage shall be allowed, subject to the above standards. Outdoor storage categorized as a primary land use shall be subject to the applicable permitting requirements identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and the above standards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

### 83.02.070 Setback Regulations and Exceptions

This Section establishes standards to ensure the provision of open areas around structures for visibility and traffic safety; access to and around structures; access to natural light and ventilation; separation of incompatible land uses; and space for privacy, landscaping, and recreation.



**Figure 83-3**  
**Location and Measurement of Setbacks**

**(a) General setback requirements.**

- (1) Structures.** Each structure shall comply with the setback requirements established for each land use zoning district in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and established for specific uses in Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses) and elsewhere in this Development Code.
- (2) Setback areas or open space areas.**
  - (A)** Setback areas or open space around an existing or proposed structure shall not be considered as providing setback areas or open space for any other structure.
  - (B)** Setback areas or open space on an adjoining parcel shall not be considered as providing setback areas or open space for a parcel on which a structure is proposed to be erected.

(3) **Rights-of-way and easements.**

- (A) **Future right-of-way.** If any future right of way line has been established by an ordinance, specific plan, or similar document, the measurement of the setback shall be made from the future right-of-way or future property line.
- (B) **Street setbacks.** Street setbacks shall provide a minimum half width of 30 feet for a right-of-way in the Valley or Desert Regions and 20 feet for a right-of-way in the Mountain Region unless otherwise specified by an ordinance, specific plan, or similar document.
- (C) **Private road easements.** The minimum front, side, and rear setbacks from private road easements shall be 15 feet in the Mountain Region and 25 feet in the Valley and Desert Regions from the recognized easement line. This rear setback requirement shall apply only when the easement is used to access two or more parcels.

(4) **Front setbacks.**

- (A) Front setback lines shall be established so that, wherever possible, the yard width at the setback line is at least the minimum width specified by the applicable land use zoning district, unless otherwise allowed by this Development Code.
  - (B) On through lots, front setbacks shall be provided on all street frontages.
- (5) **Street side setbacks for corner parcels.** Side yards on the street sides of corner parcels shall require the same setback as front yards unless otherwise specified within the provisions of a land use zoning district, ordinance, specific plan or similar regulation.

(b) **Exemptions from setback requirements.**

- (1) The minimum setback requirements of this Development Code shall apply to all uses except for the following:
  - (A) Fences or walls constructed within the height limitations of Chapter 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls).
  - (B) Retaining walls less than three feet in height above finished grade **not to exceed four such walls within the setback.**

- (2) Street setback lines, as delineated on all Final Maps, Parcel Maps and Records of Survey maps recorded in the County between March 1, 1948 and January 1, 1987, or on Composite Development Plans on file with the Division of Building and Safety shall be the street and yard setback distances required on the property within the Final Maps, Parcel Maps, Records of Survey or Composite Development Plans, unless additional road dedication is required as a condition of development. When additional road dedication is required, or in the case of Final Maps, Parcel Maps and Records of Survey maps recorded prior to March 1, 1948, the greater setback distance of either the property development standards in the applicable land use zoning district based on the ultimate right of way width or the setback distance as shown on the approved map shall prevail. Notwithstanding any other provisions of the Development Code, any request to modify or deviate from a building setback line designated on a recorded map or final map shall be made in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 85.17 (Variances).

(c) **Measurement of setbacks.** Setbacks shall be measured as follows:

- (1) **Front setbacks.** The front yard setback shall be measured at right angles from the nearest point on the front property line of the parcel to the nearest point of the structure envelope, except for corner parcels. Refer to Subsection 810.01.014(oo)(1) for the definition of front lot line.

(2) **Side setbacks.**

- (A) The side yard setback shall be measured at right angles from the nearest point on the side property line of the parcel to the nearest line of the structure envelope, establishing a setback line parallel with the side property line that extends between the front and rear yards.
- (B) For the purposes of calculating side setbacks, the following dwellings with common party walls shall be considered as one structure occupying one parcel:
- (I) Semi detached two and four family dwellings.
  - (II) Row dwellings.



(III) Group dwellings.

(IV) Court apartments.

(3) **Street side yard setbacks.** The side yard setback on the street side of a corner parcel shall be measured from the nearest point of the side property line adjoining the street.

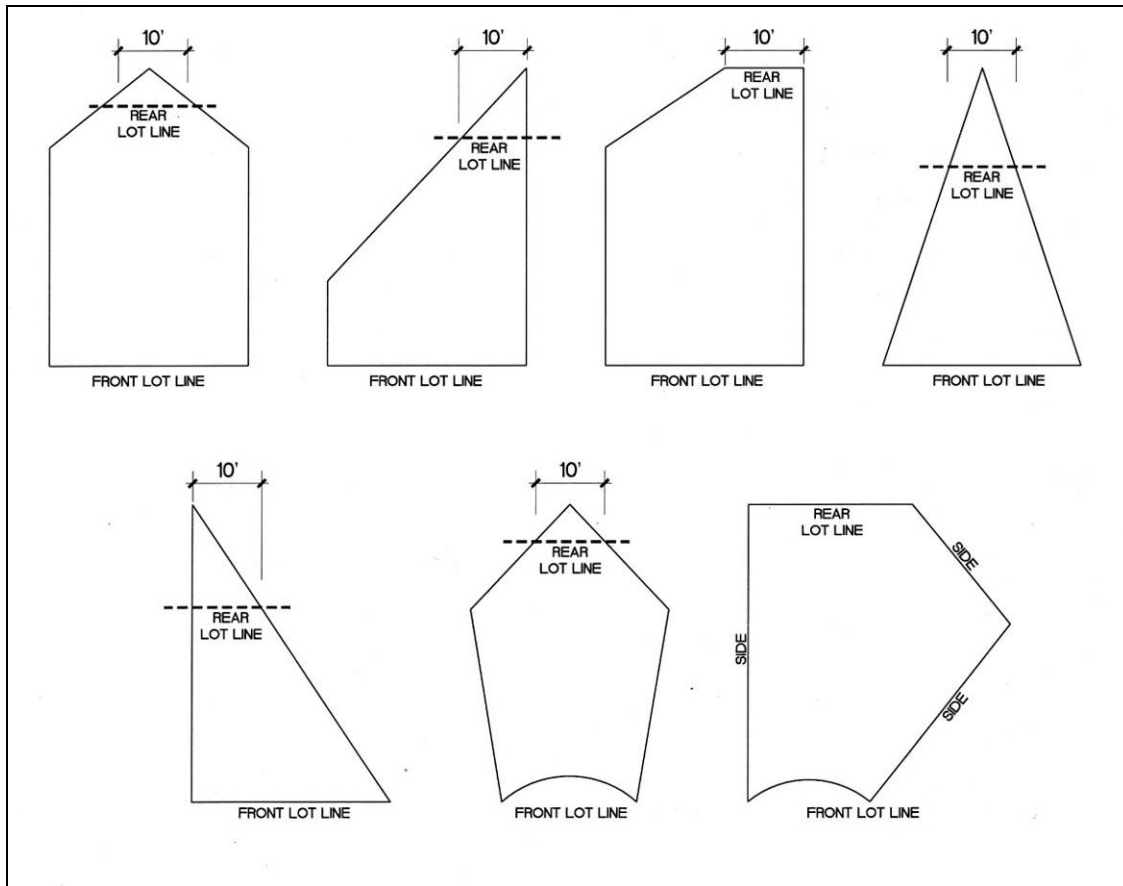
(4) **Rear yard setbacks.**

(A) The rear yard setback shall be measured at right angles from the nearest point on the rear property line of the parcel to the nearest line of the structure envelope, establishing a setback line parallel with the rear property line that extends between the side yards, except:

(I) If an access easement or street right-of-way line extends into or through a rear yard, the measurement shall be taken from the nearest point of the access easement or right-of-way line; and

(II) When the side property lines converge to a point at the rear of the parcel, or to a rear property line narrower than 10 feet, for setback purposes the rear property line shall be considered to be a line parallel to the front property line measuring 10 feet between the two side property lines. The rear yard depth shall be measured from the 10-foot line to the nearest part of the primary structure on the parcel.

(B) In computing the depth of a rear setback where the yard opens into an alley, one half the width of the alley may be assumed to be a portion of the required rear setback.



**Figure 83-4**  
**Rear Setbacks on Irregularly Shaped Parcels**

- (d) **Allowed projections into setbacks.** See Section 83.02.080 (Allowed Projections into Setbacks).
- (e) **Construction across property lines prohibited.** A structure shall not be constructed across the property line(s) of two or more contiguous parcels. If the placement of a proposed structure would otherwise cross the property line of two or more contiguous parcels held by the same owner, before the issuance of a Building Permit, the property owner shall apply for and receive an approved voluntary lot merger, lot line adjustment, or parcel map to move or eliminate the property line in question. The lot line adjustment process may be used if the parcels will still meet the development standards of the land use zoning district in which the parcels are located.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

### **83.02.080 Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks**

This Section provides standards for allowed projections into required setbacks. Nothing in this Section is intended to prevent the construction of an allowed primary or accessory structure within the building envelope that is in the parcel area not included in any required setback area.

- (a) **Open and unobstructed.** Each setback area shall be open and unobstructed from finished grade, or other specified level at which the setback area is required, to the sky except as provided in Table 83-5 (Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks).
- (b) **Projections attached to primary structure.** The architectural projections identified in the table shall be attached to the primary structure allowed on the parcel.
- (c) **Required clear areas.** The projections listed in Table 83-5 (Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks) may not, in any event, encroach on or into the following:
  - (1) The Clear Sight Triangle required at traffic intersections.
  - (2) Within three feet of any parcel line, dividing parcels not in common ownership, except as noted in the Table.
  - (3) Within five feet of any side or rear property line in a Fire Safety Overlay District or as allowed in Subsection 82.13.060(c).
- (d) **Table 83-5 (Allowed Projections into Setbacks).** Table 83-5 (Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks) lists the equipment and architectural features typically related to a structure that may extend into front, side, and rear yard setbacks.

**Table 83-5**  
**Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks**

Projections	Front and Street Side Setbacks	Interior Side Setbacks	Rear Setbacks
Awnings, canopies, louvers and similar shading devices	4 ft.	2 ft.	4 ft.
Eaves, cornices, sills, planting boxes; skylights, fireplaces, flues and chimneys, and similar architectural features	4 ft.	2 ft.	4 ft.
Evaporative coolers, air conditioner compressors, and pool equipment	4 ft. When screened from view	2 ft.	4 ft.
Water tanks, propane tanks sited per California Fire Code and maintained in compliance with standards specified by Section 83.01.060 (Fire Hazards)	Not allowed	Not allowed	4 ft.
Propane tanks in Mountain Region only when sited per California Fire Code and maintained in compliance with standards specified by Section 83.01.060 (Fire Hazards)	Allowed When screened from view	Not allowed	4 ft.
Freestanding photovoltaic or solar panels	Not allowed	Not allowed	10 ft. Minimum 5 ft. separation from rear parcel line
Attached patio roofs and similar residential structures having open, unwall sides along not less than 50% of their perimeters, including top deck (decks with height greater than 4 ft. above grade)	4 ft.	Not allowed	15 ft. Minimum 5 ft. separation from rear parcel line
Cantilevered portion of primary structure more than 8 ft. above grade limited to 50% of length of one wall on any 1 story	4 ft.	4 ft.	4 ft.
Open-sided stairways, landings, and required fire escapes	5 ft.	4 ft.	10 ft.
Uncovered porches, platforms, or decks (up to 4 ft. in height)	4 ft.	4 ft.	10 ft.
Open storage of boats, recreational vehicles, trailers and similar vehicles	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed

**Table 83-5**  
**Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks**

Projections	Front and Street Side Setbacks	Interior Side Setbacks	Rear Setbacks
Temporary trash storage in appropriate containers	Not Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Slides, clotheslines and similar equipment	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
Radio or television masts or antennas, satellite dishes	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
Garages, carports, sheds and other similar <b>uninhabitable</b> detached, enclosed accessory structures <b>in the Valley and Desert Region</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Occupy no more than 25% of yard</li> <li>• Limited to 1 story in height</li> </ul>	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
Garages carports, <b>sheds and other similar, uninhabitable enclosed accessory structures</b> in Mountain Region only that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not project beyond property line</li> <li>• Limited to 1 story in height</li> <li>• Meet Administrative Criteria of Building Official</li> <li>• <b>Occupy no more than 25% of rear yard</b></li> <li>• <b>Adhere to 20% sideyard setback for front and rear property lines</b></li> </ul>	Allowed <b>for garages and carports only.</b> 10 ft. minimum from existing edge of roadway pavement. <b>Other structures not allowed.</b>	Not allowed	Allowed <b>for detached accessory structures only</b>
Unroofed parking, parking decks, and loading areas	As specified by the Chapter 83.11 (Parking Regulations)	Allowed	Allowed
Covered, underground or partially excavated structures (e.g., basements, fallout shelters, garages, public utility or telephone/cable TV vaults, wine cellars, etc.)	Allowed in all setback areas, provided that the facilities do not extend more than 30 inches above the adjoining average finished grade level.		

Table 83-5 Allowed Projections/Structures Within Setbacks (continued)			
Projections	Front and Street Side Setbacks	Interior Side Setbacks	Rear Setbacks
Fences, screening, safety guardrails, walls along property lines <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Industrial land use zoning districts</li><li>Commercial land use zoning districts</li><li>All other land use zoning districts.</li></ul>	Allowed in compliance with Section 83.06.030 (General Height Limitations).  6 ft. max. height      10 ft. max height      10 ft. max. height  4 ft. max. height      10 ft. max height      10 ft. max height  4 ft. max. height      6 ft. max. height      6 ft. max. height  ----- Fence heights in excess of these standards may be allowed by an approved Use Permit, Variance, Tract or Parcel Map or when required by the County for reasons of the health and safety of the general public. In the RC and RL land use zoning districts, open fences may go up to a maximum of 5 feet in the front yard and street side yards.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Flagpoles</li><li>Sculpture and similar decorations</li><li>Trees<sup>(1)</sup>, shrubs<sup>(1)</sup>, and landscaping with a screening effect</li><li>Utility poles and lines located along property lines no closer than 1 foot from side property line</li><li>Walkways<sup>(2)</sup></li><li>Unroofed paving and driveways outside the ultimate road right-of-way. Unroofed paving and driveways within the ultimate road right-of-way shall be a minimum of 3 feet from the side property line<sup>(1)</sup></li></ul>	Allowed	Allowed	Allowed
Signs	Allowed in all setback areas subject to Chapter 83.13 (Signs)		
Swimming pools and spas no closer than 5 ft. to any property line	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed

<sup>(1)</sup> Trees and shrubs shall be planted so that at maturity they shall not interfere with a driver's or pedestrian's view of public rights-of-way (e.g. the view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic, etc.) or otherwise impair public safety, or interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle on public streets.

<sup>(2)</sup> Walkways necessary for access to the building, parking areas and driveways may be supported on masonry construction in the Mountain Region.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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**CHAPTER 83.03 AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES - DENSITY BONUS**

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**83.03.010 Purpose**

As required by Government Code Section 65915, this Chapter offers density bonuses, and incentives or concessions for the development of housing that is affordable to the types of households and qualifying residents identified in Section 83.03.020 (Eligibility for Bonus, Incentives, or Concessions), below. This Chapter is intended to implement the requirements of Government Code Section 65915 *et seq.* and the Housing Element of the General Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.03.020 Eligibility for Bonus, Incentives, or Concessions**

In order to be eligible for a density bonus and other incentives or concessions as provided by this Chapter, a proposed housing development shall comply with the following requirements and shall satisfy all other applicable provisions of this Development Code, except as provided by Section 83.03.040 (Allowed Incentives or Concessions).

- (a) **Resident requirements.** A housing development proposed to qualify for a density bonus shall be designed and constructed so that it includes at least any one of the following:
  - (1) Ten percent of the total number of proposed units are for lower income households, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5;
  - (2) Five percent of the total number of proposed units are for very low income households, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50105;

- (3) The project is a senior citizen housing development as defined in Civil Code Sections 51.3 and 51.12, or is a mobile home park that limits residency based on age requirements for housing older persons in compliance with Civil Code Sections 798.76 or 799.5; or
  - (4) Ten percent of the total dwelling units in a common interest development as defined in Civil Code Section 1351 are for persons and families of moderate income, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50093, provided that all units in the development are offered to the public for purchase.
- (b) **Applicant selection of basis for bonus.** For purposes of calculating the amount of the density bonus in compliance with Section 83.03.030 (Allowed Density Bonuses), below, the applicant who requests a density bonus shall elect whether the bonus shall be awarded on the basis of Subsections (a)(1), (2), (3), or (4), above.
- (c) **Bonus units shall not qualify a project.** A density bonus granted in compliance with Section 83.03.030 (Allowed Density Bonuses), below, shall not be included when determining the number of housing units that is equal to the percentages required by Subsection (a), above.
- (d) **Minimum project size to qualify for density bonus.** The density bonus provided by this Chapter shall be available only to a housing development of five or more dwelling units.
- (e) **Condominium conversion projects.** A condominium conversion project for which a density bonus is requested shall comply with the eligibility and other requirements in Government Code Section 65915.5.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.03.030 Allowed Density Bonuses**

The Board shall determine the amount of a density bonus allowed in a housing development in compliance with this Section. For the purposes of this Chapter, "density bonus" means a density increase over the otherwise maximum allowable residential density under the applicable Land Use Plan designation and land use zoning district as of the date of application by the applicant to the County.

- (a) **Density bonus.** A housing development that complies with the eligibility requirements in Subsections 83.03.020(a)(1), (2), (3), or (4) shall be entitled to density bonuses as follows, unless a lesser percentage is proposed by the applicant.
- (1) **Bonus for units for lower income households.** A housing development that is eligible for a bonus in compliance with the criteria in Section 83.03.020(a)(1) (10 percent of units for lower income households) shall be entitled to a density bonus calculated as follows:



Percentage of Low-Income Units Proposed	Percentage of Density Bonus
10	20
11	21.5
12	23
13	24.5
14	26
15	27.5
17	30.5
18	32
19	33.5
20	35

- (2) **Bonus for units for very low-income households.** A housing development that is eligible for a bonus in compliance with the criteria in Section 83.03.020(a)(2) (five percent of units for very low-income households) shall be entitled to a density bonus calculated as follows:

Percentage of Very Low-Income Units Proposed	Percentage of Density Bonus
5	20
6	22.5
7	25
8	27.5
9	30
10	32.5
11	35

- (3) **Bonus for senior citizen development.** A housing development that is eligible for a bonus in compliance with the criteria in Section 83.03.020(a)(3) (senior citizen development or mobile home park) shall be entitled to a density bonus of 20 percent.
- (4) **Bonus for moderate-income units in common interest development.** A housing development that is eligible for a bonus in compliance with the criteria in Section 83.03.020(a)(4) (10 percent of units in a common interest development for persons and families of moderate income) shall be entitled to a density bonus calculated as follows:

Percentage of Moderate-Income Units Proposed	Percentage of Density Bonus
10	5
11	6
12	7
13	8
14	9
15	10
16	11
17	12
18	13
19	14
20	15
21	16
22	18
23	18
24	19
25	20
26	21
27	22
28	23
29	24
30	25
31	26
32	27
33	28
34	29
35	30
36	31
37	xx
38	33
39	34
40	35

- (5) **Density bonus for land donation.** When an applicant for a Final Map, Parcel Map, or other residential development approval donates land to the County in compliance with this Subsection, the applicant shall be entitled to a density bonus for the entire development, as follows; provided that nothing in this Subsection shall be construed to affect the authority of the County to require a developer to donate land as a condition of development.

- (A) **Basic bonus.** The applicant shall be entitled to a 15 percent increase above the otherwise maximum allowable residential density under the applicable

Land Use Plan designation and land use zoning district for the entire development, and an additional increase as follows.

Percentage of Very Low-Income Units Proposed	Percentage of Density Bonus
10	15
11	16
12	17
13	18
14	19
15	20
16	21
17	22
18	23
19	24
20	25
21	26
22	27
23	28
24	29
25	30
26	31
27	32
28	33
29	34
30	35

- (B) **Increased bonus.** The increase identified in the table above shall be in addition to any increase in density required by Subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4), up to a maximum combined mandated density increase of 35 percent if an applicant seeks both the increase required in compliance with this Subsection (a)(5), as well as the bonuses provided by Subsections (a)(1) through (a)(4).
- (C) **Eligibility for increased bonus.** An applicant shall be eligible for the increased density bonus provided by this Subsection if all of the following conditions are met:
- (I) The applicant donates and transfers the land no later than the date of approval of the Final Map, Parcel Map, or residential development application.
  - (II) The developable acreage and zoning classification of the land being transferred are sufficient to permit construction of units affordable to

very low income households in an amount not less than 10 percent of the number of residential units of the proposed development.

- (III) The transferred land is at least one acre in size, or of sufficient size to permit development of at least 40 units; has the appropriate Land Use Plan designation; is appropriately zoned for development as affordable housing; and is or will be served by adequate public facilities and infrastructure. The land shall have appropriate zoning and development standards to make the development of the affordable units feasible.
  - (IV) No later than the date of approval of the Final Map, Parcel Map, or of the residential development, the transferred land shall have all of the permits and approvals, other than Building Permits, necessary for the development of the very low income housing units on the transferred land, except that the County may subject the proposed development to subsequent design review to the extent authorized by Government Code Section 65583.2(i) if the design is not reviewed by the County before the time of transfer.
  - (V) The transferred land and the affordable units shall be subject to a deed restriction ensuring continued affordability of the units consistent with Section 83.03.070 (Continued Availability), which shall be recorded on the property at the time of dedication.
  - (VI) The land is transferred to the County or to a housing developer approved by the County. The County may require the applicant to identify and transfer the land to the approved housing developer.
  - (VII) The transferred land shall be within the boundary of the proposed development or, if the County agrees, within one-quarter mile of the boundary of the proposed development.
- (b) **Greater or lesser bonuses.** The County may choose to grant a density bonus greater than provided by this Section for a development that meets the requirements of this Section, or grant a proportionately lower density bonus than required by this Section for a development that does not comply with the requirements of this Section.
  - (c) **Density bonus calculations.** The calculation of a density bonus in compliance with this Section that results in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number, as required by State law. For the purpose of calculating a density bonus, the residential units do not have to be based upon individual subdivision maps or parcels.
  - (d) **Requirements for amendments or discretionary approval.** The granting of a density bonus shall not be interpreted, in and of itself, to require a General Plan amendment, Land Use Plan amendment, or other discretionary approval.

- (e) **Location of bonus units.** The developer may locate density bonus units in the housing project in other than the areas where the units for the lower income households are located.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.03.040      Allowed Incentives or Concessions**

(a) **Applicant request and County approval.**

- (1) An applicant for a density bonus in compliance with this Chapter may submit to the County a proposal for the specific incentives or concessions listed in Subsection (c) (Type of incentives), below, that the applicant requests in compliance with this Section, and may request a meeting with the Director. The applicant may file a request either before filing an application for County approval of a proposed project or concurrently with an application for project approval. The Board shall grant an incentive or concession request that complies with this Section unless the Board makes either of the following findings in writing, based upon substantial evidence:
  - (A) The incentive or concession is not required to provide for affordable housing costs, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5, or for rents for the targeted units to be set as specified in Section 83.03.070(b) (Unit cost requirements); or
  - (B) The incentive or concession would have a specific adverse impact, as defined in Government Code Section 65589.5(d)(2), upon public health and safety or the physical environment, or on any real property listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact without rendering the development unaffordable to low- and moderate-income households.
- (2) The applicant shall show that a waiver or modification of development standards is necessary to make the housing units economically feasible.

(b) **Number of incentives.** The applicant shall receive the following number of incentives or concessions.

- (1) **One incentive or concession.** One incentive or concession for a project that includes at least 10 percent of the total units for lower income households, at least five percent for very low income households, or at least 10 percent for persons and families of moderate income in a common interest development.

- (2) **Two incentives or concessions.** Two incentives or concessions for a project that includes at least 20 percent of the total units for lower income households, at least 10 percent for very low income households, or at least 20 percent for persons and families of moderate income in a common interest development.
  - (3) **Three incentives or concessions.** Three incentives or concessions for a project that includes at least 30 percent of the total units for lower income households, at least 15 percent for very low income households, or at least 30 percent for persons and families of moderate income in a common interest development.
- (c) **Type of incentives.** For the purposes of this Chapter, concession or incentive means any of the following:
- (1) A reduction in the site development standards of this Development Code (e.g., site coverage limitations, setbacks, reduced parcel sizes, and/or parking requirements (see also Section 83.03.050 [Parking Requirements in Density Bonus Projects]), or a modification of architectural design requirements that exceed the minimum building standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 18901 *et seq.*, that would otherwise be required, that results in identifiable, financially sufficient, and actual cost reductions;
  - (2) Approval of mixed-use land uses not otherwise allowed by this Development Code in conjunction with the housing development, if nonresidential land uses will reduce the cost of the housing development, and the nonresidential land uses are compatible with the housing project and the existing or planned development in the area where the project will be located;
  - (3) Other regulatory incentives proposed by the applicant or the County that will result in identifiable, financially sufficient, and actual cost reductions; and/or
  - (4) In its sole and absolute discretion, a direct financial contribution granted by the Board, including writing-down land costs, subsidizing the cost of construction, or participating in the cost of infrastructure.
- (d) **Effect of incentive or concession.** The granting of a concession or incentive shall not be interpreted, in and of itself, to require a General Plan amendment, Land Use Plan amendment, or other discretionary approval.

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### **83.03.050      Parking Requirements in Density Bonus Projects**

- (a) **Applicability.** This Section applies to a development that meets the requirements of Section 83.03.020 (Eligibility for Density Bonus, Incentives, and Concessions), above, but only at the request of the applicant. An applicant may request additional parking incentives or concessions beyond those provided in this Section in compliance with Section 83.03.040 (Allowed Concessions and Incentives), above.

**(b) Number of parking spaces required.**

- (1) At the request of the applicant, the County shall require the following vehicular parking ratios for a project that complies with the requirements of Section 83.03.020 (Eligibility for Density Bonus, Incentives, and Concessions), above, inclusive of parking for the disabled and guest parking.
  - (A) Zero to one bedroom: One on-site parking space.
  - (B) Two to three bedrooms: Two on-site parking spaces.
  - (C) Four and more bedrooms: Two and one-half on-site parking spaces.
- (2) If the total number of parking spaces required for a development is other than a whole number, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number.

**(c) Location of parking.** For purposes of this Section, a development may provide on-site parking through uncovered parking, but not through on-street parking.

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**83.03.060 Bonus and Incentives for Housing with Child Care Facilities**

A housing development that complies with the resident and project size requirements of Subsections 83.03.020(a) and (b), above, and also includes as part of that development a child care facility other than a large or small family day care home, that will be located on the site of, as part of, or adjacent to the development, shall be subject to the following additional bonus, incentives, and requirements.

- (a) Additional bonus and incentives.** The County shall grant a housing development that includes a child care facility in compliance with this Section either of the following:
  - (1) An additional density bonus that is an amount of floor area in square feet of residential space that is equal to or greater than the floor area of the child care facility; or
  - (2) An additional incentive that contributes significantly to the economic feasibility of the construction of the child care facility.
- (b) Requirements to qualify for additional bonus and incentives.**
  - (1) The County shall require, as a condition of approving the housing development, that:

- (A) The child care facility shall remain in operation for a period of time that is as long as or longer than the period of time during which the density bonus units are required to remain affordable in compliance with Section 83.03.070 (Continued Availability), below; and
  - (B) Of the children who attend the child care facility, the children of very low income households, lower income households, or families of moderate income shall equal a percentage that is equal to or greater than the percentage of dwelling units that are required for very low income households, lower income households, or families of moderate income in compliance with Subsection 83.03.020(a) (Resident requirements), above.
- (2) The County shall not be required to provide a density bonus for a child care facility in compliance with this Section if it finds, based upon substantial evidence, that the community has adequate child care facilities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.03.070 Continued Availability**

The units that qualified the housing development for a density bonus and other incentives and concessions shall continue to be available as affordable units in compliance with the following requirements, as required by Government Code Section 65915(c). See also Section 83.03.110 (Control of Resale).

- (a) **Duration of affordability.** The applicant shall agree to, and the County shall ensure, the continued availability of the units that qualified the housing development for a density bonus and other incentives and concessions, as follows.
  - (1) **Low-, and very low-income units.** The continued affordability of all low- and very low-income qualifying units shall be maintained for 30 years, or a longer time if required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, mortgage insurance program or rental subsidy program.
  - (2) **Moderate income units in common interest development.** The continued availability of moderate-income units in a common interest development shall be maintained for a minimum of 10 years.
- (b) **Unit cost requirements.** The rents and owner-occupied costs charged for the housing units in the development that qualify the project for a density bonus and other incentives and concessions, shall not exceed the following amounts during the period of continued availability required by this Section:
  - (1) **Lower income units.** Rents for the lower income density bonus units shall be set at an affordable rent as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50053; and
  - (2) **Owner-occupied units.** Owner-occupied units shall be available at an affordable housing cost as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5.



(c) **Occupancy and resale of moderate-income common interest development units.**

An applicant shall agree to, and the County shall ensure that the initial occupant of moderate income units that are directly related to the receipt of the density bonus in a common interest development as defined in Civil Code Section 1351, are persons and families of moderate income, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50093, and that the units are offered at an affordable housing cost, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5. The County shall enforce an equity sharing agreement unless it is in conflict with the requirements of another public funding source or law. The following requirements apply to the equity sharing agreement.

- (1) Upon resale, the seller of the unit shall retain the value of any improvements, the down payment, and the seller's proportionate share of appreciation.
- (2) The County shall recapture any initial subsidy and its proportionate share of appreciation, which shall then be used within three years for any of the purposes described in Health and Safety Code Section 33334.2(e) that promote home ownership. For the purposes of this Section:
  - (A) The County's initial subsidy shall be equal to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale, minus the initial sale price to the moderate-income household, plus the amount of any down payment assistance or mortgage assistance. If upon resale the market value is lower than the initial market value, then the value at the time of the resale shall be used as the initial market value; and
  - (B) The County's proportionate share of appreciation shall be equal to the ratio of the initial subsidy to the fair market value of the home at the time of initial sale.

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**83.03.080 Location and Type of Designated Units**

- (a) **Location/dispersal of units.** As required by the Board in compliance with Section 83.03.090 (Processing of Bonus Requests), below, designated units shall be reasonably dispersed throughout the project where feasible, shall contain on average the same number of bedrooms as the non-designated units in the project, and shall be compatible with the design or use of remaining units in terms of appearance, materials, and finished quality.
- (b) **Phasing.** If a project is to be phased, the density bonus units shall be phased in the same proportion as the non-density bonus units, or phased in another sequence acceptable to the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.03.090 Processing of Bonus Requests**

- (a) **Permit requirement.** A request for a density bonus and other incentives and concessions shall be evaluated and decided through Conditional Use Permit approval in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permits/Minor Use Permits); provided, the decision of the Commission on a Conditional Use Permit application shall be a recommendation to the Board, and the density bonus and other incentives and concessions shall be approved or denied only by the Board.
- (b) **Findings for approval.** In addition to the findings required by Section 83.72.060 for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit, the approval of a density bonus and other incentives and concessions shall require that the review authority first make all of the following additional findings:
  - (1) The residential development will be consistent with the General Plan, except as provided by this Chapter for density bonuses, and other incentives and concessions;
  - (2) The approved number of dwellings can be accommodated by existing and planned infrastructure capacities;
  - (3) Adequate evidence exists to indicate that the project will provide affordable housing in a manner consistent with the purpose and intent of this Chapter; and
  - (4) There are sufficient provisions to guarantee that the units will remain affordable for the required time period.

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**83.03.100 Density Bonus Agreement**

- (A) **Agreement required.** An applicant requesting a density bonus shall agree to enter into a density bonus agreement (referred to as the "agreement") with the County in the County's standard form of agreement.
- (b) **Agreement provisions.**
  - (1) **Project information.** The agreement shall include at least the following information about the project:
    - (A) The total number of units approved for the housing development, including the number of designated dwelling units;
    - (B) A description of the household income group to be accommodated by the housing development, and the standards and methodology for determining the corresponding affordable rent or affordable sales price and housing cost consistent with HUD Guidelines;

- (C) The marketing plan for the affordable units;
  - (D) The location, unit sizes (square feet), and number of bedrooms of the designated dwelling units;
  - (E) Tenure of the use restrictions for designated dwelling units of the time periods required by Section 83.03.070 (Continued Availability);
  - (F) A schedule for completion and occupancy of the designated dwelling units;
  - (G) A description of the additional incentives and concessions being provided by the County;
  - (H) A description of the remedies for breach of the agreement by the owners, developers, and/or successors-in-interest of the project; and
  - (I) Other provisions to ensure successful implementation and compliance with this Chapter.
- (2) **Minimum requirements.** The agreement shall provide, at minimum, that:
- (A) The developer shall give the County the continuing right-of-first-refusal to lease or purchase any or all of the designated dwelling units at the appraised value;
  - (B) The deeds to the designated dwelling units shall contain a covenant stating that the developer or successors-in-interest shall not assign, lease, rent, sell, sublet, or otherwise transfer any interests for designated units without the written approval of the County;
  - (C) When providing the written approval, the County shall confirm that the price (rent or sale) of the designated dwelling unit is consistent with the limits established for low and very low-income households, as published by HUD;
  - (D) The County shall have the authority to enter into other agreements with the developer, or purchasers of the designated dwelling units, to ensure that the required dwelling units are continuously occupied by eligible households;
  - (E) Applicable deed restrictions, in a form satisfactory to the County Counsel, shall contain provisions for the enforcement of owner or developer compliance. Any default or failure to comply may result in foreclosure, specific performance, or withdrawal of the Certificate of Occupancy;
  - (F) In any action taken to enforce compliance with the deed restrictions, the County Counsel shall, if compliance is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction, take all action that may be allowed by law to recover all of the County's costs of action including legal services; and

- (G) Compliance with the agreement will be monitored and enforced in compliance with the measures included in the agreement.
- (3) **For-sale housing conditions.** In the case of a for-sale housing development, the agreement shall provide for the following conditions governing the initial sale and use of designated dwelling units during the applicable restriction period:
- (A) Designated dwelling units shall be owner-occupied by eligible households, or by qualified residents in the case of senior housing; and
  - (B) The initial purchaser of each designated dwelling unit shall execute an instrument or agreement approved by the County which:
    - (I) Restricts the sale of the unit in compliance with this Chapter, or other applicable County policy or ordinance, during the applicable use restriction period;
    - (II) Contains provisions as the County may require to ensure continued compliance with this Chapter and State law; and
    - (III) Shall be recorded against the parcel containing the designated dwelling unit.
- (4) **Rental housing conditions.** In the case of a rental housing development, the agreement shall provide for the following conditions governing the use of designated dwelling units during the applicable restriction period:
- (A) The rules and procedures for qualifying tenants, establishing affordable rent, filling vacancies, and maintaining the designated dwelling units for qualified tenants;
  - (B) Provisions requiring owners to annually verify tenant incomes and maintain books and records to demonstrate compliance with this Chapter;
  - (C) Provisions requiring owners to submit an annual report to the County, which includes the name, address, and income of each person occupying the designated dwelling units, and which identifies the bedroom size and monthly rent or cost of each unit; and
  - (D) The applicable use restriction period shall comply with the time limits for continued availability in Section 83.03.070 (Continued Availability), above.
- (c) **Execution of agreement.**
- (1) Following Board approval of the agreement, and execution of the agreement by all parties, the County shall record the completed agreement on the parcels designated for the construction of designated dwelling units, at the County Recorder's Office.

- (2) The approval and recordation shall take place at the same time as the Final Map or, where a map is not being processed, before issuance of Building Permits for the designated dwelling units.
- (3) The agreement shall be binding on all future owners, developers, and/or successors-in-interest.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.03.110 Control of Resale**

In order to maintain the availability of for-sale affordable housing units constructed in compliance with this Chapter, the following resale conditions shall apply.

- (a) **Limits on resale price.** The price received by the seller of an affordable unit shall be limited to the purchase price plus an increase based on the Consumer Price Index, an amount consistent with the increase in the median income since the date of purchase, or the fair market value, whichever is less. Before offering an affordable housing unit for sale, the seller shall provide written notice to the County of their intent to sell. The notice shall be provided by certified mail to the Director.
- (b) **Units to be offered to the County.** Home ownership affordable units constructed, offered for sale, or sold under the requirements of this Section shall be offered to the County or its assignee for a period of at least 90 days from the date of the notice of intent to sell is delivered to the County by the first purchaser or subsequent purchasers. Home ownership affordable units shall be sold and resold from the date of the original sale only to households as determined to be eligible for affordable units by the County in compliance with this Section. The seller shall not levy or charge any additional fees nor shall any "finders fee" or other monetary consideration be allowed other than customary real estate commissions and closing costs.
- (c) **Declaration of restrictions.** The owners of any affordable unit shall attach and legally reference in the grant deed conveying title of the affordable ownership unit a declaration of restrictions provided by the County, stating the restrictions imposed in compliance with this Section. The grant deed shall afford the grantor and the County the right to enforce the declaration of restrictions. The declaration of restrictions shall include all applicable resale controls, occupancy restrictions, and prohibitions required by this Section.
- (d) **County to monitor resale of units.** The County shall monitor the resale of ownership affordable units. The County or its designee shall have a 90-day option to commence purchase of ownership affordable units after the owner gives notification of intent to sell. Any abuse in the resale provisions shall be referred to the County for appropriate action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.03.120 Judicial Relief, Waiver of Standards**

- (a) **Judicial relief.** As provided by Government Code Section 65915(d)(3), the applicant may initiate judicial proceedings if the County refuses to grant a requested density bonus, incentive, or concession.
- (b) **Waiver of standards preventing the use of bonuses, incentives, or concessions.**
  - (1) As required by Government Code Section 65915(e), the County will not apply a development standard that will have the effect of precluding the construction of a development meeting the criteria of Subsection 83.03.020(a) (Resident requirements), above, at the densities or with the concessions or incentives allowed by this Chapter.
  - (2) An applicant may submit to the County a proposal for the waiver or reduction of development and zoning standards that would otherwise inhibit the utilization of a density bonus on a specific site, including minimum parcel size, side setbacks, and placement of public works improvements.
  - (3) The applicant shall show that the waiver or modification is necessary to make the housing units economically feasible.
- (c) **County exemption.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsections (a) and (b), above, nothing in this Section shall be interpreted to require the County to:
  - (1) Grant a density bonus, incentive, or concession, or waive or reduce development standards, if the bonus, incentive, concession, waiver, or reduction would have a specific, adverse impact, as defined in Government Code Section 65589.5(d)(2), upon health, safety, or the physical environment, and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the specific adverse impact; or
  - (2) Grant a density bonus, incentive, or concession, or waive or reduce development standards, if the bonus, incentive, concession, waiver, or reduction would have an adverse impact on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**CHAPTER 83.04    CONDITIONAL GRADING COMPLIANCE**

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**83.04.010    Purpose**

- (a) **Compliance with conditions of approval.** The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure compliance with conditions of approval on projects involving earthwork grading.
- (b) **On-site continuous inspections of grading.** The provisions in this Chapter regulate on-site continuous inspections that are required by the Building Official of grading projects or developments for which adopted conditions of approval:
  - (1) Require any specific or general features to be incorporated into the earthwork; or
  - (2) Restrict or limit the earthwork in any way that is more restrictive than the grading provisions prescribed in the California Building Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.04.020    Applicability**

- (a) **Applicable projects.** The provisions of this Chapter apply to projects that:
  - (1) Have been conditionally approved; and
  - (2) Involve grading in excess of 5,000 cubic yards; and
  - (3) When either of the following conditions exist:
    - (A) Natural pregraded slopes of 15 percent or greater, or
    - (B) Requirements for natural open space retention.

- (b) **Supplement other applicable grading requirements.** The provisions in this Chapter are in addition to the provisions of the California Building Code and any geotechnical investigation report recommendations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.04.030 Quality Control Engineer's Role and Responsibilities**

- (a) **Independent.** The quality control engineer shall not be employed by, have any relationship to, or interest in the developer, or any contracting, engineering, or geotechnical companies performing work on or providing services to the project being inspected.
- (b) **Duties and responsibilities.** The quality control engineer shall
- (1) Inspect the work in progress to ensure compliance with the conditions of approval including:
    - (A) Slope ratio.
    - (B) Slope height.
    - (C) Slope location.
    - (D) Areas of land disturbance.
  - (2) Set provisions regarding:
    - (A) Archeology.
    - (B) Paleontology.
    - (C) Landscaping.
    - (D) Erosion control.
    - (E) Protection of native plants and animals.
    - (F) Any other conditions of approval that will control or impact grading.
  - (3) Report to and file reports with the Building Official as required by the Building Official.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



**83.04.040 Developer's Deposit**

- (a) **Deposit required for services of quality control engineer.** Before the issuance of the grading permit, the developer shall post a deposit with the Building Official in the amount and in the form specified by the Building Official. The deposit funds held in trust shall be dispersed to the quality control engineer by the Building Official under the terms of the agreement between the County and the quality control engineer to pay for the services of the quality control engineer.
- (b) **Additional deposits required.** The Building Official shall notify the developer if and when it becomes apparent that the deposit will be exhausted and the developer shall make the additional deposit as is required by the Building Official.
- (c) **Suspension or revocation of grading permit.** If the developer fails to submit the additional deposit by the date specified by the Building Official, the Building Official shall suspend or revoke the grading permit, in compliance with the provisions of the California Building Code and order that work on the project be ceased.
- (d) **Refunds.** Upon completion of the work, unused funds shall be returned to the developer within 60 days following the final grading and quality control inspection approvals.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.04.050 Building Official Authority**

The Building Official shall have authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to clarify, interpret, and enforce the provisions of this Chapter. The Building Official may approve variations when the variations are not detrimental to the life, health, safety or welfare of the public and are necessary because of particular or peculiar circumstances, and will achieve the same level of protection as the original condition. Variations of the environmental conditions shall be applied for and processed in the same manner as other grading variations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.04.060 Authority to Contract**

For the purpose of the Chapter, the Building Official may retain, on behalf of the County, independent engineers to serve as the quality control engineer on projects regulated by this Chapter using a standard form contract approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.04.070 Enforcement**

- (a) **Authority to enforce.** The Building Official shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Chapter and may use any legal means to accomplish enforcement, including

- (1) Suspending and/or revoking any permits that have been issued by the Building Official for the project, whether or not the permits are for the earthwork grading, and
  - (2) Withholding issuance of any permits on the project for which applications have been filed.
- (b) **Authority to expend deposited funds.** The Building Official shall have the authority to expend any remaining funds in the developer's deposit to obtain compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.04.080 Compliance with Dust Control Regulations**

Grading shall be conducted in the Desert Region in compliance with the provisions of Section 88.02.040.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 83.05 DEDICATIONS AND INSTALLATIONS OF STREET AND TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

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### Sections:

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### 83.05.010 Purpose

This Chapter regulates and controls dedications and the installation of street improvements and trails. The regulations are intended to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare; to promote orderly growth and development; and to ensure the provision of adequate traffic circulation, utilities, and services.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

### 83.05.020 Applicability

The requirements of this Chapter shall apply to all subdivision and single-parcel development. The road dedication and street improvement standards provided in this Chapter do not apply to: (1) the alteration or enlargement of an existing building or structure on a lot or parcel of land if the total square footage of such alteration or enlargement, and all other alterations or enlargements completed three (3) years prior to the date of the application for a permit for such alteration or enlargement, does not exceed one-half (1/2) of the original square footage of all buildings and structures on such lot or parcel of land, or (2) the erection of one or more accessory structures (not including accessory dwellings) as defined in Subsection 810.01.030(g) of the County Code. For purposes of this section, "original square footage" means the square footage of all buildings and structures that existed on such lot or parcel of land three (3) years prior to the date of the application for such permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4181 (2012)

### 83.05.030 Dedication of Street and/or Highway Right-of-Way

- (a) **Dedications required by approved plans or ordinances.** Before final inspection of structures, the dedication of additional street and/or highway right-of-way may, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, be required to comply with the General Plan, an adopted specific plan, a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan, or the provisions of any specific ordinance which has established a future right-of-way line.

- (b) **Dedications required in absence of approved plans or ordinances.** Where approved plans or ordinances do not exist, the required dedications shall be as follows:
- (1) **Desert Region.** In the Desert Region, a 44-foot half width on section lines and quarter section lines and a 30-foot half width on sixteenth section lines shall be required.
  - (2) **Mountain Region.** In the Mountain Region, a 20-foot half width from centerline shall be required; however, whenever the Director of Public Works waives this dedication requirement, a 10-foot half width shall be the absolute minimum required.
  - (3) **Valley Region.** In the Valley Region, additional right-of-way shall be required in compliance with road widths established by the General Plan after review by the Director of Public Works.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **83.05.040 Dedication and Installation of Trail Right-of-Way**

- (a) **Dedications required by approved plans or ordinances.** Before final inspection of structures, the dedication of a trail right-of-way may, at the discretion of the Director, be required to comply with the General Plan, an adopted specific plan, or the provisions of any specific ordinance that has established a future right-of-way line.
- (b) **Dedications required in absence of approved plans or ordinances.** Where approved plans or ordinances do not exist, the required dedications may be required for specific plans and planned development projects and shall be as follows:
- (1) Proposed development adjacent to trail systems may be required to dedicate land for trail access points, as determined by the Director.
  - (2) The dedication or offers of dedication of trail easements where appropriate may be required for establishing a planned trails system alignment or where an established trail is jeopardized by impending development.
- (c) **Development standards.**
- (1) To ensure application of uniform design standards and to promote the safety of trail users and their enjoyment of the trails system, the Director shall apply the *County Trail Use and Design Guidelines*. These standards are intended to serve as a general guide, and may at times be superseded by standards of managing agencies other than San Bernardino County (e.g., U.S. Forest Service standards). Standards may vary depending on the proposed use and operation of the trail; more detailed standards for specific trails may be developed at the time specific siting and planning for a trail link is completed.

- (2) The scenic corridor on either side of a proposed trail route, measured from the outside edge of the right-of-way, trail, or path shall be identified. Development along the scenic corridor shall be compatible with existing scenic qualities.
- (3) Signage shall indicate approved off-highway vehicle (OHV) trails or access areas and shall notify where OHV use is prohibited.
- (d) **Delayed improvements.** Delayed improvements may be allowed in compliance with Section 83.05.060 (Delayed Improvements).
- (e) **Waiver of Public Works requirements.** A waiver of the Public Works Department requirements may be allowed in compliance with Section 83.05.070 (Waiver of Public Works Requirements).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.05.050 Installation of Street Improvements**

- (a) **When installation of street improvements required.** Before final inspection of a structure or improvement resulting in an increase or change of vehicular traffic that necessitates the construction of street improvements for the purposes of protecting public safety and health, the installation of street improvements may, at the discretion of the Director of Public Works, be required in compliance with the current adopted County standards.
- (b) **Street improvements described.** Street improvements shall include any or all of the following:
  - (1) Curb and gutter.
  - (2) Sidewalks.
  - (3) Concrete driveway approaches.
  - (4) Drainage structures.
  - (5) Back filling and preparation of the road surface to rough grade for the placement of paving.
  - (6) Paving.
  - (7) Other necessary improvements as determined by the Director of Public Works.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.05.060 Delayed Improvements**

- (a) **Dedication and installation required first.** The right-of-way dedication and installation of street improvements shall be required before the occupancy of the premises or commencement of uses.
- (b) **Delayed improvements allowed with written agreement.** Where it is impractical to install the required improvements at the time of the proposed development, a **delayed improvement** agreement in writing shall be entered into with the County Department of Public Works to make the improvements **along with the posting of a form of surety described in subsection (c), herein.** If the United States, the State of California, the County of San Bernardino, any other county, any municipal corporation, school district, other public district or public body includes in the delayed improvement agreement a written guarantee of payment of all costs for which the public district or public body may become liable to the County, then the posting of a form of surety described in subsection (c), herein, is not required from such public district or public body. The foregoing exemption to the surety requirement does not apply to subdivisions under the California Subdivision Map Act, Government Code Section 66410 et seq.
- (c) **Surety required.** A cash deposit, a surety bond, a developer lien agreement, or other form of surety acceptable to the County Department of Public Works in an amount equal to the estimated cost of the improvements as determined by the County Engineer, shall be posted with the County Department of Public Works to guarantee the installation of the improvements. The actual installation of street improvements may be delayed until the County makes a written demand for the installment. If surety bonds are submitted, they shall be furnished by a surety company authorized to write the bonds in the State of California. If a developer lien agreement is used, it shall be used only for **residential subdivisions (as defined in Subsection 87.07.040(d)(1)), and** commercial or industrial development and shall be prepared and processed in compliance with County policy.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4180 (2012)**

**83.05.070 (Reserved)**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**83.05.080 Building Official Determination**

Before final inspection of a structure, the Building Official shall determine that all of the following have been accomplished:

- (a) Dedications have been provided.
- (b) Street improvements have either been installed or that a cash deposit, surety bond or other form of acceptable surety in an amount equal to the estimated cost of the street improvements has been posted with the County Department of Public Works to ensure the installation of the street improvements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 83.06 FENCES, HEDGES, AND WALLS**

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**Sections:**

- 83.06.010 Purpose
- 83.06.020 Applicability
- 83.06.030 General Height Limitations
- 83.06.040 Measurement of Fence or Wall Height
- 83.06.050 Walls Required Between Different Land Use Zoning Districts
- 83.06.060 Special Wall and Fencing Requirements
- 83.06.070 Prohibited Fence Materials

**83.06.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish requirements for fences, hedges, and walls to ensure that these elements do not unnecessarily block views and sunlight; provide adequate buffering between different land uses; provide screening of outdoor uses and equipment; and provide for the mitigation of noise. These requirements are designed to provide aesthetic enhancement of the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.06.020 Applicability**

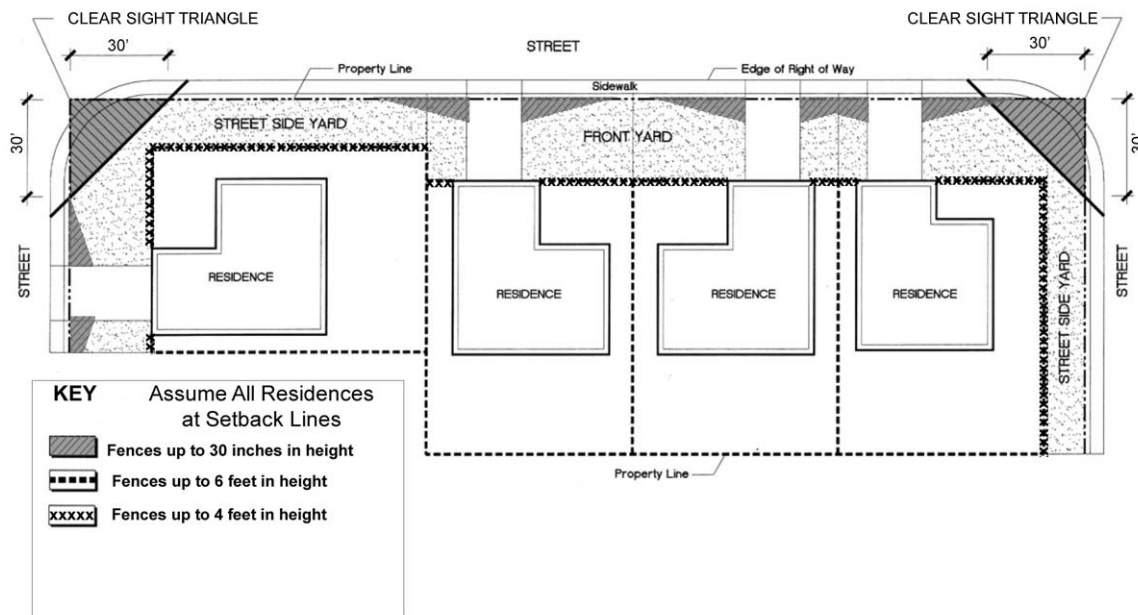
The provisions of this Chapter apply to all fences, hedges, and walls unless otherwise stated. These regulations do not apply to fences or walls required by regulations of a State or Federal agency, or by the County for reasons of public safety, or to retaining walls which are regulated by Section 83.02.070 (Setback Regulations and Exceptions).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.06.030 General Height Limitations**

Fences, hedges, and walls may be erected/maintained within required setback areas to the heights identified in Table 83-6, below. See also Figure 83-5.

<b>Table 83-6 Maximum Height of Fences, Hedges, and Walls Within Setbacks</b>				
<b>Land Use Zoning Districts</b>	<b>Maximum Height in Setbacks <sup>(1)</sup></b>			
	<b>Front</b>	<b>Street Side</b>	<b>Interior Side</b>	<b>Rear</b>
Commercial land use zoning districts <sup>(2)</sup>	4 ft.	4 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
Industrial land use zoning districts <sup>(2)</sup>	6 ft.	6 ft.	10 ft.	10 ft.
All other land use zoning districts	4 ft.	4 ft.	6 ft.	6 ft.
<p>Note:</p> <p><sup>(1)</sup> Fence heights in excess of these standards may be allowed by an approved Use Permit, Variance, Tract or Parcel Map or when required by the County for reasons of the health and safety of the general public. In the RC and RL land use zoning districts, open fences may go up to a maximum of 5 feet in the front setbacks and street side setbacks.</p> <p><sup>(2)</sup> Projects adjacent to residential districts shall use the standard of "All other land use zoning district."</p>				



**Figure 83-5  
Allowed Fence Height in Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.06.040 Measurement of Fence or Wall Height**

- (a) The height of a fence or wall shall be measured from the finished grade at the location in which the fence or wall is to be located.

- (b) Where there is a difference in the ground level between two adjacent parcels, the height of a fence or wall constructed along the property line shall be determined by using the finish grade of the **lowest** contiguous parcel.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### **83.06.050 Walls Required Between Different Land Use Zoning Districts**

Walls shall be provided and maintained between different land use zoning districts in the following manner:

- (a) **Nonresidential or multi-family.** Where a nonresidential land use district abuts property in any residential land use zoning district or a Multiple Residential Land Use Zoning District abuts property in a Single Residential Land Use Zoning District, a solid masonry wall shall be constructed on the land use zoning district boundary line consistent with the height limitations contained in Table 83-6. If a public right-of-way separates a nonresidential district from any residential district or multi-family residential district from a Single Residential Land Use Zoning District, this wall requirement may not apply. Also, this requirement shall not apply to the Rural Commercial (CR) Land Use Zoning District in the Desert Region.
- (b) **Industrial.** Where an industrial land use zoning district abuts property in a non-industrial land use zoning district, a solid masonry wall, a minimum of 6 feet in height, shall be constructed on the land use zoning district boundary line.
- (c) **Design and construction.** Walls shall be of solid masonry construction and shall be of a decorative design when in view of public rights-of-way subject to the approval of the Director.
- (d) **Modification of requirements.** The Director may waive or modify requirements for walls between different land use zoning districts where a solid masonry wall already exists on the abutting property if the following findings can be made in a positive manner:
- (1) The existing wall meets, or would be modified to conform to, the intent of this Chapter.
  - (2) Suitable landscaping would be installed adjacent to the existing wall to supplement and enhance the desired physical separation.
  - (3) The existing wall would be protected to prevent vehicle damage, if necessary.
  - (4) Concurrence of the abutting property owner(s) would be obtained, to modify the existing wall to meet the requirements of this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.06.060 Special Wall and Fencing Requirements**

- (a) **Swimming pools, spas, and similar features.** Swimming pools, spas, and other similar features shall be fenced in compliance with the California Building Code.
- (b) **Outdoor equipment, storage, and work areas.** Screening of outdoor uses and equipment and activities shall be provided in compliance with Section 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).
- (c) **Temporary fencing.** Temporary fencing may be necessary to protect archaeological or historic resources and/or trees during site preparation and construction. Temporary fencing for these purposes shall be subject to the approval of the Director.
- (d) **Walls along rights-of-way.**
  - (1) Walls shall be constructed of decorative concrete or masonry materials up to six feet in height.
  - (2) Aesthetic appeal as well as structural integrity shall be considered when designing the wall;
  - (3) The design shall include an appropriate mix of materials and landscaping subject to the approval of the Director.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.06.070 Prohibited Fence Materials**

- (a) **Chain link fencing.** Permanent chain link fencing or similar materials (chicken wire, hog fencing, etc.) is prohibited in residential land use zoning districts in the Valley Region, except in those cases where it is not visible from the public right-of-way or where the fence does not extend in front of the primary structure and is camouflaged to the greatest extent possible with plantings or similar shrouding, and except in those cases where the use is adjacent to public rights-of-way in commercial and industrial zoning districts. Chain link fencing shall be allowed for temporary uses. In the Mountain Region, chain link fencing will be allowed when used in conjunction with other fencing materials (i.e., split-rail fencing) and when camouflaged to the greatest extent possible. In the Desert Region, the prohibition against chain link fencing will not apply.
- (b) **Barbed wire/razor wire fencing.** Barbed wire and razor wire fencing shall be prohibited in residential land use zoning districts or adjacent to public rights-of-way in commercial and industrial zoning districts. Barbed wire, razor wire, or other sharp pointed material may only be used in the construction of a fence if it is at least six feet above ground level.
- (c) **Tarp fencing.** Tarp fencing shall be prohibited in all land use zoning districts.

- (d) **Electrified fencing.** The use of electrified fencing or wires in conjunction with any fence, wall, roof, hedge, or by itself along the property lines of a parcel within any land use zoning district is prohibited unless required by the law or a regulation of the City, the County, the State, Federal Government, agency, or as a condition of approval. The fencing may be allowed within the interior of a parcel if buffered from other properties by a separate barrier.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

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## **CHAPTER 83.07 GLARE AND OUTDOOR LIGHTING**

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### **Sections:**

- 83.07.010 Purpose
- 83.07.020 Applicability
- 83.07.030 Glare and Outdoor Lighting - Valley Region
- 83.07.040 Glare and Outdoor Lighting - Mountain and Desert Regions

### **83.07.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to encourage outdoor lighting practices and systems that will:

- (a) Minimize light pollution, glare, and light trespass;
- (b) Conserve energy and resources while maintaining nighttime safety, visibility, utility, and productivity;
- (c) Curtail the degradation of the nighttime visual environment.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.07.020 Applicability**

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to various types of outdoor lighting in the Valley Region, as specified in Section 83.07.030 and in the Mountain and Desert Regions, as specified in Section 83.07.040.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.07.030 Glare and Outdoor Lighting - Valley Region**

This Section provides standards for outdoor lighting in the Valley Region.

- (a) **Light trespass prohibited.** Outdoor lighting of commercial or industrial land uses shall be fully shielded to preclude light pollution or light trespass on any of the following:
  - (1) An abutting residential land use zoning district;
  - (2) A residential parcel; or
  - (3) Public right-of-way.

- (b) **Determination of light trespass.** A determination of light trespass shall be made through a quantitative measurement utilizing a standard yardstick (3 ft x 1½ in.). The yardstick shall be placed at the building setback line in the complainant's yard. The yardstick shall be in contact with the ground or may be raised to window level of the dwelling and in a vertical position. The person taking the measurement shall then determine if a shadow is cast by the light source, that is, the light source, yardstick, and shadow shall be in alignment. Measurements shall not be taken when there is a moon in the night sky.
- (c) **Maximum allowed foot-candles.** Direct or indirect light from any light fixture shall not cause glare above five-tenths (0.5) foot-candles when measured at the property line of a residential land use zoning district, residential parcel, or public right-of-way. Light levels shall be measured with a photoelectric photometer, following the standard spectral luminous efficiency curve adopted by the International Commission on Illumination.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.07.040      Glare and Outdoor Lighting - Mountain and Desert Regions**

This Section provides standards for outdoor lighting in the Mountain and Desert Regions, unless exempt in compliance with Subsection 83.07.040(e) (Exempt lighting and fixtures), below.

- (a) **Residential, commercial and industrial land use zoning districts.** The following standards shall apply to all structures and freestanding outdoor light fixtures in all land use zoning districts.
  - (1) **Maximum height.** Residential pole lighting shall not exceed 12 feet in height.
  - (2) **Shielding requirements.** New permitted lighting for new construction, unless exempt in compliance with Subsection 83.07.040(e) (Exempt lighting and fixtures), below, shall be shielded in compliance with the requirements outlined in Table 83-7 (Shielding Requirements for Outdoor Lighting in the Mountain Region and Desert Region), in order to preclude light pollution or light trespass on:
    - (A) Adjacent property;
    - (B) Other property within the line of sight (direct or reflected) of the light source; or
    - (C) Members of the public who may be traveling on adjacent roadways or rights-of-way.



**Table 83-7**  
**Shielding Requirements For Outdoor Lighting**  
**In the Mountain Region and Desert Region**

<b>Fixture Lamp Type</b>	<b>Residential Area Shielded</b>	<b>Commercial/Industrial Area Shielded</b>
Low Pressure Sodium	Fully	Fully
High Pressure Sodium	Prohibited except fully shielded on streets	Fully
Metal Halide	Prohibited	Fully
Fluorescent	Fully	Fully
Quartz	Prohibited	Fully
Incandescent > 60 Watts	Fully	Fully
Incandescent 60 Watts or less	No requirement	No requirement
Glass Tubes filled with Neon, Argon, or Krypton	No requirement	No requirement
Mercury Vapor	Prohibited	Fully
Halogen	Prohibited	Fully
Searchlights for advertising purposes	Prohibited	Prohibited
Laser source light or similar light intensity light for advertising purposes	Prohibited when projected above the horizontal	Prohibited when projected above the horizontal

- (b) **Determination of light trespass.** Light trespass shall be determined in compliance with Subsection 83.07.030(a), above.
- (c) **Additional standards for recreation facilities.** The following additional standards shall apply to recreational facilities:
- (1) Private recreational facilities shall not be illuminated between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and sunrise.
  - (2) Public recreational facilities shall not be illuminated unless the facilities are being utilized. The illumination shall be turned off no later than 11:00 p.m. or one hour after the termination of the event and/or use, whichever occurs last.
- (d) **Additional standards for off-site signs (billboards) and on-site signs.** Lighting fixtures used to illuminate a new off-site sign and exterior illuminated on-site signs shall be mounted on the top of the sign structure and shall comply with the shielding requirements in Table 83-7 (Shielding Requirements for Outdoor Lighting in the Mountain Region and Desert Region), above.

(e) **Exempt lighting and fixtures.** The following outdoor lighting fixtures shall be exempt from the requirements of this Section:

- (1) Fixtures producing light directly by the combustion of fossil fuels (e.g., kerosene lanterns, gas lamps, etc.).
- (2) Neon, argon or krypton outdoor lighting fixtures.
- (3) Outdoor lighting fixtures on facilities or lands owned, operated, or controlled by the United States Government or State of California. Voluntary compliance at those facilities is encouraged.
- (4) Emergency lighting operated by a public utility or agency during the course of repairing or replacing damaged facilities.
- (5) Emergency lighting and fixtures necessary to conduct rescue operations, provide emergency medical treatment, or address any other emergency situation.
- (6) Provided there is no light pollution, or light trespass, or when the lighting fixtures are regulated by motion detector, lighting fixtures within five feet of an entrance or exit door and/or alcove of a dwelling unit, not exceeding a height of eight feet and a wattage not exceeding 75 watts.
- (7) Internally illuminated signs.
- (8) Holiday lighting fixtures or displays.
- (9) Architectural lighting whether it is freestanding or attached to a structure that does not exceed an intensity of 60 watts.
- (10) Pedestrian lighting that does not have an intensity greater than 60 watts.
- (11) Vertical lighting for properly displayed U.S. and State of California flags that does not exceed an intensity of 140 watts.

(f) **Nonconforming lighting.**

- (1) Existing nonconforming outdoor lighting fixtures that were not regulated by previous development codes shall be allowed continued use, except that the lighting shall not be structurally altered so as to extend its useful life, aside from regular maintenance. If the Director determines that a nonconforming lighting fixture results in light pollution or light trespass, the Director may require the light to either be shielded, filtered, redirected, replaced with a less intense light source or otherwise modified (including removal if necessary) to eliminate the light pollution or light trespass.

- (2) In those cases where the Director has determined that light pollution or light trespass exists, the Director may grant additional time for the property owner to remedy the light pollution or light trespass where a hardship exists. In determining if a hardship exists, the following factors shall be considered:
  - (A) The degree of difficulty in accessing the fixture;
  - (B) Financial difficulty or cost of correcting the light pollution or light trespass;
  - (C) Degree of light pollution or light trespass; or
  - (D) Other similar issues.
- (3) When a hardship exists and a request for temporary relief from the immediate compliance of a remedy action has been submitted to the Director, the following findings shall be made to grant the relief:
  - (A) Special circumstances or conditions apply to the land, structure(s), or outdoor light fixtures for which temporary administrative relief is sought, and the circumstances or conditions are peculiar to the land, structure(s), or outdoor light fixtures and do not apply generally to the land, structure(s), or outdoor light fixtures in the neighborhood.
  - (B) The granting of the temporary administrative relief will generally be in harmony with the intent of this Section and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
- (4) When a request for temporary relief has been submitted to the Department in a hardship case, the Director shall make a determination within 10 business days from the date of the submission of the request and promptly notify the applicant in writing of the decision. Temporary relief shall not exceed a period of 90 days. The Director's determination may be appealed to the Commission within 10 days of the decision. Should additional time be required, the request shall be forwarded to the Commission for review and consideration through the Temporary Use Permit process in compliance with Chapter 85.15 (Temporary Use Permits).
- (5) The Director may forward the request for temporary relief to the Commission based upon the degree of light pollution or light trespass, costs of correcting the light pollution or light trespass, or other similar issues.
- (6) In those cases where the Director has determined that light pollution or light trespass exists, and that adjustment or removal of the nonconforming light structure is required, the Director shall fix a time for the adjustment or removal of the nonconforming lighting fixture commensurate with the investment value and related to the depreciated value of the lighting fixture. The determination may only be made after notice to the owner.

- (7) Where the Director has determined the continued existence of a nonconforming light is detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare, or is a public nuisance, the use of the light may be immediately terminated or abated in compliance with the following procedure:
  - (A) A public hearing before the Commission shall be used to process this termination or abatement.
  - (B) A Notice of Termination and a copy of the findings shall be sent to the property owner at least 30 days before the public hearing. Public notice shall be given in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
  - (C) If a termination is ordered, the Commission may provide for a reasonable period of time to amortize any lawful existing uses on the site. Extensions of this time period may be granted for good cause shown on later application to the reviewing authority by any affected person.
- (8) In commercial and industrial land use zoning districts, 50 percent of all nonconforming lighting fixtures within parking lots or within open lot sale areas shall be turned off within one hour after closing or between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and sunrise, whichever occurs first.
  - (A) In those cases where turning off 50 percent of the nonconforming lighting fixtures would constitute a hardship, the Director may grant an administrative exemption based on the following findings:
    - (I) Special circumstances or conditions apply to the land, structure(s), or outdoor light fixtures for which temporary administrative relief is sought, and the circumstances or conditions are peculiar to the land, structure(s), or outdoor light fixtures and do not apply generally to the land, structure(s) or outdoor light fixtures in the neighborhood;
    - (II) The strict application of this Section would deprive the applicant reasonable use of the land, structure(s), or outdoor fixtures;
    - (III) The granting of the temporary administrative relief will generally be in harmony with the intent of this Section and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
  - (B) When a request for an administrative exemption has been submitted to the Department in a hardship case, the Director shall make a determination within 10 business days from the date of the submission of the request for an administrative exemption and promptly notify the applicant in writing of the decision. The Director shall determine the period of administrative exemption consistent with Section 83.07.040(f)(8)(D). The Director's determination may be appealed to the Commission within 10 days of the decision. Should additional time be required, the request shall be forwarded to the Commission for review and consideration through the Temporary

Use Permit process in compliance with Chapter 85.15 (Temporary Use Permits).

- (C) The Director may forward the request for an administrative exemption to the Commission based upon the degree of light pollution or light trespass, costs of correcting the light pollution or light trespass or other similar issues.
- (D) In those cases where the Director determines that turning off 50 percent of the nonconforming lighting fixtures is a hardship to the business operator, the Director shall fix a time for the termination of the use of the nonconforming lighting fixture commensurate with the investment value and related to the depreciated value of the lighting fixture. The determination may only be made after notice to the owner.
- (E) In those cases where the Director has determined that light pollution or light trespass still exists even when 50 percent of all nonconforming lights are turned off, and that adjustment or removal of the nonconforming light structure(s) is required, the Director shall fix a time for the adjustment or removal of the nonconforming lighting fixture(s) commensurate with the investment value and related to the depreciated value of the lighting fixture. The determination may only be made after notice to the owner.

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## CHAPTER 83.08 HILLSIDE GRADING STANDARDS

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### Sections:

- 83.08.010 Purpose
- 83.08.020 Applicability
- 83.08.030 Hillside Grading Review
- 83.08.040 Hillside Grading Standards

### 83.08.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes regulations for development within hillside areas to:

- (a) Facilitate appropriate hillside development through standards and guidelines for hillside areas.
- (b) Ensure that development in the hillside areas is designed to fit the existing landform.
- (c) Preserve significant features of the natural topography, including swales, canyons, streams, knolls, ridgelines, and rock outcrops.
- (d) Provide a safe means of ingress, egress and traffic flow for all forms of permissible traffic within hillside areas.
- (e) Provide alternative approaches to conventional grading practices by achieving development intensities that are consistent with the natural characteristics of hillside areas (e.g., land form, scenic quality, slopes, and vegetation).
- (f) Encourage the planning, design, and development of sites that provide maximum safety with respect to fire hazards, exposure to geological hazards, drainage, erosion and siltation, and materials of construction; provide the best use of natural terrain; and to discourage development that will create or disproportionately increase fire, flood, slide, or other safety hazards to public health, welfare, and safety.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 83.08.020 Applicability

- (a) **Slope gradient of 15 percent or greater.** The standards contained in this Chapter apply to all uses and structures within areas having a natural slope gradient of 15 percent or greater over the area being graded and requiring a Grading Permit. For the purpose of this Chapter, slope shall be computed as set forth in Section 83.08.040(b) for the area being graded before grading is commenced.

- (b) **Site conditions requiring Hillside Grading Review.** If the slope gradient is 15 percent or greater and if any one of the following thresholds applies on a particular site meeting the criteria set forth in subsection (a) above, a full analysis and compliance with this Chapter shall be required and a Hillside Grading Review shall be conducted in compliance with Section 83.08.030 (Hillside Grading Review):
- (1) The volume of proposed grading is more than 500 cubic yards per lot or more than a total of 2,000 cubic yards for the total project.
  - (2) If retaining walls or the proposed cut or fill slopes greater than 15 feet in height will be visible and exposed to permanent public view or will be adjacent to designated open space or public lands.
  - (3) The width of proposed cut or fill slopes is greater than 75 feet in the Valley and Mountain Regions and 150 feet in the Desert Region as measured at the widest point of the slope.
  - (4) The area of proposed disturbance is more than 50 percent of the site area, or the proposed disturbed area exceeds 10,000 square feet, whichever is less.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### **83.08.030 Hillside Grading Review**

A subdivision, land use permit, or Building Permit application for a site or development that meets or exceeds the thresholds in Section 83.08.020 (Applicability) shall require a Hillside Grading Review.

- (a) **Procedure.** The review shall be conducted concurrently with any required discretionary review or in conjunction with an application for a Grading Permit for any project that meets or exceeds the thresholds listed in Section 83.08.020 (Applicability).
- (b) **Submittal requirements.** An application for a Hillside Grading Review shall require the following documents, reports, maps and such others as determined appropriate by the Director. Exceptions to the filing requirements shall require a written justification supported by factual information submitted to the Director for consideration. Some of the required submittals listed below may be displayed on a single map or plan.
- (1) **Natural features map.** A natural features map shall identify all existing slope banks, ridgelines, canyons, natural drainage courses, Federally recognized blue line streams, rock outcroppings, and existing vegetation. When a geology report is required, landslides and other existing geologic hazards shall also be depicted.
  - (2) **Grading plan.** A conceptual grading plan shall include the following items:



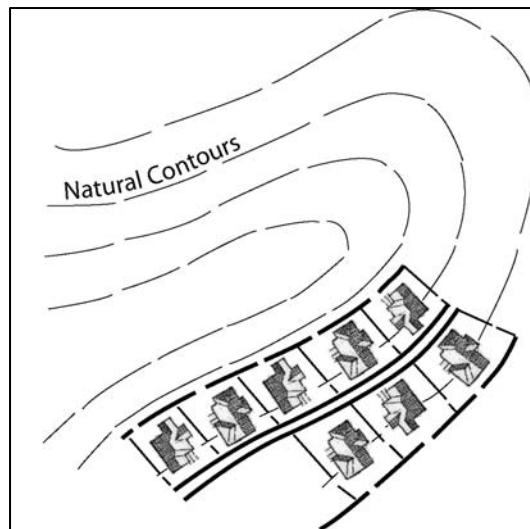
- (A) A legend with appropriate symbols shall include the following items: change in direction of drainage, elevation of regulated trees subject to the provisions of Section 88.01.070(b) (Regulated trees), estimated volumes proposed to be cut and/or filled, finished floor elevations, high point, low point, pad elevations, spot elevations, top of curb, and top of wall.
  - (B) A separate map, with proposed fill areas colored in green and cut areas colored in red, with areas where cut and/or fill exceed depths established in compliance with this Chapter. If custom foundations are proposed, this shall be noted on the map. Additionally, the area of cut and/or fill, calculated as a percentage of the total surface area of the site, shall be included on the plan; and
  - (C) Contours for existing and natural land conditions and proposed work. Existing contours shall be depicted with a dashed line with every fifth contour line darker; and proposed contours shall be depicted similarly with solid lines. Contours shall be shown at maximum five-foot intervals above 20 percent slope.
- (3) **Drainage map.** A conceptual drainage and flood control facilities map describing planned drainage improvements.
- (4) **Slope analysis map.** A slope analysis map for the purpose of determining the amount and location of land as it exists in its natural state falling into each slope category as specified in this subparagraph. This map shall be prepared and signed by a registered civil engineer or licensed land surveyor, and shall have a scale of not less than one inch to 100 feet and a contour interval of not more than two feet, provided that the contour interval may be five feet when the slope is more than 20 percent. A scale of not less than one inch to 200 feet may be used for developments greater than 100 acres in size. This map shall show the closest structures on all contiguous properties. It shall delineate slope bands in the range of zero to less than 15 percent, 15 to less than 30 percent, 30 percent to less than 40 percent, and 40 percent or greater. Also included shall be a tabulation of the land/area in each slope category specified in acres.
- (5) **Slope profiles.** A sufficient number of slope profiles shall be provided as required by the Director to clearly illustrate the extent of the proposed grading. The slope profiles shall:
- (A) Be drawn at the same scale and indexed, or keyed, to the grading plan, and project site map.
  - (B) Show existing and proposed topography, structures, and infrastructure. Proposed topography, structures, and infrastructure shall be drawn with a solid, heavy line. Existing topography and features shall be drawn with a thin or dashed line.

- (C) The slope profile shall extend far enough from the project site boundary to clearly show impact on adjacent property, within at least 150 feet.
- (D) The profiles shall be drawn along those locations of the project site where:
  - (I) The greatest alteration of existing topography is proposed;
  - (II) The most intense or dense development is proposed;
  - (III) The site that is most visible from surrounding land uses; and
  - (IV) At all site boundaries illustrating maximum and minimum conditions.
- (E) At least two of the slope profiles shall be roughly parallel to each other and roughly perpendicular to existing contour lines. At least one other slope profile shall be roughly at a 45-degree angle to the other slope profiles and existing contour lines.

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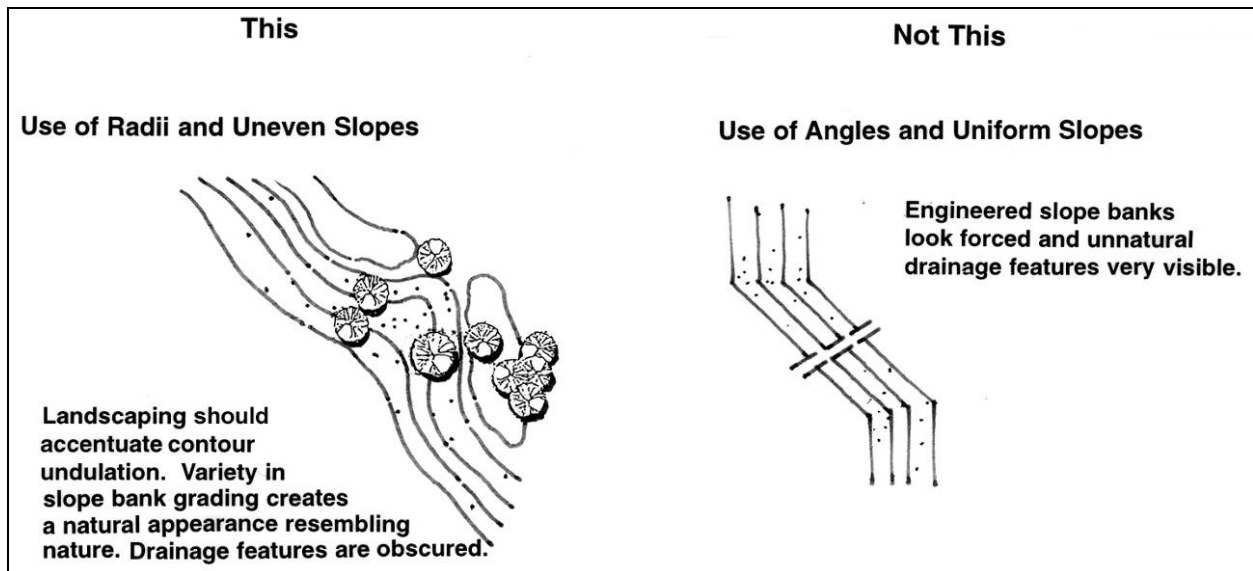
#### 83.08.040 Hillside Grading Standards

- (a) **Landform grading and revegetation standards.** Incorporation of the basic principles of the landform grading and revegetation concept in the design and construction of hillside development projects shall be required so that they will be in harmony with the natural topography and reflect existing plant distribution patterns. The general principles of landform grading and revegetation include the following elements:
  - (1) The basic land plan flows with the natural topography rather than against it. This means that street patterns and building pad configurations follow the underlying topographic features rather than cutting across them. See Figure 83-6.



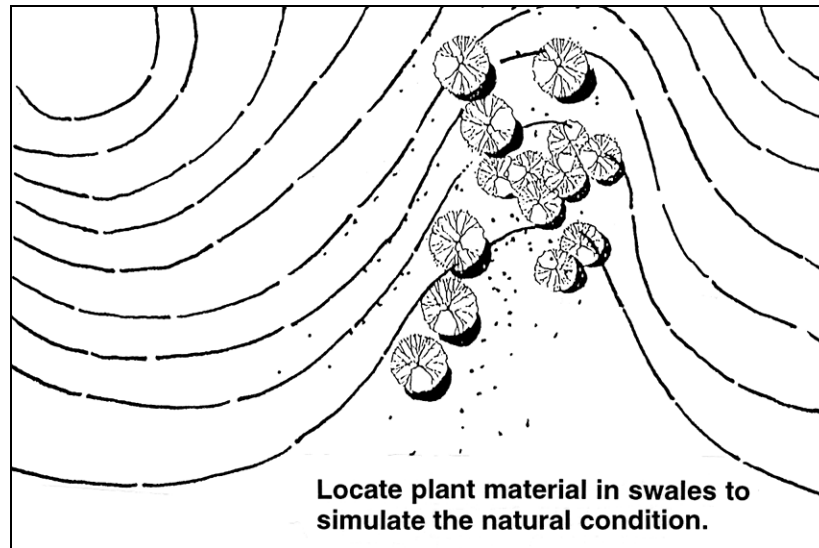
**Figure 83-6**  
**Development Follows Natural Topography**

- (2) Manufactured sites.
- (A) All manufactured cut and fill slopes exceeding 15 feet in height, which will be either exposed to permanent public view or are adjacent to environmentally sensitive areas, shall be designed with features characteristic of natural slopes so that their ultimate appearance will resemble a natural slope. This shall include slopes along streets and highways, slopes adjacent to parks, schools, open spaces, and other public facilities, and other prominent and highly visible slopes. See Figure 83-7.
- (B) Side setback slopes and rear setback slopes, less than 25 feet in height, need not have landform design applied.
- (C) Slope drainage devices (i.e., down drains and interceptor drains) shall be designed so that they are built into the natural slope features and become hidden from view.



**Figure 83-7**  
**Characteristics of Manufactured Slopes**

- (3) When not otherwise required, terracing and the associated concrete drainage devices (i.e., terrace drains, down drains, and interceptor drains) distract from efforts to give cut and fill slopes a natural appearance and are therefore discouraged.
- (4) Landscaping shall be applied in patterns resembling native plant distribution. See Figure 83-8.



**Figure 83-8**  
**Patterns of Landscaping**

**(b) Slope analysis.**

- (1) Calculating average slope.** Use one of the following formulas or an acceptable alternative approved by the Director that would accurately portray the steepness of areas throughout the site that are proposed for development and preservation in open space to calculate the weighted average natural slope by slope category for the entire project site and the weighted average for the area to be graded:

**Example #1:**

Weighted Average Slope =  $0.002296 \text{ IL/A}$

I = Contour interval in feet

L = Summation of length of all contours in feet

A = Area in acres of parcel being considered (minimum area to be considered shall be 10,000 square feet)

**Example #2:**

Weighted Average Slope =  $100 \text{ IL/a}$

I = Contour interval in feet

L = Summation of length of all contours in feet

a = Area in square feet of parcel being considered (minimum area to be considered shall be 10,000 square feet)

- (2) Slope categories.** Table 83-8 (Slope Categories) provides standards for hillside slopes in areas that will not be landform graded. These standards ensure that development will complement the existing character and topography of the land. The standards for one category may be applied to limited portions of the site in an adjacent category when a project is developed on a site with more than one slope category. The maximum allowable density for residential projects shall be determined by the formulas contained in Section 84.18.030 (Development

Standards) or in Section 82.13.060 (FS1, FS2 and FS3 Development Standards) if the projects is located within a Fire Safety Overlay.

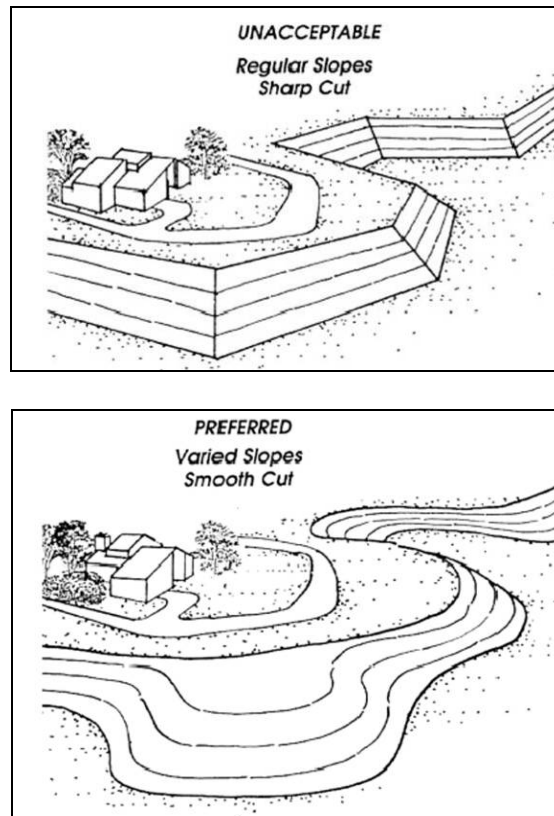
**TABLE 83-8  
SLOPE CATEGORIES**

Slope Category	Weighted Average Natural Slope Gradient	Site Standards
1	15% to less than 30%	Structures shall conform to the natural topography and natural grade by using appropriate techniques, including stepped or split-level foundations, stem walls, stacking, and clustering. Walls shall be as natural appearing as possible. Conventional grading may be considered for limited portions of a project when its plan includes special design features, extensive open space, or significant use of greenbelts.
2	30% to less than 40%	Development within this category shall be restricted to those sites where it can be demonstrated that safety will be maximized while environmental and aesthetic impacts will be minimized. Use of large parcels, variable setbacks, and variable building structural techniques (e.g., stepped foundations) shall be expected. Extra erosion control measures may be included as conditions of approval.
3	40% and greater	This is an excessive slope condition. Pad grading shall not be allowed. Grading for driveways and roads shall be reviewed through the Minor Use Permit application process.

**(c) Grading.**

**(1) Grading standards.**

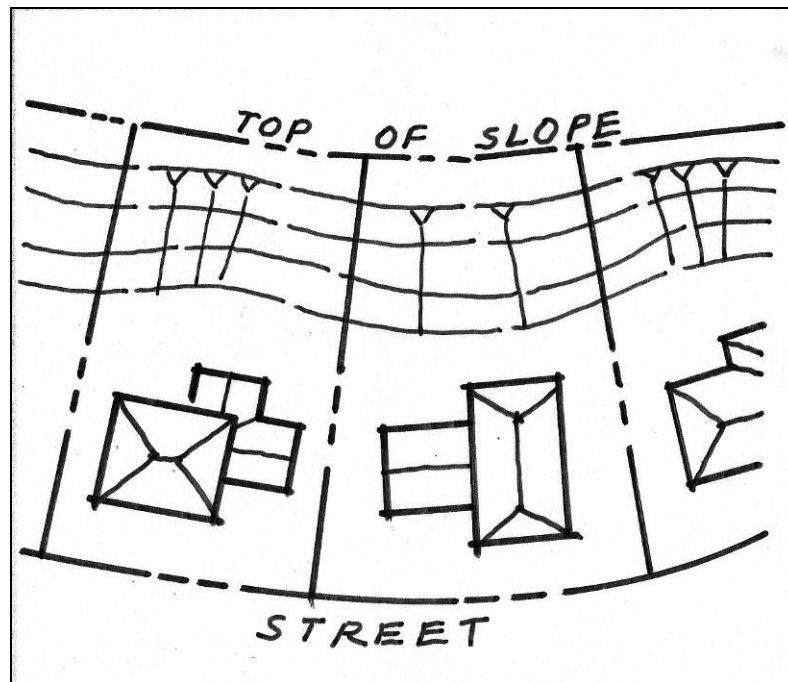
- (A) Cut and fill slopes shall not be created greater than 50 percent (2:1).
- (B) Where cut or fill conditions are created, slopes shall be varied rather than left at a constant angle that may be unstable or create an unnatural, rigid, "engineered" appearance. See Figure 83-9.



**Figure 83-9**  
**Variations in Cut and/or Fill Slopes**

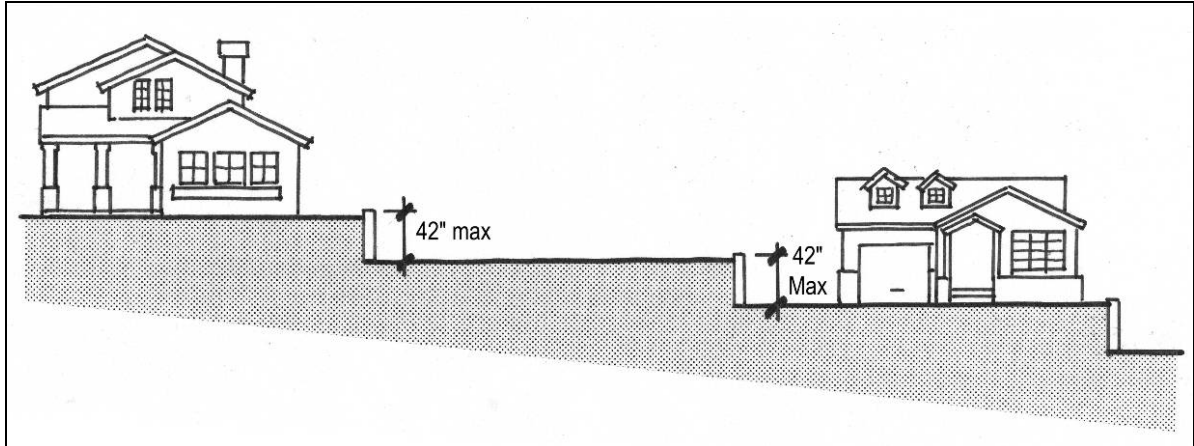
- (C) The toe and crest of any slope in excess of 10 feet in vertical height shall be rounded with vertical curves of radii no less than five feet and designed in proportion to the total height of the slope.
- (D) A manufactured slope bank shall not exceed 30 feet in vertical height unless no feasible alternative exists or unless grading can be significantly reduced by increasing slope height. However, the use of an alternative design is strongly recommended as the desirable approach in reducing grading and slope height. Any bank exceeding 25 feet in height, regardless of length, shall have variable gradients.
- (E) Grading shall be phased so that prompt revegetation or construction will control erosion. Where feasible, only those areas that will be built on, resurfaced, or landscaped shall be disturbed. Topsoil shall be stockpiled during rough grading and used on cut and fill slopes whenever feasible. Revegetation of cut and fill slopes shall occur within three months of grading completion.

- (F) Grading operations shall be prohibited during the rainy season, October 15 to April 15, unless adequate erosion control measures are implemented as approved by the Director to control run-off and retain sediment on-site.
- (G) Retaining walls associated with lot pads shall not exceed four feet in height, where they will be visible to the public. Where an additional retained portion is necessary due to unusual or extreme conditions (i.e., parcel configuration, steep slope, or road design), the use of terraced retaining structures shall be considered on an individual parcel basis and shall only be allowed where landscaping is provided between the walls to soften the overall appearance. Terraced walls shall be separated by a minimum of three feet with appropriate landscaping. No more than three terraced or stepped walls shall be permitted without obtaining a Variance for more. Terraced retaining walls shall not be used as a typical solution within a development and shall be limited to the minimum required subject to approval of the Director.
- (H) Parcel lines shall be placed two feet beyond top of major slope areas within public view corridors to help ensure their maintenance by the downhill owner.
- (I) Where feasible, graded areas shall be designed with manufactured slopes located on the uphill side of structures, thereby hiding the slope behind the structure. See Figure 83-10.



**Figure 83-10**  
**Manufactured Slopes Located at Rear of Lot**

- (J) On parcels sloping with the street and other configurations not addressed above in this subparagraph 1, one retaining wall, not to exceed 42 inches in height, may be used in a side setback where necessary. See Figure 83-11.

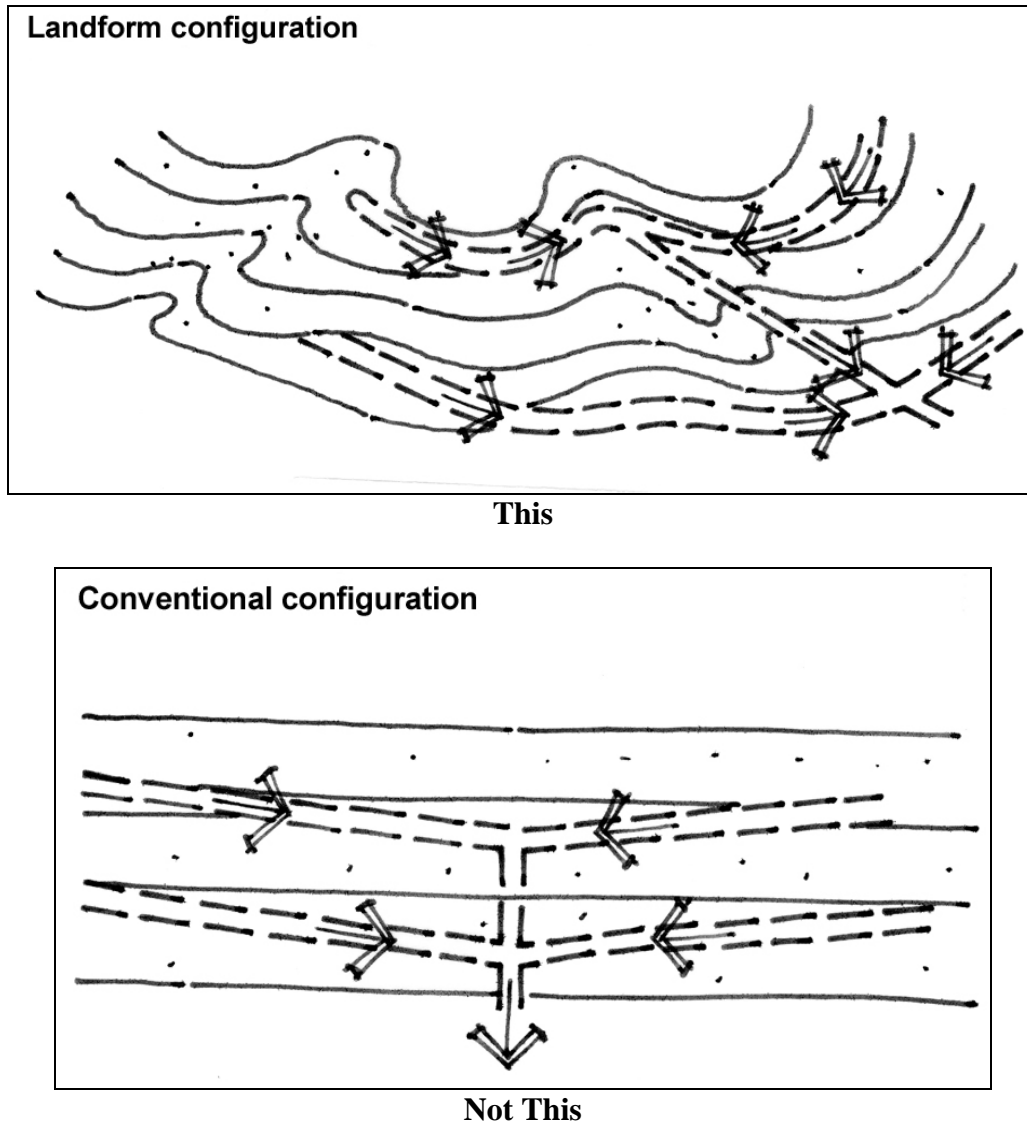


**Figure 83-11**  
**Retaining Walls for Side Setbacks**

**(2) Drainage standards.**

- (A) Debris basins, riprap, and energy dissipating devices shall be provided where necessary to reduce erosion when grading is undertaken. Except for necessary flood control facilities and road and utility crossings, significant natural drainage courses shall be protected from grading activity. In instances where crossing is required, a natural crossing and bank protection shall be preferred over steel and concrete systems, where such crossing is feasible. Where brow ditches are required, they shall be naturalized with plant materials and native rocks.
- (B) Terrace drains shall follow landform slope configuration. Down drains shall not be placed in exposed positions. Down drains shall be hidden in swales diagonally or curvilinearly across a slope face. In this manner they shall be built into the overall landform of the slope. See Figure 83-12.





**Figure 83-12**  
**Drains Follow Topography**

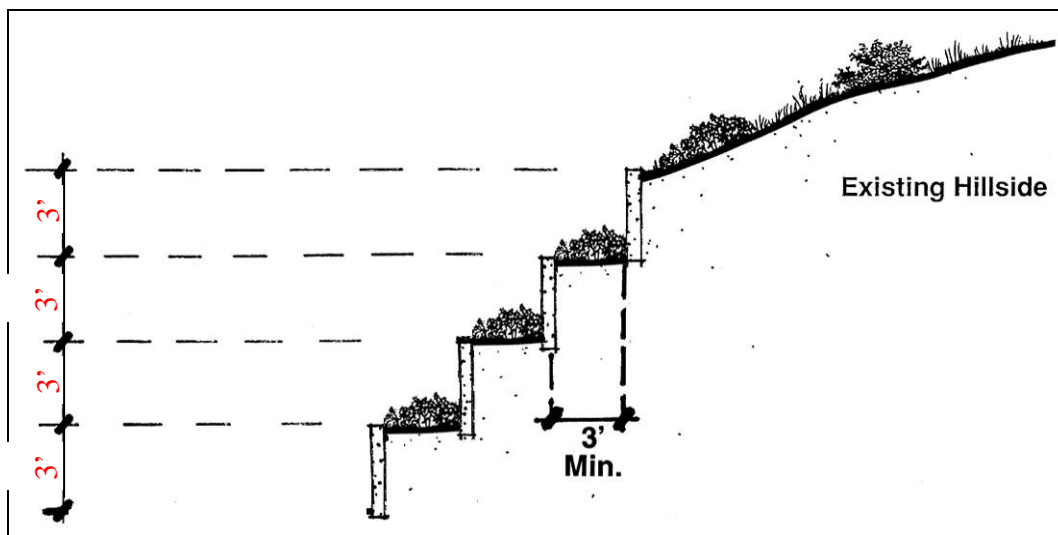
- (C) Building Permits and Grading Permits shall not be issued for construction on any site without an approved location for disposal of runoff waters, (i.e., a drainage channel, public street or alley, or private drainage easement).
- (D) The use of cross lot drainage shall be subject to the Director's review and may be approved after demonstration that this method will not adversely affect the proposed parcels or adjacent properties, and that it is absolutely required in order to minimize the amount of grading that would result with conventional drainage practices. Where cross lot drainage is utilized, the following shall apply:
  - (I) One parcel may drain across another parcel if an easement is provided either within an improved, open V-swale gutter that has a naturalized appearance or within a closed drainage pipe that should be a minimum

12 inches in diameter. This drainage shall be conveyed to either a public street or to a drainage easement. The easement width shall be determined on an individual basis and shall be dependent on appropriate hydrologic studies and access requirements.

- (II) On-site drainage shall be conveyed in an improved, open V-swale gutter that has a naturalized appearance, or within an underground pipe as determined on an individual basis and shall be dependent on appropriate hydrologic studies and access requirements.
- (E) Slope drainage on graded slopes should be regulated per the California Building Code.
- (F) Natural drainage courses shall be preserved and enhanced to the extent feasible. Rather than filling them in, drainage features shall be incorporated as an integral part of the project design.

**(3) Access, trails, and roadway standards.**

- (A) Driveway grades up to a maximum of 20 percent shall be allowed and shall be aligned with the natural contours of the land. Proper design considerations shall be employed (i.e., vertical curbs and parking landings). Parking landings shall be utilized on all driveways over 10 percent in grade.
- (B) Where retaining walls are necessary adjacent to roadways or within street setbacks, they shall be limited to three feet in height where they will be visible from the street in order to avoid obstruction of motorists' and pedestrians' field of view and to create an aesthetically pleasing streetscape. No more than four terraced or stepped retaining walls shall be utilized. Walls shall be separated by a minimum of three feet and include appropriate landscaping.

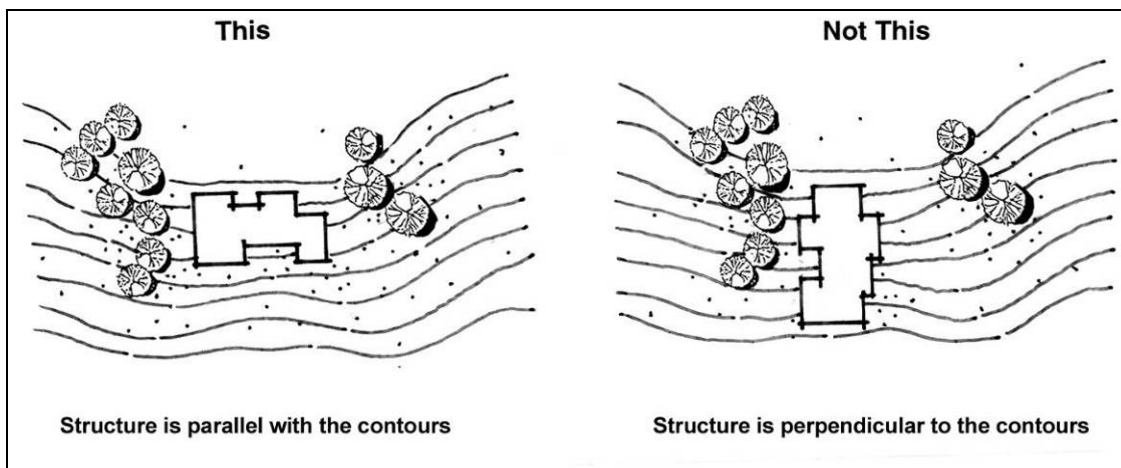


**Figure 83-13**  
**Retaining Walls Along Streets and in Setbacks**

- (C) Roadways and driveways shall conform to the natural landform, where feasible. They shall not greatly alter the physical and visual character of a hillside by creating large notches in ridgelines, defining wide straight alignments, or by building switch-backs on visually prominent hillsides. Split sections and parking bays shall be utilized in the layout of hillside streets.
- (D) Where road construction is allowed in hillside areas, the extent of vegetation disturbance and visual disruption shall be minimized by the combined use of retaining structures and regrading to approximate the natural slope. The following techniques shall be used where feasible:
  - (I) Utilize landform revegetation planting in order to create a natural appearance and provide a sense of privacy.
  - (II) Reduce the visual and safety impacts by use of terraced retaining walls and landscaping.
  - (III) Split roadways increase the amount and appearance of landscaping and the median can be used to handle drainage.

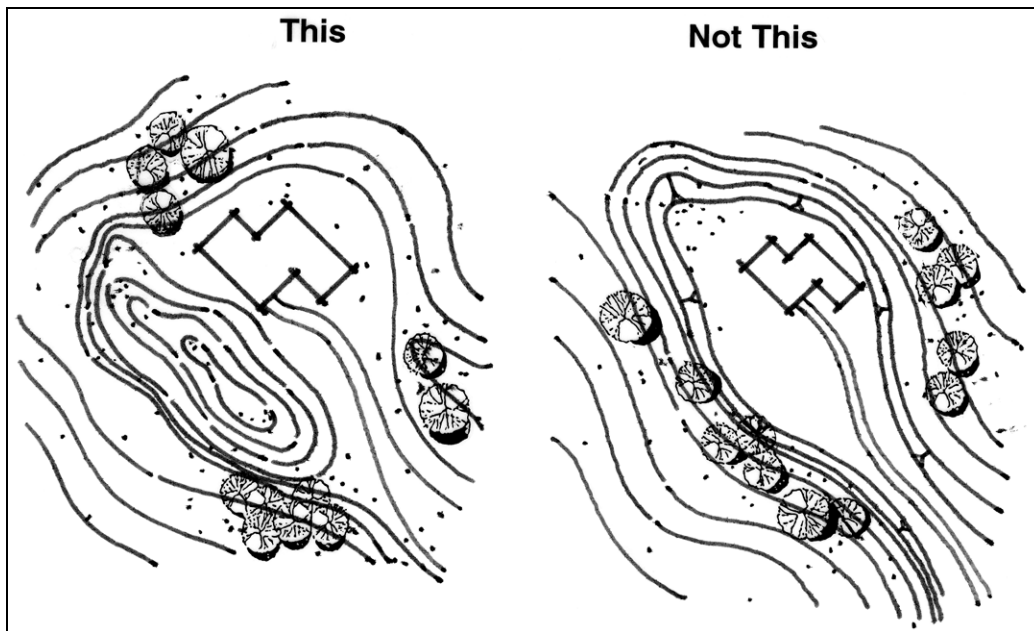
**(4) Site design.**

- (A) The dimensions of a structure parallel to the direction of the slope shall be maximized in order to limit the amount of cutting and filling and to better fit the structure to the natural terrain. See Figure 83-14.



**Figure 83-14**  
**Streets and Lots Follow Contours**

- (B) Design of building sites shall be sensitive to the natural terrain. Structures shall be located in ways that minimize grading and preserve natural features (i.e., knolls or ridgelines). See Figure 83-15.



**Figure 83-15**  
**Preserve Natural Features**

- (C) Projects shall incorporate variable setbacks, multiple orientations, and other site planning techniques to preserve open spaces, protect natural features, and offer views for residents.
- (5) **Landscaping standards.** In addition to the requirements in Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards) the following standards shall apply to hillside development subject to the requirements of this Chapter:
- (A) Native or naturalized plants or other plant species that blend with the landscape shall be utilized in all areas with required planting.
- (B) Fire retardant plant materials shall be utilized.
- (C) A permanent landscape and irrigation system, for purposes of establishing and maintaining required planting, shall be installed on all slopes. The emphasis shall be toward using plant materials that will eventually need minimal irrigation. Water and energy conservation techniques shall be utilized, including drip irrigation, reclaimed water, and xeriscape. Within the Desert Region, if a natural landscape palette is selected, permanent irrigation need not be provided if it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Director that permanent irrigation is unnecessary. Drip irrigation need not be provided for landscape palettes where such a system would not be water-

efficient. Reclaimed water need be used only in situations where it is available at the site.

- (D) Landscaping shall be used to screen views of downslope building elevations. When the structure height exceeds 20 feet from finished grade on a downslope, additional landscaping shall be required and a landscaping plan shall be submitted for review with the submittal package.
- (E) Slopes with required planting shall be planted with informal clusters of trees and shrubs to soften and vary the slope plane. Where required by the County, jute netting or similar material shall be used to help stabilize planting and minimize soil erosion.
- (F) Native vegetation shall be retained and supplemented within undeveloped canyons and along natural drainage courses as allowed by State and Federal resource agencies (e.g., State Department of Fish & Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, etc.).
- (G) Landscaping shall become a "revegetation" process and be applied in patterns that occur in nature: Trees and shrubs shall be concentrated largely in concave areas, while convex portions shall be planted mainly with groundcovers.

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## CHAPTER 83.09 INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT STANDARDS

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### Sections:

- 83.09.010 Purpose
- 83.09.020 Applicability
- 83.09.030 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Valley Region
- 83.09.040 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Mountain Region
- 83.09.050 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Desert Region

### 83.09.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish the infrastructure improvements required for proposed development in order to ensure that the development does not result in fiscal liabilities to County residents. The intent is to require an appropriate range of infrastructure facilities and services to support areas of high intensity development and areas of low intensity development. The requirements are based upon the direct relationship between the intensity of land uses and the amounts of facilities and services that are needed to support the uses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 83.09.020 Applicability

The standards provided in this Chapter apply to all new residential and nonresidential subdivisions and non-residential development in the Valley Region, Mountain Region, and Desert Region of the County. Where indicated, some of these standards may apply to ministerial permits (e.g., Building Permits). Infrastructure requirements for residential development on existing lots of record are listed in Section 84.21.030 (Minimum Residential Construction Standards) and Section 84.16.040 (Development Standards Applicable to All Multi-Family Projects).

The road dedication and street improvement standards provided in this Chapter do not apply to: (1) the alteration or enlargement of an existing building or structure on a lot or parcel of land if the total square footage of such alteration or enlargement, and all other alterations or enlargements completed three (3) years prior to the date of the application for a permit for such alteration or enlargement, does not exceed one-half (1/2) of the original square footage of all buildings and structures on such lot or parcel of land, or (2) the erection of one or more accessory structures (not including accessory dwellings) as defined in Subsection 810.01.030(g) of the County Code. For purposes of this section, "original square footage" means the square footage of all buildings and structures that existed on such lot or parcel of land three (3) years prior to the date of the application for such permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended 4181 (2012)

**83.09.030 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Valley Region**

Table 83-9 identifies the infrastructure improvements required for all new residential and nonresidential subdivisions and non-residential development in the Valley Region.

**Table 83-9  
Infrastructure Improvement Standards  
Valley Region**

STANDARDS	Residential and Agricultural Land Uses (Lot sizes are the size of the resultant parcels after subdivision)			Commercial and Institutional Land Uses	Industrial Land Uses
	1 acre or less	More than 1 to less than 2.5 acres	2.5 acres or greater	All lot sizes	All lot sizes
	Y = Yes	NA = Not Allowed	N = Not required		
Legal and physical access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grants of Easements <sup>(1)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paved Access					
Internal access (internal roads)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Perimeter access (road abutting subject property)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Off-site access (paving to nearest paved road)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Curbs and gutters <sup>(2)</sup>	Y	Y	Y <sup>(3)</sup>	Y	Y
Sidewalks <sup>(2)</sup>	Y (2 sides)	Y <sup>(4)</sup> (1 side)	N	Y	Y
Street lights					
Standard spacing including intersections	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Intersections only	N	N	Y	N	N
Water			Y		
Water purveyor <sup>(5)</sup>	Y	Y	or	Y	Y
Substantiated well water	NA	NA	Y <sup>(6)</sup>	N	N
Sanitation					
Sewer <sup>(7)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Septic systems <sup>(8)</sup>	or	or	or	N	N
Drainage improvements	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fireflow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

<sup>(1)</sup> Necessary rights-of way for transportation and circulation, drainage and flood control facilities, and utilities included.

<sup>(2)</sup> These requirements may be waived within infill areas where there is no plan or financing mechanism in place to provide such improvements to other existing properties and where, as a result, such improvements will not be connected to other infrastructure.

<sup>(3)</sup> The Public Works Department shall require curbs and gutters, if necessary, to control vehicle access and street drainage. May be required by Caltrans on State highways.

<sup>(4)</sup> Sidewalks may be required on both sides of the street by the Public Works Department if needed for pedestrian safety.

<sup>(5)</sup> Projects shall connect to a water purveyor when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a water line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each dwelling unit in the project.

<sup>(6)</sup> Individual well allowed if no water purveyor is available and when consistent with Water Master requirements in adjudicated groundwater basins.

<sup>(7)</sup> Sewers shall be required within established sewer service districts and outside such districts when required by the WQCB. Projects shall connect to a sewer system when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a sewer line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each dwelling unit in the project.

<sup>(8)</sup> Septic systems are allowed only if the subject parcel is larger than one-half acre or meets WQCB requirements

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**83.09.040 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Mountain Region**

Table 83-10 identifies the infrastructure improvements required for all new residential and nonresidential subdivisions and non-residential development in the Mountain Region.

**Table 83-10**  
**Infrastructure Improvement Standards**  
**Mountain Region**

STANDARDS	Residential and Agricultural Land Uses (Lot sizes are the size of the resultant parcels after subdivision)			Commercial and Institutional Land Uses	Industrial Land Uses
	1 acre or less	More than 1 to less than 2.5 acres	2.5 acres or greater	All lot sizes	All lot sizes
	Y = Yes    NA = Not Allowed			N = Not required	
Legal and physical access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grants of Easements <sup>(1)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paved Access					
Internal access (internal roads)	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Perimeter access (roads abutting subject property)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Off-site access (paving to nearest paved road)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Curbs and gutters <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Sidewalks <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	N	N	N	Y	N
Street lights at intersections only (collectors or higher) <sup>(5)</sup>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Water					
Water purveyor <sup>(6)</sup>	Y	Y	Y or Y <sup>(7)</sup>	Y or Y <sup>(7)</sup>	Y
Substantiated well water	NA	NA			N
Sanitation					
Sewer <sup>(8)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Septic systems <sup>(9)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	N	N
Drainage improvements	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Fireflow	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

<sup>(1)</sup> Necessary rights-of way for transportation and circulation, drainage and flood control facilities, and utilities included.

<sup>(2)</sup> The Public Works Department shall require curbs, gutters and sidewalks if necessary to control vehicle access, street drainage, and to provide pedestrian safety. Curb and gutters may be required by Caltrans on State highways.

<sup>(3)</sup> These requirements may be waived within infill areas where there is no plan or financing mechanism in place to provide such improvements to other existing properties and where, as a result, such improvements will not be connected to other infrastructure.

<sup>(4)</sup> Sidewalks may be required on both sides of the street by the Public Works Department if needed for pedestrian safety.

<sup>(5)</sup> Shall be in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).

<sup>(6)</sup> Projects shall connect to a water purveyor when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a water line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each dwelling unit in the project.

<sup>(7)</sup> Individual well allowed if no water purveyor is available for residential and institutional uses.

<sup>(8)</sup> Sewers shall be required within established sewer service districts and outside such districts when required by the WQCB. Projects shall connect to a sewer system when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a sewer line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each dwelling unit in the project.

<sup>(9)</sup> Septic systems are allowed only if the subject parcel is larger than one-half acre or meets WQCB requirements

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.09.050 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Desert Region**

Table 83-11 identifies the infrastructure improvements required for all new residential and nonresidential subdivisions and non-residential development in the Desert Region.

**Table 83-11**  
**Infrastructure Improvement Standards**  
**Desert Region**

STANDARDS	Residential and Agricultural Land Uses (Lot sizes are the size of the resultant parcels after subdivision)			Commercial and Institutional Land Uses	Industrial Land Uses
	Less than 1 acre	1 to less than 2.5 acres	2.5 acres or greater	All lot sizes	All lot sizes
	Y = Yes    NA = Not Allowed    N = Not required				
Legal and physical access	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Grants of Easements <sup>(1)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Paved Access					
Internal access (internal roads)	Y	Y	Y <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y <sup>(4)</sup>	Y <sup>(4)</sup>
Perimeter access (roads abutting subject property)	Y	Y <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y	Y
Off-site access (paving to nearest paved road)	Y	Y <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	Y	Y
Curbs and gutters <sup>(5)(6)</sup>	Y	N <sup>(7)</sup>	N <sup>(7)</sup>	N <sup>(7)</sup>	N <sup>(7)</sup>
Sidewalks <sup>(6)</sup>	Y (2 sides)	Y <sup>(8)</sup> (1 side)	N	N <sup>(8)</sup>	N <sup>(8)</sup>
Street lights					
Standard spacing including intersections <sup>(9)</sup>	Y	N	N	Y	Y
Intersections only <sup>(9)</sup>	N	Y	N	N	N
Water					
Water purveyor <sup>(10)</sup>	Y	Y <sup>(11)</sup>	Y	Y	Y
Substantiated well water	NA	N <sup>(11)</sup>	or Y <sup>(12)</sup>	or Y <sup>(12)</sup>	or Y <sup>(12)</sup>
Sanitation					
Sewer <sup>(13)</sup>	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Septic systems <sup>(14)</sup>	or Y	or Y	Y	or Y	or Y
Drainage improvements	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Fireflow <sup>(15)</sup>	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

<sup>(1)</sup> Necessary rights-of way for transportation and circulation, drainage and flood control facilities, and utilities included.

<sup>(2)</sup> This requirement shall not apply to subdivisions where the resultant parcel sizes are at least twice the minimum lot size for the land use zoning district in which they are located.

<sup>(3)</sup> This requirement applies to all subdivisions creating 5 or more parcels. It will not apply to subdivisions created by Parcel Map unless the subdivision is adjacent to an existing paved road.

<sup>(4)</sup> Required on driveway approach when accessed from a paved road. For alternate paving standards in parking areas, refer to Section 83.11.090 (Parking and Loading Development Standards).

<sup>(5)</sup> A rolled asphalt berm may be substituted at the discretion of Public Works.

<sup>(6)</sup> These requirements may be waived within infill areas where there is no plan or financing mechanism in place to provide such improvements to other existing properties and where, as a result, such improvements will not be connected to other infrastructure.

<sup>(7)</sup> The Public Works Department shall require curbs and gutters, if necessary, to control vehicle access and street drainage. May be required by Caltrans on State highways.

<sup>(8)</sup> Sidewalks may be required on both sides of the street by the Public Works Department if needed for pedestrian safety.

<sup>(9)</sup> Shall be in compliance with the requirements of Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).

<sup>(10)</sup> Projects shall connect to a water purveyor when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a water line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each residential lot in the project.

<sup>(11)</sup> This requirement applies to all subdivisions creating 5 or more parcels. It will also apply to subdivisions created by Parcel Map if the provisions of Section 83.09.060 cannot be met.

- (12) Individual well allowed if no water purveyor is available and when consistent with Water Master requirements in adjudicated groundwater basins.
- (13) Sewers shall be required within established sewer service districts and outside such districts when required by the WQCB. Projects shall connect to a sewer system when the nearest property line is within 200 ft. of a sewer line. This requirement shall be increased by 100 ft. for each residential lot in the project.
- (14) Septic systems are allowed only if the subject parcel is consistent with the WQCB requirements or is not within sewer service district.
- (15) Shall not be required for single-family dwellings and accessory structures on parcels of 2.5 acres or greater where such structures are located 50 ft. from the property lines. Structures on the same parcel shall be separated in compliance with County fire standards.

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### **83.09.060 Infrastructure Improvement Standards - Desert Region**

The water and sanitation provisions in Table 83-11 shall be met for proposed subdivisions created by Parcel Map in the Desert Region unless the following standards can be met:

- (a) Wells shall be setback from all leach lines by 100 feet and from seepage pits by 150 feet.
- (b) Wells shall be set back from all property lines where no leach lines exist on the adjacent property by 50 feet.
- (c) Septic systems with leach lines shall be setback from all wells by 100 feet.
- (d) Septic systems with leach lines shall be setback from property lines where no leach lines exist on the adjacent property by 50 feet.
- (e) Septic systems with seepage pits shall be setback from all wells by 150 feet.
- (f) Septic systems with seepage pits shall be setback from property lines where no leach lines exist on the adjacent property by 75 feet.
- (g) Applicants providing a preliminary Composite Development Plan showing the envelope locations of the building/house pad, septic tanks/pits/leach fields, and water well do not have to meet these requirements for the requirements listed above when supporting engineering data is provided demonstrating feasibility of septic systems and wells. The location will be denoted on the final Composite Development Plan that accompanies a Final Map or Parcel Map.

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## CHAPTER 83.10 LANDSCAPING STANDARDS

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83.10.100	Landscape Certificate of Completion
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### 83.10.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to:

- (a) Enhance the aesthetic appearance of the County by providing standards related to the quality and functional aspects of landscaping and to recognize that landscapes are essential to the quality of life within County by providing areas for active and passive recreation. Additionally, landscapes are an enhancement to the environment by benefiting air and water quality, helping to prevent and manage erosion, offering fire protection, and helping to replace valuable ecosystems that may be lost during development.
- (b) Increase the compatibility between abutting land uses and public rights-of-way by providing landscape screening and buffers.
- (c) Protect public health, safety, and welfare by preserving property values and enhancing pedestrian and vehicular traffic and safety.
- (d) Provide for the conservation and protection of water resources through the efficient use of water; appropriate use of plant materials suitable for climate and location; regular maintenance of landscaped areas; and provide standards that are as effective in conserving water as the State Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, and recognize the following:
  - (1) The waters within the of the State of California are of limited supply and are subject to ever increasing demands from new land uses, existing land uses, residents of the State, and more;

- (2) The continuation of the economic prosperity of the state and the County is dependent upon the availability of adequate water supplies for the future and future development.
- (e) Retain the land's hydrological role within the County's three main watersheds; Santa Ana, Lahontan, and Colorado and promote the infiltration of surface water into the groundwater tables.
- (f) Preserve existing natural vegetation, while incorporating the use of native plants, plant communities, and ecosystems into landscaping design, where possible.
- (g) Establish effective coordination with neighboring and local agencies, which promote benefits of consistent landscape ordinances and standards in accomplishing the common goal of managing the County's water supply and quality.
- (h) Promote the conservation of potable water by utilizing the use of recycled water and other water conserving technology, where possible.
- (i) Promote public education about water conservation and efficient water management.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.020      Applicability**

- (a) A landscape document package shall be submitted for review and approval for the following projects:
  - (1) All new and rehabilitated landscapes associated with homeowner installed residential uses (including single residential units/projects) with a total landscape area that is 5,000 square feet or greater.
  - (2) All new and rehabilitated landscapes associated with any developer-installed residential uses (including single and multiple residential projects) with a total landscape area that is 2,500 square feet or greater.
  - (3) All new and rehabilitated landscapes associated with any owner and/or developer installed commercial, institutional, and/or industrial uses with a total landscape area that is 2,500 square feet or greater.
  - (4) **All new and rehabilitated landscapes within cemeteries.** These projects need only prepare a water budget that specifies the facilities Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) and Estimated Annual Water Use (EAWU), and they must meet the provisions set forth in Sections 83.10.100 and 83.10.120 of this Chapter.
  - (5) **Existing uses and structures.** If existing physical constraints on the site (e.g., structures, parking, circulation, etc.) limit the amount of landscaping that can be provided, whatever additional landscaping the site can accommodate towards meeting the landscape area requirements of this Chapter shall be provided.

- (b) **Local Agencies.** If a local agency, such as a water purveyor, has adopted and implemented specific water-efficient landscaping requirements, as outlined by State Title 23, Division 2, Chapter 2.7 Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance, then those requirements may be used for properties located within its service area in lieu of this Chapter. If the local agency has not adopted and implemented specific water-efficient landscape requirements, then the water-efficient requirements outlined in this Chapter shall be used when developing landscape plans for properties within its service area.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.030 Exemptions from the Landscaping Requirements**

The following projects shall be exempt from landscaping requirements:

- (a) Those properties that have been registered as local, state, and/or federally historical sites.
- (b) Undisturbed portions of residential subdivisions, such as areas which are to remain natural for native plant protection and/or management, for the protection of a wildlife corridor, or for other natural resource management approach all of which, will not require supplemental water or the approval as a viable landscape by the Director.
- (c) Undisturbed portions of nonresidential project sites.
- (d) Those properties that are currently in agricultural production are exempt from the requirements of this Chapter. Commercial agriculture production requiring more intense water usage shall be subject to separate water efficiency standards as regulated by the State of California and local water resource agencies.
- (e) Those properties that are part of an ecological restoration project(s) and do not require the use of a permanent irrigation system.
- (f) Those properties that are part of a mined-land reclamation project(s) and do not require the use a permanent irrigation system.
- (g) Those plant collections, as part of botanical gardens and arboretums that are open to the public.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.040 Modification to the Landscaping Requirements**

- (a) **Director approval.** The Director may approve modifications to the requirements of this Chapter. The modifications shall be limited to the following:
  - (1) Minor modifications to the approved landscape documentation package that comply with the spirit and intent of the requirements, including, but not limited to, revising or substituting plant varieties, container sizes, plant locations,

irrigation specifications, hardscape components, berm heights and/or locations, slope features, and other similar changes.

- (2) Any minor modifications of planting, installation, and/or soil preparation details as listed within the approved landscape documentation package.
  - (3) The occupancy of structures prior to the installation of landscaping due to exceptional and unforeseen circumstances when a bond or other surety is provided in compliance with Subsection 83.10.060(c) (Statement of surety).
- (b) **Conditions imposed in connection with modifications.** In granting modifications to any approved landscape documentation package, the Director may impose conditions as deemed necessary to comply with the spirit and intent of these regulations.
- (c) **Fire Safety (FS) Overlay.** The standards in this Chapter may be modified by Chapter 82.13 (Fire Safety (FS) Overlay).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.050 Landscape Documentation Package**

- (a) **Landscape Documentation Package Requirements.** A landscape documentation package shall be submitted for review and approval for those projects specified in Subsection 83.10.020 (Applicability), consisting of the following:

- (1) **Title Sheet.** Pertinent project information (i.e. applicant contact information, representative contact information if applicable, assessor's parcel number, etc.) shall be included on a title sheet. The following statement is to be placed on the title sheet of the landscape documentation package:

“I agree that this landscape documentation package complies with the landscaping requirements as outlined by Chapter 83.10 of the County of San Bernardino Development Code; as well as any other requirements as outlined in supporting documentation regarding water efficient-landscaping requirements provided by the County of San Bernardino.”

The Title sheet shall bear the signature of a licensed professional authorized to design landscape plans.

- (2) **Demolition Plan.** The landscape demolition plan, if applicable, shall show all landscape elements, and/or hardscape elements, that will affect the proposed landscaped areas, and identify each element to be removed or protected in place. Any existing native or protected tree species with a six-inch or greater stem diameter and/or 19 inches in circumference measured at four and half feet above the average ground level from the base of the tree base shall not be removed without a tree removal permit. The issuance of the tree removal permit and the removal of any native or protected tree on-site shall comply with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management). Within the Valley Region, native trees are defined as three or more palm trees in linear plantings that are 50 feet or greater



in height in established windrows, or parkway plantings, which are considered heritage trees.

- (3) **Construction Plan.** The landscape construction plan shall detail the hardscape elements, i.e. sidewalks, mowcurbs, aesthetic elements, etc., that are proposed as part of the landscape design.

- (4) **Water Budget.** A project's water budget shall be based on the following calculations and shall be included on the irrigation plan:

- (A) **Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA):** The MAWA for the project shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{MAWA (in gallons)} = (\text{ETo})(0.62)[(0.7 \times \text{LA}) + (0.3 \times \text{SLA})]$$

Where:

- (I) ETo: The project area specific reference evapotranspiration rate (inches), as outlined in the California Irrigation Management Information System (CIMIS), other equivalent data, or soil moisture sensor data.
- (II) 0.62: The conversion factor, which converts acre-inches per acre per year to gallons per square foot per year.
- (III) 0.70: The ET adjustment factor, that, when applied to the ETo, adjusts for plant factors and irrigation efficiency, which are two major influences upon the amount of water that needs to be applied to the project's landscaped areas. Those areas using non-potable/recycled water for irrigation purposes may use the ET adjustment factor, which shall not exceed of 1.0. The ET adjustment factor is figured by dividing the average site-wide plant factor, found in the Water Use Classifications of Landscape Species, third edition (WUCOLS III), with the average irrigation efficiency of 0.71, as defined by State law;
- (IV) LA: The project's total landscaped area (including SLA) in square feet; and
- (V) SLA: The project's total special landscaped area (i.e. areas dedicated to edible plants, areas irrigated with non-potable/recycled water, and publicly accessible areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, and where turf provides a playing field or where turf is needed for high traffic activities) in square feet.

- (B) **Estimated Annual Water Use (EAWU).** The EAWU for project specific hydrozones shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$\text{EAWU (in gallons)} = (\text{ETo})(0.62)[((\text{PF} \times \text{HA})/\text{IE}) + \text{SLA}]$$

Where:

- (I) ETo: The project area specific reference evapotranspiration rate (inches), as outlined in the California Irrigation Management

Information System (CIMIS), other equivalent data, or soil moisture sensor data.

- (II) 0.62: The conversion factor, which converts acre-inches per acre, per year to gallons per square foot, per year.
- (III) PF: The plant factor found in the Water Use Classifications of Landscape Species, third edition (WUCOLS III) publication, available from the Department of Water Resources. The plant factors range from: low (0 to 0.3), medium (0.4 to 0.6), and high (0.7 to 1.0).
- (IV) HA: The hydrozone area in a square foot number based on water usage areas within the particular landscaping area (i.e. high, medium, and low, see above). If plants with low water requirements are used within a medium water use hydrozone (those plants that can also survive/flourish in a medium water use application), they shall be counted as a medium water use in the water budget calculations. The same requirement applies for those plants that can also be utilized in a high water use application.
- (V) IE: The irrigation efficiency of the projects irrigation systems. For the purposes of determining the EAWU, the average irrigation efficiency is assumed to be 0.71, based on State law. All project irrigation systems shall be designed, maintained, and managed to meet or exceed an average irrigation efficiency of 0.71, as defined by State law.
- (VI) SLA: The project's total special landscaped area (i.e. areas dedicated to edible plants, areas irrigated with non-potable/recycled water, and publicly accessible areas dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, and where turf provides a playing field or where turf is needed for high traffic activities) in square feet.
- (VII) The landscaping plans shall provide the EAWU (in the same units as the MAWA is provided) for each valve stationed on the project specific irrigation controller. The sum of the projected EAWU shall not exceed the projected MAWA for the project.

#### **(5) Landscape Planting Plan**

- (A) **Plant Groupings.** Plants selected for the landscape planting plan shall have similar water needs and be grouped together in distinct hydrozones for water maximum efficiency.
- (B) **Plant Hardiness.** Plants selected for the landscape planting plan shall be selected based upon their adaptability to the climate in which the project is located, as well as the geologic and topographical conditions. Where possible, the preservation and protection of existing native plant species and natural areas shall be encouraged.

- (6) **Landscape Irrigation Plan.** The plan shall include all components of the irrigation system (i.e., valves, heads, sensors, etc.). The water budget information shall be used in the preparation of the irrigation plan and shall be included on the plan.
- (7) **Hydrozone Plan.** A separate hydrozone plan shall be prepared in conjunction with the irrigation plan calling out the distinct hydrozone plant groupings.
- (8) **Landscape Grading Plan.** If the proposed grading exceeds 50 cubic yards, the developer shall submit the most recent rough/precise grading plans and elevations for the project site. These plans shall bear the signature of a licensed professional authorized by law.
- (9) **Soil Management Report.** To help further reduce runoff and help encourage healthy plant growth, a project-specific soil management report with soil amendment recommendations shall be submitted as part of the landscape documentation package.
- (b) **Review and approval.** Prior to the issuance of permits, the developer shall submit a complete Landscape Documentation Package for review and approval.
- (c) **Statement of surety.** When required by the Director, a statement of surety in the form of cash, performance bond, letter of credit, or certificate of deposit in an amount equal to 120 percent of the total value of all plant materials, irrigation equipment, installation, and maintenance shall be posted with the County for a two-year period. The Director may require statements of surety for phased development projects, a legitimate delay in landscape installation due to seasonal requirements (including adverse weather conditions) and similar circumstances where it may not be advisable or desirable to install all of a project's landscaping before occupancy of a site.
- (d) **Local Water Purveyor.** If special provisions have been arranged for a local water purveyor to review and approve a specific project's landscape documentation package, a stamped set of plans approved by the local water purveyor shall be provided.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.060 Landscape Area Requirements**

- (a) **General requirements.**
  - (1) **Setbacks.** Setback and open space areas required by this Development Code shall be landscaped based on the requirements of this Chapter, except the portion where a sidewalk or driveway occur in the required setback. Required setbacks that are screened from public view in commercial and industrial zones, and are not adjacent to residentially-zoned property, are exempt from the provisions of this Chapter.
  - (2) **Unused areas.** Areas of a project site not intended for a specific use shall be landscaped based on the requirements of this Chapter, unless exempt in

compliance with Subsection 83.10.030 (Exemptions from the Landscaping Requirements).

- (3) **Parking areas.** Parking areas shall be landscaped in compliance with Chapter 83.11 (Landscape Requirements for Parking Areas) and the water-efficient landscaping requirements of this Chapter. Areas dedicated to parking lots shall not be counted as part of the total lot area needed when computing the minimum landscaped area in compliance with Table 83-12, nor shall the parking lot landscaping be counted as part of the minimum landscaping required.
- (4) **Minimum area.** Projects specified in Subsection 83.10.020 (Applicability) shall provide and maintain landscaped areas in compliance with Table 83-12 (Minimum Landscaped Area). No landscaped area having a width of less than five feet shall be considered in the minimum landscaping requirement.

<b>Table 83-12</b>		
<b>Minimum Landscaped Area</b>		
Land Use	Minimum Landscape Area	
	The factor resulting in the larger landscaped area shall be used.	
	As a % of Lot Area	Area in Sq. Ft.
<b>Residential</b>		
Single-Family	Front and street side setbacks	900
Multi-Family (4 or more units)	40%	N/A
<b>Nonresidential</b>		
Industrial/Warehouse	15%	1,000
Institutional	20%	500
Office	20%	1,000
Retail	20%	1,000

- (b) **Area increase in lieu of parking spaces.** In addition to required landscaping areas, landscaping may be provided in lieu of 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces required, provided the landscaping is arranged so that parking may be installed at a later date if a demand arises, and further provided, that the owner agrees to provide parking at the request of the reviewing agency.
- (c) **Variation of area coverage in planned developments.** Variation of landscape coverage may be allowed for individual parcels within planned developments established in compliance with Chapter 85.10 (Planned Development Permits) when the development as a whole meets the required coverage and the landscape documentation package is consistent with the purpose and water-efficient requirements of this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

### **83.10.070 Landscape Standards**

- (a) **Design Standards.** The elements within the landscape documentation package (i.e. planting, irrigation, construction, etc.) shall incorporate the following:

- (1) **Cohesive landscape design.** Landscaped areas shall be made an integral part of the overall project design and shall not be simply located in excess space after parking areas and structures have been planned on-site. Additionally, landscaped areas should have a coordinating design that blends with the architectural influence of the site. Larger developments may utilize a variety of themes throughout landscaped areas to distinguish key areas and elements within the development, yet these design concepts shall be consistent with the unifying concept established for the development.
- (2) **Scale and character.** Landscape materials (i.e. planting and hardscape) shall be selected so that the scale and character are appropriate to the site architecture and/or use of the site.
- (3) **Functional landscapes.** Landscaped areas shall be utilized to enhance and define entrances, sidewalks, and pedestrian areas. Additionally, landscaped areas shall be utilized to control microclimates as well as enhance views. Plant materials that provided seasonal color via flowers or foliage shall be provided as an accent to entrances and sidewalks, and shall be considered throughout the landscape.
- (4) **Landscape design features.** Aesthetic landscape design features such as sculptures, decorative paving, benches, trellises, arbors, etc. shall be strongly encouraged within landscaped areas. Aesthetic landscape design features do not include driveways, parking areas, and/or storage areas.
- (5) **Sidewalks.** All sidewalks shall be shown on the landscape plans (i.e. planting, irrigation, construction, etc.). This will ensure proper planting and irrigation design around proposed sidewalks.
- (6) **Alternative hardscape materials.** Decomposed granite, pea gravel, mulch, bark, recycled tire mulch, play area surfacing, and other similar materials may be used in functional activity areas (i.e., patios, rear entry walks, trails, etc.).
- (7) **Water features.** If a water feature such as a pond or fountain is used within a project's landscape then the project's water budget calculations (MAWA) will need to include the surface area of the water feature with the evaporation rate equivalent to that of a high water use plant. Where available, if not utilized by the public as a recreation source, a non-potable/recycled water source shall be used for any decorative water features. Decorative water features shall be on a recirculating system and shall be maintained on a regular basis.
- (8) **Screening.** Planting material and/or hardscape material, such as block walls, wood fencing, vinyl fencing, etc., shall be required to screen storage areas, trash enclosures, parking areas, air conditioning units, and other such elements (except residential driveways). Additionally, any above ground public utilities, such as, but not limited to electrical substations, water storage facilities, and treatment plants shall also be provided with perimeter landscape screening to the extent possible.

- (9) **Bio-swales.** Where possible, bio-swales shall be incorporated into landscaped areas to help maintain, manage, and prevent run-off. All bio-swales shall be a mixture of hardscape materials, i.e. rocks, boulders, rip rap, and plant materials suitable for bio-swales; impermeable surfacing shall be avoided in all bio-swales.
- (10) **High maintenance landscaping.** High maintenance landscaped areas shall be kept to a minimum. If high maintenance landscaped areas are proposed as part of a project's landscaping, these areas shall be located near primary uses and high activity areas.
- (11) **Maximum height for clear sight triangles.** Any planting material and/or hardscape elements over 30 inches in height shall not be allowed within a clear sight triangle formed by the intersection of public rights-of-way, parking lot entrances and exits, pedestrian rights-of-way, driveways, or alleys as described in Subsection 83.02.030 (Clear Sight Triangles).
- (12) **Phased development.** Disturbed nonresidential project sites, including those that have been approved with phasing, where future development is intended within six months of approval, or intended to begin within six months after the completion of a previous phase shall be hydro-seeded with a non-irrigated mix of annuals and natives. Supplemental water shall be provided to the hydro-seeded areas to establish plant health. The hydro-seeded areas shall be maintained in a weed-free condition until development occurs on-site. The proposed hydro-seed mix shall be submitted for review and approval.

(b) **Planting Plan Requirements:** Planting plans shall include the following:

- (1) **Plant material varieties.** Plant materials shall include water-conserving trees (deciduous and evergreen), shrubs, and groundcover that are attractive and useful for erosion control. The use of one predominant species shall be avoided to prevent spread of disease and pests.
- (2) **Plant material selection.** Plant material shall be selected based on mature width and spreads, level of maintenance, durability, aesthetic appeal, thematic qualities, horticulture attributes, resistance to pests and diseases, soil type, slope coverage, topography, and geologic conditions. Plant materials shall also be selected based on their appropriate plant hardiness climate zones as defined by Sunset Western Garden Book and their classifications per the WUCOLS III publication.
- (3) **Coordination of plant materials.** Plant types shall be grouped together based on their water, soil, sun, and shade requirements, as well as their relation to natural watercourses on-site, existing vegetation that is to remain, and their relationship to building orientation. Plant types with different water needs shall be placed on separate irrigation valves within specific hydrozones. Plant types with similar classifications such as high and moderate, moderate and low, low and very low, per the WUCOLS III publication, shall be grouped together in planting areas.
- (4) **Existing plant materials.** To the extent feasible, mature plant materials that are existing on-site and are deemed to be healthy shall be protected and preserved.

Protected plant material shall be retained on-site or be protected in place, unless otherwise approved in writing by the Director or the proper removal permit is granted in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management).

- (5) **Native and drought-tolerant plant materials.** Native and drought-tolerant plant materials capable of surviving with a minimal amount of supplemental water shall be utilized.
- (6) **Mature Trees.** Mature trees should be incorporated into landscape plans, because specimen trees or groupings of existing trees can provide a new development with immediate character, and should be considered as design elements.
- (7) **Shade trees.** Shade trees, a mixture of deciduous and evergreen, shall be provided for residential, commercial, institutional, and industrial buildings, parking lots, open space areas, etc. The trees shall be incorporated to provide natural cooling opportunities and water conservation.
- (8) **Invasive plants.** The use of invasive plant materials shall be avoided in areas near parks, buffers, greenbelts, water bodies, conservation areas/reserves, and other open space areas because of the potential to cause harm to environmentally sensitive areas.
- (9) **Vines.** To aid in the prevention of graffiti, self-clinging vines shall be planted to help ensure full coverage of the public-facing side of all walls.
- (10) **Edible plants.** If edible plant material is proposed as part of the landscape design, it shall be clearly defined and kept separate from all other plant material. Non-potable/recycled water shall not be used to irrigate edible plant material areas.
- (11) **Fire-prone plants.** Plant materials that are fire-prone and highly flammable shall be avoided.
- (12) **Plant material spacing.** Trees proposed within the road right-of-way shall be planted 30 linear feet on-center from one another, unless another on-center spacing is specified within the project's conditions of approval. In open space areas, trees shall be planted in odd number groupings to allow for a more natural look and feel. The on-center spacing for shrub and groundcover materials shall be based on the size of the specific plant species at maturity. Careful consideration shall be given to proposed plant materials height and spreads so that at maturity they do not interfere with service lines, a driver's or pedestrian's view of public rights-of-way (e.g., the view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic, etc.), or otherwise impair public safety, or interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle on public streets.
- (13) **Plant material container sizes.** Plant materials shall be provided in an array of several of container sizes. Container sizes for plant material shall include:



- (A) **Trees:** 15 gallon, 24-inch box, 36-inch box, 48-inch box, and 52-inch box, 72-inch box, 96-inch box, and field dug.
  - (B) **Palms:** six- to 15-foot brown trunk height (BTH).
  - (C) **Shrubs:** one-gallon, two-gallon, five-gallon, and 15-gallon.
  - (D) **Groundcovers:** flats and one-gallon.
- (14) **Plant solar orientation.** Plant materials shall be planted in a manner considerate of solar orientation to help maximize summer shade and water conservation.
- (15) **Turf.** Turf areas shall be used in response to functional needs of the project, not solely for aesthetic purposes, and shall be in compliance with the project's water budget calculations (MAWA). Where turf is installed, the use of warm season turf shall be strongly encouraged. To help minimize irrigation runoff and overspray landscape designs shall avoid proposing small, irregularly shaped turf areas. Furthermore, unless subsurface or other low-flow or non-spray irrigation is proposed, all turf areas shall be a minimum 24 inches away from non-permeable surfaces as to minimize irrigation runoff and overspray.
- (A) **Turf on slopes.** Turf shall not be allowed on slopes that are greater than 25 percent and/or where the toe of the slope is adjacent to an impermeable hardscape surface.
  - (B) **Turf in rights-of way.** The placement of turf within County road rights-of-way shall be minimized. If turf is to be used in County road rights-of-way, there shall be no runoff or overspray from irrigation systems located in the turf areas. If irrigation runoff and overspray cannot be obtained, than turf shall not be used in that application.
- (16) **Mulch.** All non-turf planting areas (except those areas that have been hydro-seeded) shall be mulched to help in the retention of moisture, suppress weeds, to help moderate damage to trees and shrubs, and help moderate soil temperature. All non-turf planting areas shall be mulched with a two-inch minimum layer of mulch. In those areas where groundcover has been planted from flats, the mulch layer shall be one and one half inches.
- (A) **Mulch on revegetation projects.** The requirement for mulch may be omitted for native revegetation projects upon the recommendation of the project biologist.
  - (B) **Hydro-seeding mulch requirement.** The mulching portion of the seed/mulch slurry mix for hydro-seeding applications shall meet the mulching requirements.
  - (C) **Mulch on slopes.** The application of a stabilizing mulch product shall be used on all slopes to help with water retention and erosion control.



- (17) **Slope design.** Slopes with a 5:1 ratio or greater; cut slopes with a five-foot vertical height or greater; and fill slopes with a three-foot vertical height or greater shall be protected against damage from erosion. In addition to the stabilizing mulch, drought-tolerant plant material and hardscape features shall be utilized on slopes to promote water retention and erosion control. Decorative boulders and other suitable hardscape materials may be utilized on slopes, but the dominant visual character of the slope shall be made up of drought-tolerant plant materials. Shrubs shall be used in combination with lateral spreading groundcovers; trees shall be used where slope exceeds 15' vertical height. Trees and shrubs shall be planted in visually attractive groupings that provide a more natural appearance.
- (18) **Root barriers.** Any tree planted within five feet of hardscape material shall incorporate the use of a root barrier to help minimize hazards to the public. Where possible, trees shall be planted in areas of public view adjacent to structures, either individually or in groupings.

(c) **Irrigation Plan Requirements:** Irrigation plans shall include the following:

- (1) **Efficiency.** Irrigation systems shall be designed, installed, maintained, and managed to achieve the highest efficiency rate as possible, and shall meet and maintain an average efficiency rate of 0.71, as defined by State law. High efficiency methods of irrigation (i.e., drip irrigation, efficient rotators, rotary nozzles, micro sprays, etc.) are recommended within the irrigation design.
- (2) **Water pressure.** Static water pressure, dynamic, or operating pressure and flow reading of the water supply shall be measured at the point of connection (POC). These pressure and flow measurements shall be conducted at the design stage to help aid in the design of the irrigation systems. If these measurements are not available at the design stage, the measurements shall be obtained at time of construction and the irrigation design adjusted accordingly. The design of the irrigation systems will ensure that each emission device is within the manufacturer's recommended dynamic pressure range for optimal performance.
- (3) **Variables in static pressure.** If the measured static pressure is above or below the required dynamic pressure for optimal performance of the irrigation system then pressure-regulating devices (i.e. inline pressure regulators, booster pumps, etc.) shall be specified and installed in order to meet the dynamic pressure required for optimal performance of the irrigation systems.
- (4) **Matched precipitation rates.** Irrigation heads (i.e. spray heads, rotors, etc.) and other emission devices shall have matched precipitation rates unless otherwise directed by the manufacturer's specifications.
- (5) **Capacity.** The capacity of the irrigation system shall not exceed the capacity required based on the water budget calculations for peak water demand, meter capacity, and/or the backflow preventer type and device capacity. If the project is served by a local water purveyor then it is recommended that the project developer contact the water purveyor and inquire about peak water demands (on

the main water supply system) and any known water restrictions that could possibly impact the effectiveness of the irrigation systems.

- (6) **Runoff and overspray.** Soil types and infiltration rates shall be taken into account when irrigation systems are designed and installed. Irrigation systems shall be designed and installed to prevent runoff, low head drainage, overspray, or other similar conditions where water flows onto adjacent property, non-irrigated areas, sidewalks, roadways, or structures. The use of check valves shall be required on all irrigation systems to prevent low head drainage. Proper irrigation design, equipment, and schedules, including repeating cycles, shall be used in order to match application rates and help minimize runoff.
- (7) **Head to head coverage.** Irrigation systems shall be designed to utilize head-to-head coverage with matched precipitation rate nozzles. Rotors and spray heads shall be zoned separately. When using rotors, half arc rotors and full rotors shall be zoned separately, unless matched precipitation rate nozzles are utilized.
- (8) **Water Waste.** Water waste is the result of inefficient irrigation due to runoff, overspray, low head drainage, and other similar conditions that causes flows to run onto adjacent non-irrigated areas, walks, roadways, parking lots, etc. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to prevent water waste on their property by properly maintaining, managing, and replacing irrigation equipment per the regular maintenance schedule. Restrictions in regards to overspray may be considered and modified if the following occur:

  - (A) The landscaped area is directly adjacent to a permeable surface and no runoff occurs; or
  - (B) If the directly adjacent non-permeable surfaces have been designed and installed to drain entirely into a landscaped area on-site.
- (9) **Meters.** For irrigated landscape areas in excess of 2,500 square feet, separate water meters shall be installed for landscaping, which will help facilitate water management. This requirement shall not apply to single-family residential projects or those projects that utilize a well source for water on-site. Lettered lots or easements for landscaping or recreational purposes shall have a separate meter.
- (10) **Valves.** Separate valves shall be provided for those planting areas with similar water uses, so plantings with similar water needs are on the same irrigation valve. All turf areas shall be placed on a separate valve from non-turf areas. Where feasible, trees shall be placed on a separate deep root watering system with its own valve.
- (11) **Equipment.** All irrigation systems shall be equipped with the following:

  - (A) **“Smart” irrigation controller.** All irrigation systems shall be equipped with a smart irrigation control, which automatically adjusts the frequency and/or duration of irrigation events in response to changing environmental conditions. Landscaped areas shall be zoned together in relation to

- (B) moisture control zones, which shall be based on similarity of water needs (i.e. turf separate from shrubs and groundcovers, sun exposure areas separate from shade areas, top of slope separate from toe of slope, etc.).
- (C) **Weather sensing devices.** All irrigation systems shall be equipped with weather sensing devices (i.e. rain, wind, freeze, etc.), either integral or auxiliary, that suspend or alter system operations during unfavorable weather conditions.
- (D) **Flow Sensor.** A flow-sensing device is recommended for all irrigation systems so that irregular flows within the system can be detected and repaired.
- (E) **Manual shut-off valves.** All irrigation systems shall be equipped with manual shut-off valves (i.e. gate valve, ball valve, butterfly valve, etc.) that are located as close as possible to the irrigation systems point of connection (POC) and also where jointed transitions occur on the mainline to minimize water loss in case of an emergency and/or scheduled routine repair.
- (F) **Pressure regulator.** All irrigations systems shall be equipped with a pressure regulator that regulates when the static pressure is above or below the recommended operating pressure for the designed irrigation system.
- (G) **Backflow preventers.** All irrigation systems shall be equipped with a backflow prevention device. Upon approval from the Land Use Services Department in residential settings, an anti-siphon valve maybe used in lieu of a backflow prevention device.
- (H) **Swing joints/riser protection.** In order to prevent damage that maybe caused to irrigation heads adjacent to hardscape and high traffic areas, all irrigation systems shall utilize swing joints and other riser protection.
- (12) **Soils.** Relevant information provided in the soil management report, such as soil types and infiltration rates shall be utilized when irrigation systems are designed.
- (13) **Non-permeable surfaces.** Conventional spray irrigation shall not be permitted within 24 inches of any non-permeable surface. Irrigation systems that are allowed within the 24-inch setback from a non-permeable surface range from drip, drip line, other low-flow or non-spray technology. If the landscape area is adjacent to permeable surfacing and no overspray or run off occurs then there shall be no restrictions on the irrigation system type.
- (14) **Irregular shaped areas.** Those areas that are long, narrow, and/or irregular shaped, including turf areas, less than eight feet in any direction shall be irrigated with low-volume irrigation or subsurface irrigation technology.
- (15) **Irrigation on slopes.** Non-turf areas located on slopes greater than 25 percent shall be irrigated with a drip irrigation system or other low volume irrigation technology. This requirement may be modified and an alternative design and/or

technology proposed if that design/technology demonstrates that no run-off or erosion will occur.

- (16) **Mulched planting areas.** In planting areas that utilize a form of mulch, the use of a low volume irrigation system shall be required in order to maximize water infiltration into the plants root zone.
- (17) **Non-potable/Recycled water.** Where available, the use of non-potable/recycled water to irrigate planting areas shall be utilized. If facilities are made available, water systems for common open spaces (i.e. parks, preserves, etc.) shall use non-potable/recycled water. If non-potable/recycled water is used for irrigation systems then all systems shall be designed to meet all applicable local agency and State codes regarding the use of non-potable/recycled water.
- (18) **Hydrozones.** Irrigation systems shall be zoned in accordance to plant water use, slope aspects, and sun/shade microclimates.
- (d) **Hydrozone plan.** Each irrigation design plan shall include a separate hydrozone plan outlining the hydrozones that are valved separately within all landscaped areas.
- (e) **Grading Plan Requirements:** For the efficient use of water, grading of the project site shall be designed so that soil erosion, runoff, and water waste are minimized. As part of the landscape document package, if a project's grading exceeds 50 cubic yards, then the project developer shall submit the most recent rough and/or precise grading plan(s) that have been prepared and signed by a licensed professional as authorized by law.
- (f) **Soil Management Report:** A soil management report is required as part of the landscape documentation package when mass grading is not proposed. When mass grading is proposed, the soil management report shall be submitted with the certificate of completion.
  - (1) **Development of the soil management report.** The steps listed below are intended to help guide the developer in the preparation of the soil management report:
    - (A) Perform a preliminary site inspection;
    - (B) To obtain the necessary sample, determine the appropriate level of soil sampling and sampling method;
    - (C) To determine the soil in the landscape area has sufficient depth to support proposed plants perform a soil probe test; and
    - (D) Obtain appropriate soil sample.
  - (2) **Soil Sample(s).** Once a soil sample(s) has been obtained from the project site it shall be submitted to the appropriate laboratory for analysis and recommendations. Minimum requirements for the soil analysis should include

soil texture, infiltration rate determined by lab tests or soil texture infiltration rate table, pH, total soluble salts, sodium, and any recommendations.

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### **83.10.080 Regional Landscaping Standards**

(a) **Valley Region.** In the Valley Region, the following additional landscaping standards shall apply:

- (1) **Existing Trees.** Where possible, trees that are existing on a site shall remain and be protected in place. If existing trees are removed to accommodate development, those trees shall be replaced at the rate of 2:1. Fruit or nut bearing trees planted in groves shall be exempt from this provision. Replacement trees shall be a mixture of 15 gallon and 24-inch box container sizes. Wherever possible, preservation of existing trees and shrubs shall be used to meet site landscaping requirements.
- (2) **Plant materials.** Plant materials shall be a cohesive mix of deciduous and evergreen trees, shrubs, groundcovers, native plant material, and, where applicable, turf. A list of acceptable plant materials for the Valley Region is available from the Land Use Services Department to assist developers and their landscape professionals in preparing the landscape documentation package. If existing plant material is used as part of the site landscaping requirements, it shall be included into the sites water budget calculations. If any local, state, and/or federally protected plant material is found on-site, removal and/or protection shall be in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management).
- (3) **Tree removal permit.**
- (4) **Landscaped setbacks.** The front yard and street side yard setback areas of a parcel shall be landscaped, except for sites where no disturbance of the natural terrain within a setback is proposed or the natural terrain precludes setback landscaping (i.e., mountainsides or hillsides). Landscaping of interior side yard setbacks may be required in compliance with Subsection 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).

(b) **Mountain Region.** In the Mountain Region, the following additional landscaping standards shall apply:

- (1) **Forest conservation plan and insect infestation prevention program.** Any landscaping proposed shall be in conjunction with a forest conservation plan and insect infestation prevention program. These plans shall be prepared by a Registered Professional Forester (RPF), and submitted with the landscape documentation package by the developer. The plan shall include guidelines for tree preservation, both during and after construction.

- (2) **Existing trees.** Any existing trees that are removed to accommodate development shall be replaced according to the recommendations of the forest conservation plan submitted with the landscape documentation package by the developer. Wherever possible, preservation of existing trees and shrubs shall be used to meet site landscaping requirements.
  - (3) **Plant materials.** Plant materials shall be a cohesive mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, shrubs, groundcovers, native plant materials that are drought and infestation tolerant, and fire-resistant; turf shall be minimized and be installed in compliance with this Chapter. A list of acceptable plant materials for the Mountain Region is available from the Land Use Services Department to help assist developers and their landscape professionals in the preparation of the landscape document package. If existing plant material is used as part of the site landscaping requirements, it shall be included into the site's water budget calculations. If any local, state, and/or federally protected plant material is found on-site, removal and/or protection shall be in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management). Seedlings may be considered a viable container size as part of the planting plan.
  - (4) **Landscaped setbacks.** The front yard and street side yard setback areas shall be landscaped except for sites where no disturbance of the natural terrain is proposed. Landscaping of interior side yard setbacks may be required in compliance with Subsection 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).
- (c) **Desert Region.** In the Desert Region, the following additional landscaping standards shall apply:
- (1) **Existing plant material.** Any existing native desert plant material, or any part thereof, except the fruit, shall not be removed without the issuance of a tree removal permit in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management). Additionally, if native desert plant materials are to be replaced, then the replacement of those materials are to be in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management), except as provided for in this Subsection. If Joshua trees (*Yucca brevifolia*) exist on-site and are proposed to be relocated, they shall be relocated on-site in the landscaped areas; unless, in writing, the Director of the Land Use Services Department specifically allows another option.
  - (2) **Plant materials.** Plant materials shall be a cohesive mix of evergreen and deciduous trees, shrubs, groundcovers, succulents, and native plant material that are drought and infestation tolerant; turf shall be minimized and be placed in compliance with this Chapter. A list of acceptable plant materials for the Desert Region is available from the Land Use Services Department to help assist developers and their landscape professionals in preparing their landscape documentation package. If any local, state, and/or federally protected plant material is found on-site, removal and/or protection shall comply with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management).

- (3) **Landscaped setbacks.** The front yard and street side yard setback areas of a parcel shall be landscaped using xeriscape landscaping techniques, which combines drought tolerant plant and hardscape materials in a variety of aesthetically pleasing designs. For sites where no disturbance of land within setbacks is proposed, landscaping shall not be required. Landscaping of side-yard setbacks may be required in compliance with Subsection 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).
- (4) **Unpaved parking lots.** Those parking lots not requiring paving shall not be required to be landscaped, nor will they count as part of the overall landscape total needed for the project. Only those parking lots required to be paved shall be landscaped in compliance with this Chapter and with Subsection 83.11.080 (Landscape Requirements for Parking Areas). Parking lot landscaping shall not be counted as part of the minimum landscaping requirement for a project.
- (5) **Dust Control.** If grading takes place, then a dust control plan shall be submitted for review. All grading and dust control measures shall be conducted in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 88.02 (Dust Control Desert Region).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.090      Irrigation Scheduling and Maintenance Required**

- (a) **Landscape Maintenance.** All landscaped areas shall be properly maintained to ensure water use efficiency and overall plant health. A regular maintenance schedule shall be submitted to the Land Use Services Department and the local water purveyor, if applicable, with the Landscape Certificate of Completion for all projects subject to the provisions of this Chapter.
  - (1) **Responsibilities of property owners.** Property owners shall be responsible for the installation and the regular maintenance and management of landscaped areas on their property and within the contiguous landscaped rights-of-way/parkways. Those rights-of way/parkways that are maintained by the County shall not be the responsibility of the property owner.
  - (2) **Maintenance practices.** The following maintenance practices shall be part of the regular maintenance schedule and shall be performed on a regular basis to ensure water use efficiency and overall plant health:
    - (A) For the overall health of plant material pruning, cultivating, weeding, fertilizing, watering, and replenishing mulch on a regular basis shall be part of a regular maintenance schedule. All pruning shall be in compliance with the adopted pruning standards of the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture.
    - (B) The removal of dead, decayed, diseased, or hazardous trees and/or shrubs, weeds, and debris constituting unsightly appearance, dangerous to public safety and welfare or detrimental to neighboring properties or property



- (C) values shall be accomplished on a regular basis. Any dead or dying plant material shall be removed and replaced as quickly as possible. Any accumulation of leaves, twigs, bark, and other similar materials shall be removed on a regular basis. All landscaped areas shall be kept in a weed-free fashion at all times.
  - (D) Litter removal from all landscaped areas shall be performed on a regular basis.
  - (E) All turf areas shall be mowed, aerated, and dethatched on a regular basis to ensure the overall health of the turf.
  - (F) Plantings shall be irrigated as often as necessary to maintain healthy growing conditions. Damage to the landscaping and irrigation systems shall be corrected as quickly as possible.
  - (G) All irrigation systems, and components, shall be routinely inspected, adjusted, and repaired. Any obstructions to emission devices shall be removed. If repair to the irrigation equipment is necessary, the replacement parts shall conform to all standards that govern the original irrigation installation and/or approved landscaping plans.
  - (H) Mulch shall be routinely replenished as part of the regular maintenance schedule. The depth, type, and replenishment frequency of all mulch within landscaped areas shall be listed as part of the regular maintenance schedule.
  - (I) The operation of the irrigation systems outside of the normal watering window shall only be allowed for system auditing and maintenance.
  - (J) The property owner is encouraged to implement sustainable and/or environmentally friendly practices for overall landscape maintenance. If sustainable and/or environmentally friendly landscape maintenance practices are utilized then those practices shall be outlined within the regular maintenance schedule.
- (3) **Trimming to prevent encroachment or obstruction.** Plant material (i.e. trees and shrubs), when established, shall be trimmed so that they do not encroach upon sidewalks, property lines, or streets. Plant materials shall not encroach, impede and/or interfere with vehicle or pedestrian traffic, or obstruct the illumination from any streetlight to the street or sidewalk or sidewalk. Refer to Subsection 83.02.030 concerning clear sight triangles and Subsection 83.02.080 concerning projections into yards.
- (4) **Trees.**
- (A) In residential subdivisions, the developer shall guarantee street trees for a minimum of one year after acceptance of the tract or until 80 percent of the units are occupied, whichever is later. Maintenance of all trees shall become the responsibility of the homeowner upon occupancy.



- (B) As necessary, all tree guys, stakes, etc. shall be adjusted on a regular basis and replaced in order to maintain a neat appearance and to prevent damage to trees. All tree guys, stakes, etc. shall be removed after the first growing season to ensure the continuing health of the plant.
- (b) **Irrigation schedule.** An irrigation schedule shall be developed for all landscaped areas in order to ensure the efficient use of water. The site-specific irrigation schedule shall be developed, managed, and evaluated to utilize the least amount of water required to ensure plant health. The site-specific irrigation schedule shall meet the following criteria:
- (1) **Two separate irrigation schedules.** Two site-specific irrigation schedules shall be prepared. The first schedule shall be for the initial establishment period of six months and the second schedule shall be for the established landscape, and shall incorporate the specific water needs of on-site plant material throughout the calendar year.
  - (2) **Watering window for conventional (overhead) spray systems.** All conventional (overhead) spray systems shall be scheduled to run between the hours of 8:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. The project developer shall check with the local water purveyor, if applicable, to determine their suggested watering window, and the stricter of the two shall apply. The operation of the irrigation systems outside of the normal watering window shall only be allowed for system auditing and maintenance.
  - (3) **Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA).** The total water applied to the site landscaping shall be less than or equal to the site-specific Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA).
  - (4) **Copies of irrigation schedule.** A copy of the project-specific irrigation schedule shall be located within the irrigation controller enclosure for maintenance purposes. Additionally, a copy of the schedule shall be given to the property owner prior to occupancy.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

### **83.10.100 Landscape Certificate of Completion**

**Landscape Certificate of Compliance submittal.** Prior to the issuance of the certificate of occupancy or final inspection for a project that is subject to the requirements within this Chapter, a Landscape Certificate of Completion shall be submitted to the Land Use Services Department, Planning Division certifying that the landscape has been installed in accordance with the approved project specific landscape documentation package. The Landscape Certificate of Completion shall be signed and dated by the licensed professional who prepared the plans and shall include the following information:

- (a) Date.

- (b) Project information to include project name, project applicant name, telephone and mailing address, project address, location, and Assessor's Parcel Number, and property owner name and mailing address.
- (c) A statement certifying that the landscaping has been installed in accordance with the approved project specific landscape documentation package.
- (d) Evidence that the party who is responsible for the installation of the irrigation systems has conducted a preliminary field inspection prior to backfilling, and that the irrigation systems are in working order (evidence of field inspection shall be attached).
- (e) An irrigation audit report indicating that a certified irrigation auditor has performed and completed an irrigation audit on the installed irrigation systems, and has ensured water efficiency, and that the irrigation systems are not in excess of the site-specific Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) per the water budget.
- (f) Documentation that the specified "smart" irrigation controller has been set according to the correct irrigation schedule.
- (g) Documentation that all on-site irrigation systems have been adjusted to maximize irrigation efficiency and eliminate irrigation runoff and overspray.
- (h) Documentation that a copy of both of the project specific irrigation schedules have been given to the property owner for future maintenance and management obligations.
- (i) If mass grading occurred on the site, a soil management report shall be included.

Adopted Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.110 Non-Potable/Recycled Water**

Where available, the installation of non-potable/recycled water irrigation systems (i.e., dual distribution systems, purple pipe, and interchangeable components) shall be required to allow for the current and future use of non-potable/recycled water. See Subsection 83.10.070 (c)(17) for additional requirements.

Adopted Ordinance 4136 (2011)

#### **83.10.120 Stormwater Management**

Stormwater management combines practices to help minimize runoff and water waste while increasing infiltration, which helps to recharge groundwater tables and improve water quality. The implementation of stormwater best management practices into the landscape documentation package (i.e., planting, irrigation, grading plans, etc.) will help minimize runoff and increase retention and infiltration on-site. Refer to Chapter 85.11 (Pre-Construction Flood Hazard and Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Inspection) for more information regarding Stormwater Management, and to Title 3, Division 5, Chapter 1, Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems Regulations.

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## **CHAPTER 83.11 PARKING AND LOADING STANDARDS**

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### **83.11.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide parking and loading standards to:

- (a) Ensure the provision and maintenance of safe, adequate, well-designed, off-street parking facilities in conjunction with a use or development.
- (b) Reduce street congestion and traffic hazards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.11.020 Applicability**

Unless otherwise provided in the specific applicable land use zoning district, the provisions of this Chapter shall apply to appropriate uses and development. The standards in this Chapter shall be considered minimums, and more extensive parking provisions as a condition of project approval may be required by a review authority for a discretionary permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.11.030 General Parking Provisions**

- (a) **Location.** The required parking spaces shall be located on the same site with the primary use or structure, on premises contiguous to them, or in a location conforming to a Site Plan approved in compliance with Chapter 85.08 (Site Plan Permits). Property within the ultimate right-of-way of a street or highway shall not be used to provide required parking or loading facilities. Parking shall not be allowed in the front yard setback other than in the driveway for a single-family residential use or within a driveway in a multi-family development that is specifically designed for and has sufficient length to provide off-street parking for a specific dwelling unit.

- (b) **Change in use.** When the occupancy or use of a property is changed to a different use, parking to meet the requirements of this Chapter shall be provided for the new use or occupancy. In the case of an infill multi-family or affordable (income-restricted) residential development, a Minor Use Permit may be used to review and approve any additional parking required that is a result of the change in use.
- (c) **Increase in use.** When the occupancy or use of a premises is altered, enlarged, expanded, or intensified, additional parking to meet the requirements of this Chapter shall be provided for the enlarged, expanded, altered, or intensified portion only.
- (d) **Two or more uses.** Where two or more uses are located in a single structure or on a single parcel, required parking shall be provided for each specific use (i.e., the total parking required for an establishment that has both industrial and office uses shall be determined by computing the parking for the industrial use and the office use and then adding the two requirements together.)
- (e) **Parking and loading spaces to be permanent.** Parking and loading spaces shall be permanently available, marked and maintained for parking or loading purposes for the use they are intended to serve. The Director may approve the temporary reduction of parking or loading spaces in conjunction with a seasonal or intermittent use with the approval of a Temporary Use Permit issued in compliance with Chapter 85.15.
- (f) **Parking and loading to be unrestricted.** Owners, lessees, tenants, or persons having control of the operation of a premises for which parking or loading spaces are required by this Chapter shall not prevent, prohibit or restrict authorized persons from using these spaces without prior approval of the Director.
- (g) **Use of parking area for activities other than parking.** Required off-street parking, circulation, and access areas shall be used exclusively for the temporary parking and maneuvering of vehicles and shall not be used for the sale, lease, display, repair, or storage of vehicles, trailers, boats, campers, mobile homes, merchandise, or equipment, or for any other use not authorized by the provisions of this Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.11.040 Number of Parking Spaces Required**

- (a) **Number of parking spaces required.** Each land use shall provide at least the minimum number of off-street parking spaces, including disabled access spaces required by Section 83.11.060 (Disabled Parking Requirements), except where a parking reduction has been granted in compliance with Section 83.11.050 (Adjustments to Parking Requirements) or a variance has been granted in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances). Additional spaces may be required through approval of a discretionary permit.
- (b) **Minimum requirements for nonresidential uses.** A nonresidential use shall provide a minimum of four spaces with one additional parking space for each facility vehicle, except where otherwise noted in this Chapter.

(c) **Area calculations.** The minimum required number of parking spaces for the following uses shall be determined based upon the indicated area calculations:

- (1) Food establishments: Gross leasable area (GLA).
- (2) General retail uses: Gross leasable area (GLA).
- (3) Industrial uses: Gross floor area (GFA).
- (4) Personal services: Gross leasable area (GLA).
- (5) Professional offices: Gross leasable area (GLA).

<b>Table 83-15</b> <b>Parking Requirements by Land Use</b>	
Uses	Number of Spaces Required
<b>Industry, Manufacturing &amp; Processing, Wholesaling<sup>(4)</sup></b>	
Industrial uses of all types, including warehouses or structures used exclusively for storage purposes, wholesale houses and distributors and public utility facilities including, but not limited to, electric, gas, water, telephone, and telegraph facilities not having business offices on the premises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 1,000 s.f. of the first 40,000 s.f. of GFA; and</li> <li>▪ 1 for each 4,000 s.f. of GFA for the portion over 40,000 s.f.; and</li> <li>▪ 1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Storage Mini storage facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mini-storage office 1 for each 250 sq. ft. of office area with 4 minimum</li> <li>▪ Additional requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A parking lane shall be provided adjacent to the storage structure's openings that is a minimum of 9 feet in width and outlined (painted). The parking lane is for temporary parking only (30 minutes maximum) and this time restriction shall be clearly marked with signs.</li> <li>▪ Driveways adjacent to the parking lane shall be a minimum width of 15 feet for one-way and 24 feet for two-way.)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<b>Recreation, Education &amp; Public Assembly Uses<sup>(4)</sup></b>	
Amusement enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 4 persons of the facility's allowed maximum attendance</li> </ul>
Bowling alleys and billiard halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 5 for each bowling lane; and</li> <li>▪ 2 for each billiard table</li> </ul>
Churches, synagogues, temples, mosques and other places of worship <sup>(1)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 3 fixed seats; and</li> <li>▪ 1 for every 25 s.f. of seating area where there are no fixed seats; and</li> <li>▪ 1 for each 400 s.f. of floor area outside the main assembly area</li> </ul>
Commercial recreation and similar uses (e.g., shooting ranges, race tracks, miniature golf course, pitch and putt courses, parks, and zoos)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 4 persons of the facility's allowed maximum attendance</li> </ul>
Commercial swimming pools and swimming schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 500 s.f. of water surface area</li> <li>▪ 10 minimum</li> </ul>
Dance halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 1 for each 20 s.f. of dance floor area; and</li> <li>▪ 1 for each 3 fixed seats and for each 20 s.f. of seating area where there are no fixed seats</li> </ul>

<b>Table 83-15</b> <b>Parking Requirements by Land Use</b>	
<b>Uses</b>	<b>Number of Spaces Required</b>
Golf courses and driving ranges, but not to include miniature golf courses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4 for each hole on all golf courses; and</li> <li>1 for each tee for driving ranges</li> </ul>
Organizational camps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 bus parking space per 20 campers</li> <li>2 for each resident staff</li> <li>1 for each nonresident staff on the largest shift</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Meeting facilities - Theaters, auditoriums, stadiums, sport arenas, gymnasiums and similar places of public assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 3 fixed seats or for every 25 s.f. of seating area within the main auditorium where there are no fixed seats <sup>(1)</sup></li> </ul>
Schools general curriculum Kindergarten through Grade 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each staff member, faculty member, and employee</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Schools general curriculum Grade 10 through 12, colleges and universities, business and professional schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 4 students; and</li> <li>1 for each staff member, faculty member and employee; and</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Schools special schools or trade schools	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 3 students; and</li> <li>1 for each staff member, faculty member, and employee</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Skating rinks, ice or roller	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 3 fixed seats and for each 20 s.f. of seating area where there are no fixed seats; and <sup>(1)</sup></li> <li>1 for each 250 s.f. of skating area</li> </ul>
<b>Residential Uses</b>	
Caretaker housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2, with one covered</li> </ul>
Clubs, conference centers, fraternity and sorority houses, rooming and boarding houses, and similar structures having guest rooms <sup>(3)</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 3 guest rooms <sup>(3)</sup></li> </ul>
Dependent housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 for each unit</li> </ul>
Mobile home parks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2; one covered on each mobile home parcel (may be in tandem); and</li> <li>1 guest space for each 10 spaces, or fraction thereof</li> </ul>
Motels, hotels, and boarding house	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each unit/room</li> </ul>
Multi-family dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.5 for projects of 4 or more units, one shall be covered for each dwelling unit on the project site to accommodate resident and visitor parking <sup>(2)</sup></li> <li>2.0 for projects of 2 or 3 units, one shall be covered for each dwelling unit <sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul>
Second dwelling unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2, one shall be covered <sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul>
Single-family dwelling	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2, one shall be covered on the same site with the primary structure <sup>(2)</sup></li> </ul>
Short-Term Private Home Rental	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each bedroom</li> </ul>
<b>Retail Trade</b>	
Automobile repair and service stations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3 for each service bay (service bays do not count as spaces); and</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>
Automobile sales, boat sales, mobile home sales, retail nurseries, and other open uses not in a structure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 2,000 s.f., or portion thereof, for open area devoted to display or sales; for the first 10,000 s.f.; and</li> <li>1 for each 5,000 s.f., or portion thereof, over 10,000 s.f.; and</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> </ul>

Table 83-15 Parking Requirements by Land Use	
Uses	Number of Spaces Required
Food establishments with take-out provisions only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 200 s.f. of GLA; and</li> <li>1 for each facility vehicle</li> <li>4 minimum</li> </ul>
General retail	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 250 s.f. of GLA</li> <li>4 minimum</li> </ul>
Restaurants, in the Valley and Desert Regions, including drive-ins, cafes, night clubs, taverns, and other similar places where food or refreshment are dispensed	<p>The greater of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 100 s.f. of GLA; or</li> <li>1 for each 3 fixed seats and/or 1 for every 50 s.f. of floor area where seats may be placed; or</li> <li>10 minimum</li> </ul>
Restaurants in the Mountain Region, including drive ins, cafes, and other similar places that have 5,000 s.f. of GLA or less, where food or refreshment are dispensed and where no alcoholic beverages of any type are sold or served	1 space per 250 square feet of GLA with a 4 space minimum
Restaurants in the Mountain Region, including drive ins, cafes, and other similar places that have over 5,000 s.f. of GLA where food or refreshment are dispensed, regardless of whether or not alcoholic beverages are served	1 space per 100 square feet of GLA with a 4 space minimum
Restaurants in the Mountain Region, including drive ins, cafes, and other similar places where food or refreshment are dispensed and where alcoholic beverages are sold under State Alcoholic Beverage Control license types 42 (bar/tavern) or 48 ((bar/night club), regardless of the square footage of the restaurant	1 space per 100 square feet, regardless of GLA with a 4 space minimum
Restaurants in the Mountain Region, including drive ins, cafes, and other similar places where food or refreshment are dispensed and where alcoholic beverages are sold under State Alcoholic Beverage Control license type 47 (restaurant)	<p>1 space per 250 square feet of GLA with 5,000 square feet or less of GLA with a 4 space minimum</p> <p>1 space per 100 square feet of GLA for restaurant uses over 5,000 square feet of GLA with a 4 space minimum</p>
Shopping centers (projects over 200,000 s.f. of floor area)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 200 s.f. of GLA up to 100,000 sf; and</li> <li>1 for each 250 s.f. of GLA for square footage above 100,000 s.f.</li> </ul>
Wholesale commercial nurseries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 500 s.f. of display area</li> </ul>
<b>Services General</b>	
Beauty and nail salons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 for each station</li> </ul>
Child care centers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 5 children that the facility is designed to accommodate</li> </ul>
Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 2 patient beds</li> </ul>
Medical offices, clinics, veterinary hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 250 s.f. of GLA</li> </ul>
Offices, general, financial, business and professional uses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 250 s.f. of GLA</li> </ul>
Personal services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 250 sq. ft. of GLA</li> </ul>
Social care facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 for each 3 residents of the maximum licensed resident capacity</li> </ul>

Table 83-15 Parking Requirements by Land Use	
Uses	Number of Spaces Required
<b>Other Uses</b>	
Bed and breakfast	▪ 1 for each guest room
Home occupations	▪ 1 for each nonresident employee in addition to residential requirements
On-Your-Lot builder model home/sales office	▪ 2 per office ▪ 2 for visitors
(1) Twenty-four (24") linear inches of bench or pew shall be considered a fixed seat. (2) Residential parking spaces shall be located to the rear of the front setback line, except that in the Mountain Region, the parking spaces may be located within the setback areas. Tandem parking is not allowed except in the Mountain Region. Areas outside the driveway in front of the primary structure, whether outside the front yard setback or not, shall not be used for parking. In the Valley and Desert Regions, the covered parking requirement only applies to the RS and RM Land Use Zoning Districts. (3) In dormitories, each 100 square feet shall be considered equivalent to a guest room. (4) Nonresidential uses shall provide a minimum of four spaces with an additional parking space for each facility vehicle, except where otherwise noted.	

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4161 (2012)

#### 83.11.050 Adjustments to Parking Requirements

- (a) **Shared parking reduction.** Where two or more adjacent nonresidential uses have distinct and differing peak parking usage periods, (e.g. a theater and a bank), a reduction in the required number of parking spaces may be approved by the Commission based on the findings and recommendations of a parking study prepared by a qualified parking or traffic consultant. The amount of reduction may be up to the number of spaces required for the least intensive of the uses sharing the parking.
- (b) **Transportation control measures.** Parking requirements may be adjusted in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 83.14 (Transportation Control Measures). An approved Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit (Chapter 85.06) may authorize adjustments to parking requirement not to exceed individually or cumulatively 10 percent of the total required parking spaces, as depicted in Table 83-16.



<b>Table 83-16</b>	
<b>Transportation Control Measures</b>	
<b>Transportation Control Measure</b>	<b>Parking Credit</b> (Cumulative Maximum Credit = 10% of Required Parking Spaces)
Car pool space (9' x 19')	1 car pool space = 2 spaces
Bus ridership	2 riders = 1 space <sup>(1)</sup>
Motorcycle spaces (4'x 8')	2 motorcycle spaces = 1 space <sup>(2)</sup>
Boat slips on waterfront	1 slip = 1 space
(1) Bus stop shall be within 1,320 feet of the proposed use with a path of travel from the bus stop to the facility that complies with disabled access requirements.	
(2) Motorcycle stalls shall be on concrete and have a permanent tie-down ring.	

- (c) **Landscaping in lieu of parking spaces.** In compliance with Section 83.10.060 (Landscape Area Requirements), landscaping may be provided in lieu of 10 percent of the total number of parking spaces required, provided the landscaping is arranged so that parking may be installed at a later date if a demand arises, and further provided, that the owner agrees to provide parking at the request of the reviewing agency.
- (d) **Variance.** Other than changes to parking requirements provided for in this Section, a Minor Variance or a Variance in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances) shall be required for any change to a parking requirement.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.11.060 Disabled Parking Requirements**

- (a) **Required number of disabled parking spaces.** For multi-family residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, and public uses, State law establishes the required number of disabled parking spaces, which are reflected in Table 83-17.

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Table 83-17 Required Number of Parking Spaces for Disabled	
Total Number of Parking Spaces	# of Parking Spaces for the Disabled
1-25	1
26-50	2
51-75	3
76-100	4
101-150	5
151-200	6
201-300	7
301-400	8
401-500	9
501-1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20 plus 1 for each 100 or fraction, over 1001

**(b) Size of parking space for the disabled.**

- (1) **Dimensions.** Except as provided below, each parking space for the disabled shall be 14 feet wide and outlined to provide a nine foot parking area and a five foot loading/unloading area on the passenger side. When more than one space is provided, two spaces may be provided within a 23-foot wide area lined to provide a nine foot parking area on each side of a five foot loading and unloading area in the center. The minimum length of each parking space shall be 19 feet.
- (2) **Van accessibility.** One in every eight parking spaces for the disabled, but not less than one, shall be served by an access aisle 96 inches wide and shall be designated van accessible. This means that when only one space is required, it shall be 17 feet wide and outlined to provide a nine-foot parking area and an eight-foot loading/unloading area on the passenger side. When only two spaces are required, they may be provided within a 26-foot wide area lined to provide a nine-foot parking area on each side of an eight-foot loading/unloading area in the center. These spaces may be grouped on one level of a parking structure.
- (3) **Less than five spaces.** When only four parking spaces are required for a specific project, the parking space for the disabled shall be 17 feet wide, but does not need to be marked or reserved exclusively for the disabled.
- (c) **Arrangement and identification.** The arrangement and design of these spaces shall be subject to Chapter 2-71 of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations, and they shall be identified as required in Vehicle Code Section 22511.8.
- (d) **Additional spaces based on actual or anticipated usage.** Additional spaces shall be provided where usage indicates a greater need, or where a higher than normal percentage of disabled persons is anticipated to use the parking facility.

- (e) **Location of spaces.** Parking spaces for the disabled shall be located as near as practical to a primary entrance to a single structure, or shall be located to provide for safety and optimum proximity to the entrances of the greatest incidence of use when more than one structure is served by the parking lot. The spaces shall be located to ensure that a disabled individual is not compelled to wheel or walk behind parked cars other than their own.
- (f) **Walkways and ramps.** Pedestrian walkways that are accessible to the physically disabled shall be provided from each disabled parking space to related facilities, including curb cuts or ramps as needed. Ramps shall not encroach into parking spaces.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 83.11.070 Development Standards

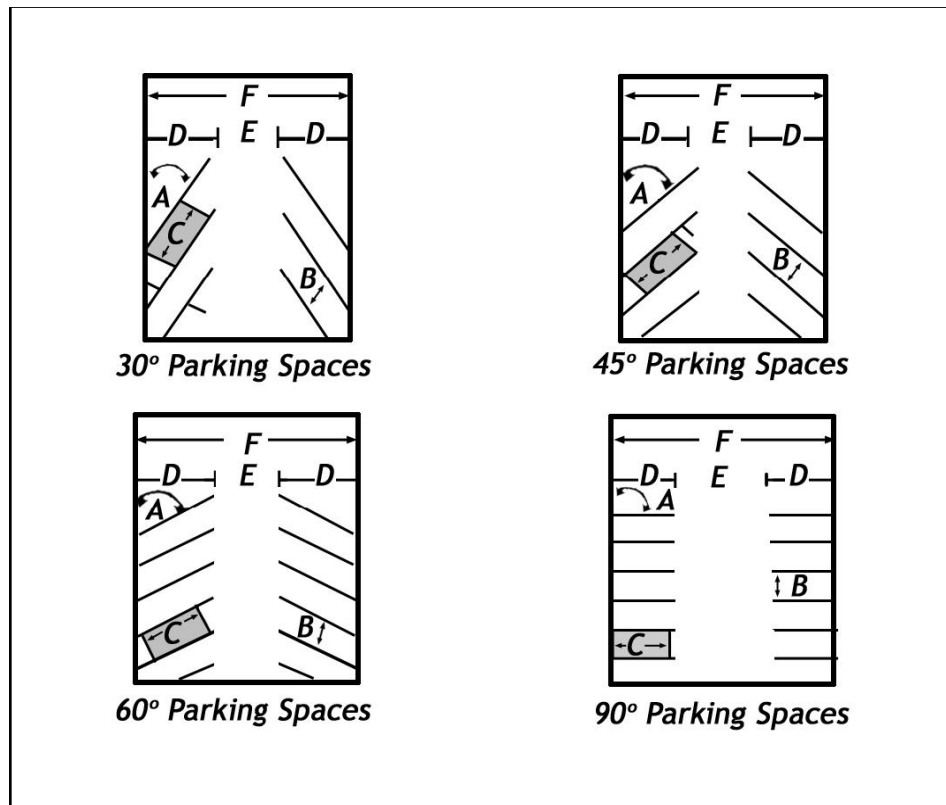
(a) **Minimum parking space sizes and lot dimensions.**

- (1) Each required parking space shall be at least nine feet wide by 19 feet long, with adequate provisions for ingress and egress by a standard full size passenger vehicle. This standard shall be apply to all uses, including single-family residential, except where noted in Subsections 2, 3, 4 and 5 below. Parking spaces in parking lots shall comply with the minimum dimension requirements in Table 83-18 (Minimum Off-Street Parking Dimensions) and as illustrated in Figure 83-16 (Off-Street Parking Dimensions). The Director shall not reduce these requirements.

**Table 83-18 Minimum Off-Street Parking Dimensions**

Angle of Parking (in degrees) (A)	Space Width (in feet) (B)	Space Length (per vehicle) (C)	Space Depth (from curb) (D)	Driveway Width (in feet) (E) <sup>(1)</sup>
Parallel (0°)	9 ft	19 ft	9 ft	12 ft
45°	9 ft	19 ft	20 ft	14 ft
60°	9 ft	19 ft	21 ft	19 ft
90°	9 ft	19 ft	19 ft	24 ft

(1) Also, see Subsection 83.11.070(h)(3) for additional requirements relative to fire access aisles.



**Figure 83-16**  
**Off-Street Parking Dimensions**

- (2) If wheel stops or curb with overhang area are installed in parking spaces, the distance from the end of the space to the rear of the wheel stop/curb shall not exceed two feet. For parallel parking spaces (i.e., spaces where vehicles park in a line, front to rear, next to a curb or side of a road), each space shall be separated from the next space by a distance of four feet.
  - (3) Enclosed parking spaces (i.e., residential garages) shall be 10 feet in width and 20 feet in length.
  - (4) Mobile home parking spaces shall be at least 10 feet wide by 20 feet long, with adequate provisions for ingress and egress by a standard full size passenger vehicle.
  - (5) Tractor trailer parking spaces shall be at least 12 feet wide by 50 feet long.
- (b) **Circulation requirements.** The parking area shall be designed so that a car entering the parking area shall not be required to enter a public street to move from one location to any other location within the parking area or premises.
- (c) **Forward entry into right-of-way.** Parking and maneuvering areas shall be arranged so that vehicles entering a vehicular right-of-way can do so traveling in a forward direction only.

- (d) **Head-in parking.** Where curbs and gutters do not exist and where barriers do not restrict vehicular access to the private property, head-in parking shall not be allowed.
- (e) **Driveway access.** Off-street parking facilities shall be designed to limit access to private property from streets and highways to a minimum number of standard driveways in compliance with the Department of Public Works specifications.
- (f) **Lighting.** Parking area lighting and glare shall reflect away from public thoroughfares and adjacent residences and shall comply with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (g) **Maintenance.** Individual parking stalls shall be clearly striped and permanently maintained with double or hairpin lines on the surface of the parking facility, with the two lines being located an equal nine inches on either side of the stall sidelines. Arrows shall be painted on paving to indicate direction of traffic flows.
- (h) **Minimum aisle widths.**
  - (1) **One-way traffic.** One-way access driveways leading to aisles within a parking area shall be a minimum width of 12 feet, and driveways within the parking aisles shall be as shown in Table 83-19 (Minimum Aisles):

<b>Table 83-19</b>	
<b>Minimum Aisles</b>	
<b>Parking Stall Angle</b>	<b>Minimum Aisle Width (feet)</b>
Parallel (0°)	12
1° - 45°	14
46° - 60°	17
61° - 90°	24

- (2) **Two-way traffic.** The aisles and the two-way access drives leading to aisles within a parking area shall be a minimum width of 24 feet.
- (3) **Fire access aisles.** The aisles adjacent to nonresidential structures shall be a minimum width of 26 feet to accommodate fire emergency vehicles and shall be located so that the vehicles can park within 150 feet of all sides of the structures. Aisles adjacent to structures that are greater than two stories in height shall be a minimum width of 30 feet.
- (4) **Truck aisles.** Access aisles for multiple-axle trucks in commercial and industrial projects shall be a minimum width of 40 feet **for projects with a gross floor area of 10,000 square feet or greater or where the design of the project includes a loading dock.** Truck movement templates (i.e., turning radii elements including wheel paths, which define the needed width of pavement, and the front overhang, which is the zone beyond the pavement edge that must be clear of obstructions above curb height) shall be included on the site plan design to indicate turning conditions.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**83.11.080 Landscape Requirements for Parking Areas****(a) Applicability.**

- (1) Unpaved parking areas in the Desert Region.** For sites in the Desert Region where parking area paving is not required, landscaping shall not be required.
- (2) Countywide paved parking areas.** Landscaping for paved parking areas Countywide shall be provided as outlined in Subsections (b) through (I), below.
- (3) Parking garages and structures.** The landscaping standards in this Section shall not apply to parking garages or other parking structures.

**(b) Landscape and irrigation plan required.** A comprehensive landscape and irrigation plan shall be submitted to the Director for approval in compliance with Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards).**(c) Landscape materials.** Landscaping materials shall be provided throughout the parking lot area using a combination of trees, shrubs, and vegetative ground cover. Water conserving landscape plant materials shall be emphasized.**(d) Curbing.** Areas containing plant materials shall be bordered by a concrete curb at least six inches high and six inches wide. Alternative barrier designs may be approved by the Director.**(e) Irrigation.** Except where xeriscaping is specifically designed and intended not be irrigated, an automatic irrigation system, including drip systems, bubblers, and soakers, shall be provided for landscaped areas, including tree wells, planters, and planting islands.**(f) Location of landscaping.** Parking lot landscaping shall be located so that pedestrians are not required to cross through landscaped areas to reach building entrances from parked cars. **Trees and shrubs shall be planted so that at maturity they shall not interfere with a driver's or pedestrian's view of public rights-of-way (e.g. the view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic, etc.) or otherwise impair public safety, or interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle on public streets.****(g) Bumper overhang areas.** A maximum of two feet of the parking stall depth may be landscaped with low-growth, hearty materials in lieu of paving, allowing a two-foot bumper overhang while maintaining the required parking dimensions. Bumper overhang areas shall not encroach into required walkways or rights-of-way.**(h) Perimeter parking lot landscaping.**

- (1) Adjacent to streets.** Parking areas adjoining a public street shall be designed to provide a landscaped planting strip between the street right-of-way and parking area.

- (A) Parking areas adjoining a public street shall be designed to provide a landscaped planting strip between the street right-of-way and parking area **that is equal to the setback area required by the development standards of the subject land use zoning district.** The Director may grant an exception to this requirement if existing structures or substandard parcels preclude its implementation. In this case, the maximum planting strip area shall be provided based on site conditions.
  - (B) The landscaping, other than trees, shall be designed and maintained to screen cars from view from the street and shall be approximately three feet in height.
  - (C) Screening materials may include a combination of plant materials, earth berms, raised planters, or other screening devices that meet the intent of this requirement and have been approved by the Director.
  - (D) Plant materials, walls, or structures within a clear sight triangle of a driveway shall not exceed 30 inches in height in compliance with Section 83.02.030 (Clear Sight Triangles).
- (2) **Adjacent to residential use.** Parking areas for nonresidential uses adjoining residential uses shall provide a landscaped buffer yard with a minimum 10-foot width between the parking area and the common property line bordering the residential use. A solid masonry wall in compliance with Section 83.06.050 (Walls Required Between Different Land Use Districts) and landscaping shall be provided along the property line. Trees shall be provided at a rate of one for each 30 feet of landscaped area and shall be a minimum 15-gallon container stock with a caliper size, at time of planting, which is appropriate for a normal, healthy example of the specified tree variety and no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$  inches in diameter.
- (3) **Larger projects.** Parking lots with more than 100 spaces shall provide an appropriate entry feature consisting of a concentration of landscape elements at primary entrances, including specimen trees, flowering plants, enhanced paving, and project identification.
- (i) **Interior parking lot landscaping.** Multi-family residential uses and nonresidential uses shall provide landscaping consistent with the following requirements.
- (1) **Trees required.**
    - (A) **Number and location.** Trees shall be evenly spaced throughout the interior parking area at a rate of one tree for every 10 parking spaces. The required number of trees shall not include trees required around the perimeter of the parking area. In the Valley Region, parking lot planters shall provide a minimum of one 15 gallon, multi-branched tree, unless healthy existing trees are used in the planters.



- (B) **Size.** Trees within the parking area shall be a minimum 15-gallon container stock with a caliper size, at time of planting, that is appropriate for a normal, healthy example of the specified tree variety and no less than  $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch in diameter.
- (2) **Planting areas.** Trees shall be located in planting areas that are designed and constructed throughout the parking area. In order to be considered within the parking area, trees shall be located in planters that are bounded on at least three sides by parking area paving. Planters shall have a minimum interior dimension of six feet. Ends of parking lanes shall have landscaped islands.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

### 83.11.090 Parking and Loading Development Standards

Every parcel of land used or maintained for residential parking, public parking, private parking, new car sales lots, used car sales lots, mobile home, camper or trailer sales lots, boat sales lots or other uses of a similar nature, shall be improved as follows, including loading spaces and access drives:

- (a) **Loading spaces.** Every institutional, commercial, industrial, or special use established or erected on land that abuts a street or an alley shall have one permanently maintained loading space of not less than 10 feet in width, 20 feet in length, and 14 feet clear in height, for each 5,000 square feet of structure floor area provided. However, not more than four loading spaces shall be required for each use. An approved Use Permit may allow adjoining uses to share loading areas where appropriate.
- (b) **Surface requirements in Desert Region.** In the Desert Region, where the parcel abuts a paved street or road, the required off-street parking and loading areas and access drives shall be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of asphaltic concrete paving except as follows:
  - (1) For residential uses on parcels of 18,000 square feet or larger, the required off-street parking, loading areas and access drives shall be dust-proofed with materials that may include slag, gravel, or other similar materials, or fully paved.
  - (2) For commercial, industrial, or institutional uses with less than 4,000 square feet of structure area in rural areas, the required off-street access driveway parking for the disabled and loading area(s) shall be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of asphaltic concrete paving. The remaining parking may be either asphaltic concrete paving or dustproofed with materials that may include slag, gravel, or other similar materials. Areas that are dustproofed shall be required to be maintained with periodic dustproofing as necessary to minimize the creation of airborne dust. The non-paved area(s) of the parking shall have a positive barrier prevent direct access onto the adjacent paved road.

- (c) **Surface requirements in Mountain Region.** In the Mountain Region, where the parcel abuts a paved street or road, the required off-street parking and loading areas and access drives shall be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of asphaltic concrete or road-mixed surfacing, in compliance with County Department of Public Works Specification No. 38.
- (d) **Surface requirements in Valley Region.** In the Valley Region, the required off-street parking and loading areas and access drives shall be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of asphaltic concrete paving or plant-mix surfacing, in compliance with County Department of Public Works Specification No. 38.
- (e) **Dust-proofing.** Truck terminals or yards and motor vehicle storage/impound facilities shall be provided with a dust-proofed surface of slag, crushed rock, or an equivalent measure.
- (f) **Parking areas for nonresidential uses abutting residential uses.** Nonresidential parking areas that abut residential land use zoning districts shall be separated and buffered by a six-foot high solid fence or masonry wall. The solid fence or masonry wall shall be four feet in height within the required residential setback for residential uses.
- (g) **Parking areas abutting streets.** Where a boundary of a parking area abuts a street, a suitable concrete curb or barrier not less than six inches in height shall be securely installed and maintained where there is no solid fence or masonry wall.
- (h) **Hours of operation.** Except as otherwise provided by this Code, the required parking area shall not be used for a purpose other than the temporary parking of motor vehicles, during the operating hours of the supporting primary land use.
- (i) **Parking area notices.** Parking area signs may be located in all land use zoning districts at the entrance or exit of a parking area, but shall not exceed six square feet in area and five feet in height. The signs may contain the name of the owner or occupant of the property and a combination of the following words and symbols only: "Parking," "Park Here," "Entrance," "Exit," "Do Not Enter," "Stop," "Private Parking," "Public Parking," "Customers Only," "Handicap Parking," no parking directional arrow, and "Tow Away" notice.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.11.100 Commercial Vehicle Parking in Residential Areas**

**(a) Applicability.**

**(1) Residential land use zoning districts.**

- (A) The provisions of this Section shall apply only to the Single Residential (RS), Multiple Residential (RM), Rural Living (RL), and Special

Development (SD) land use zoning districts in the Valley Region and the Desert Region.

- (B) Except as provided in Subsection (b) (Acceptable commercial vehicles on streets or adjacent to residential uses), below, parking of commercial vehicles shall not be allowed in the Single Residential (RS), Multiple Residential (RM), Rural Living (RL), and Special Development land use zoning districts in the Mountain Region.

- (2) **Nonresidential land use zoning districts.** In nonresidential land use zoning districts in the Valley, Mountain, and Desert Regions, commercial vehicle parking shall comply with the land use regulations established for the land use zoning district of the subject property.

- (b) **Acceptable commercial vehicles on streets or adjacent to residential uses.** Except as provided in Title 5: Highways, Traffic, Section 52.0125 (Weight Limitations), Section 52.0128 (Restriction or Prohibition of Parking of Commercial Vehicles), and Section 52.0131 (Prohibition of Certain Vehicles on Highways) of the County Code, commercial truck tractors, motor trucks, semi-trailers, or combinations of them, exceeding a manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating of 10,000 pounds, may be parked on public streets, roads, highways, alleys, or public rights-of-way adjacent to a residential use, or on a residential property as follows:

- (1) While making pick-ups or deliveries of goods, wares, or merchandise from or to a property adjacent to or abutting upon streets or highways.
- (2) When this type of vehicle is parked in connection with, and in aid of, the ongoing performance of a service to, or on, a property in the block where the vehicle is left standing. This includes the temporary parking of construction and similar types of service vehicles, as well as snow removal equipment in the mountain communities during the winter months. In remote mountain areas where there are no commercial or industrial land use zoning districts, service vehicles may be parked on residential parcels during other times of the year, provided they are covered. Where possible, they shall be parked behind the residence. The vehicles may project into the side and rear yard areas. A vehicle shall not be parked or left standing on the paved portion of a street, highway, or alley unless the paved portion of the half-width roadway is at least 22 feet wide.
- (3) A vehicle that is used in conjunction with an approved Home Occupation Permit.

- (c) **Commercial vehicles at residences.** An owner/operator of a commercial vehicle may park the vehicle at their residence under the following standards/conditions:

- (1) The owner and operator of the vehicle shall be a resident of the home on the parcel where it is parked.

- (2) Except as provided in Subsection 11 below of this Subsection, the commercial vehicle shall be parked off of the street and behind the front setback.
- (3) The operator of the vehicle shall not idle the vehicle's engine for longer than 10 minutes.
- (4) A vehicle shall not be loaded or unloaded or have cargo transferred to or from the vehicle except during the first 24 hours during which a vehicle is mechanically disabled.
- (5) A refrigeration unit on the vehicle shall not be operated between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. unless the noise level of the operation is reduced to 45 dB(A) or less as measured at the property line in compliance with Section 83.01.080 (Noise).
- (6) No dispensing of fuel on-site in excess of 10 gallons shall be allowed.
- (7) The property owner shall provide appropriate design measures to minimize dust.
- (8) Outdoor storage of equipment, materials, or supplies shall not be allowed.
- (9) Mechanical work and routine maintenance or repair work that causes an excessive amount of noise shall be done off-site. The following maintenance work shall not be done on-site:
  - (A) Steam-cleaning or degreasing the vehicle.
  - (B) Welding.
  - (C) Use of pneumatic equipment, other than to repair a disabled vehicle.
- (10) Parking shall be allowed in compliance with the following:
  - (A) **Desert Region.** One truck tractor with a trailer or semi-trailer may be parked on the owner/operator's residential parcel if it is at least one-half acre in size. One additional truck tractor with a trailer or semi-trailer, up to a maximum of three vehicles of this type, may be parked on the owner/operator's residential parcel for each additional one-half acre the parcel contains. Vehicles shall not be parked in compliance to this Subsection unless all parts of the vehicle are at least five feet from each interior property line, at least 15 feet from public rights-of-way and easements, and at least 70 feet from a structure used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g., parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining properties. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached, or detached private garages or storage structures.

- (B) **Mountain Region.** Except as provided in Subsection A of this Section, commercial vehicle parking in residential areas shall not be allowed in the Mountain Region.
- (C) **Valley Region.** One truck tractor with a trailer or semi-trailer may be parked on the owner/operator's residential parcel if the parcel is at least one acre in size. Only one truck tractor with a trailer or semi-trailer may be parked on the parcel. A vehicle shall not be parked in compliance to this Subsection unless all parts of the vehicle are at least five feet from each interior property line, at least 15 feet from public rights-of-way and easements, and at least 70 feet from a structure used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g., parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining properties. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached or detached private garages or storage structures.
- (D) **Parking on vacant parcels.** In the Valley Region and the Desert Region, commercial vehicles may be allowed on an adjacent vacant parcel under the same ownership as the owner/operator's residence only when there is no access and/or adequate space to the rear or side of the residence, subject to compliance with all other conditions, including:
- (I) Commercial vehicles parked on a vacant parcel shall be parked the same distance from the roadway as the owner/operator's residence.
  - (II) The commercial vehicle shall be parked within 20 feet of the fence line of the owner/operator's residential parcel.
  - (III) The commercial vehicle shall be parked perpendicular to the street and behind the front setback.
  - (IV) If needed, the additional square footage of the adjacent vacant parcel may be added to the subject parcel to meet the acreage area requirement listed in Subsections (A) and (C), above, of this Subsection 10.
- (11) Truck tractors may be parked in the driveway of the owner/operator's residential parcel of any size, provided the tractor is completely clear of public streets, sidewalks, and easements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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## CHAPTER 83.12 ROAD SYSTEM DESIGN STANDARDS

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### Sections:

- 83.12.010 Purpose
- 83.12.020 Applicability
- 83.12.030 Road System Design Standards

#### **83.12.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the various types of roads within the County maintained road system.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **83.12.020 Applicability**

This Chapter shall apply to all the roads within the unincorporated portions of San Bernardino County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.12.030 Road System Design Standards**

Table 83-20 provides road system design standards. For diagrams and specific features on the County maintained road system, refer to the **Road Planning and Design Standards** and the San Bernardino County Standards and Specifications Manual, as may be amended from time to time. The **Road Planning and Design Standards** and the Standards and Specifications Manual are maintained by the Department of Public Works.

<b>Table 83-20 Road System Design Standards</b>			
<b>HIGHWAY DESIGNATION</b>	<b>NUMBER OF LANES</b>	<b>RIGHT-OF-WAY WIDTH</b>	<b>CURB-TO-CURB SEPARATION</b>
Freeway	Variable (per Caltrans)	Variable (per Caltrans)	Variable (per Caltrans)
State Highway (special standards/conditions)	Variable (per Caltrans)	Variable (per Caltrans)	Variable (per Caltrans)
Major Arterial Highway	6	120' minimum	104'
Major Divided Highway	4	120'	94'
Major Highway	4	104' minimum	80'
Secondary Highway	4	88'	64'
Controlled/Limited Access Collector	2	66'	44'
Mountain Major Highway	4	80'	64'
Mountain Secondary Highway	2	60'	44'
Collector Street	2	66'	44'
Local Street	2	60'	36'
Mountain Collector	2	50'	—
Mountain Local	2	40'	—

**Note:** Collector Streets and Local streets are not shown on the General Plan Transportation/Circulation Maps

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4180 (2012)**



**CHAPTER 83.13 SIGN REGULATIONS**

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**83.13.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to:

- (a) Establish general regulations for signs and other exterior advertising formats.
- (b) Establish additional standards and regulations applicable to land use zoning districts.
- (c) Recognize that the eventual elimination of existing signs that do not comply with the provisions of this Code is as important as is the denial of new signs that violate these regulations.
- (d) Safeguard and enhance property values; protect public and private investment in structures and open spaces; and improve the appearance of the County as a place in which to live and work and as an attraction to nonresidents who come to visit or trade.
- (e) Encourage sound signing practices as an aid to business and provide information to the traveling public.
- (f) Prevent excessive and confusing sign displays.
- (g) Reduce hazards to motorists and pedestrians and promote the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.13.020 Applicability**

The sign standards provided in this Chapter shall apply to signs in all land use zoning districts in the County. Only signs authorized by this Chapter shall be allowed in that land use zoning district, unless otherwise expressly provided in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.13.030 Sign Permits and Exemptions**

- (a) **Sign permits and registration.** A person shall not erect a sign regulated by this Chapter without first obtaining appropriate permits from the Building Division and registration with the Code Enforcement Division. Signs shall be erected in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code and applicable specific plans.
  - (1) Existing and new permanent signs, not including temporary signs, established in conjunction with a commercial, industrial, private institutional, or commercial-agricultural business use shall be subject to an annual sign registration requirement. A sign registration decal shall be issued by the Code Enforcement Division.
  - (2) Verification of application for sign registration and plot plan approval by the Code Enforcement Division shall be submitted before the issuance of a Building Permit for the installation, wiring, remodeling, or reconstruction of a sign that requires a Building Permit.
- (b) **Sign Location Plan.** A Sign Location Plan shall be required for subdivisions in compliance with Chapter 85.13 (Sign Location Plans).
- (c) **Exempt signs.** The following signs shall be exempt from the requirements of this Development Code and applicable specific plans:
  - (1) Signs, flags, banners, emblems, or notices issued or endorsed by a constituted governmental body, public agency, court, person, or officer in performance of a public duty, including traffic or highway signs, railroad crossing signs or similar regulatory or warning devices and legal notices.
  - (2) Holiday displays and decorations not to exceed 60 days.
  - (3) Signs, located inside a structure, courtyard, mall, or other similar structure, provided these signs are not conspicuously visible and readable from a public street or adjacent properties not under the same ownership.
  - (4) Utility company signs identifying conduits, cables, dangerous conditions, or providing other notices of this type.
  - (5) Memorial tablets or signs and historic markers.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.13.040 Prohibited Signs**

The following signs shall be prohibited in all land use zoning districts:

- (a) Signs having animated, moving, or rotating parts, including signs that have alternating messages that change more than once every five seconds.
- (b) Moveable or portable signs, including signs attached to or painted on trailers or vehicles parked on private property for the purpose of gaining unauthorized sign area.
- (c) Signs that make sounds.
- (d) Signs that obscure, imitate, or otherwise limit the effectiveness of official traffic control signs or devices.
- (e) Signs that display statements or symbols of an obscene or immoral nature as to offend the public morals or decency.
- (f) Banners and flags, except those specifically allowed by Subsection 83.13.070 (a)(4)(Temporary banners and flags).
- (g) Tethered balloon(s) or other inflatable(s) used to draw attention to a use or event.
- (h) Signs with flashing neon elements or signs with neon lighting on their support structures.
- (i) Signs that are not effectively shielded to prevent beams or rays of light from being directed on the traveled way, or whose intensity or brilliance cause glare or impair the vision of the driver of a motor vehicle, or that otherwise interfere with drivers of motor vehicles.
- (j) A beacon or searchlight, except for emergency purposes.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**83.13.050 On-Site Signs**

The provisions of this Section regulate on-site signs and structures. On-site signs shall be allowed in the land use zoning districts specified.

- (a) **Residential on-site signs.** On-site signs shall be allowed in land use zoning districts that allow residential land uses and shall be subject to the following standards:
  - (1) On-site residential signs are signs that give notice of the name and/or address of residential land uses on the same parcel and/or the name of a resident on the parcel. Except as otherwise provided, on-site residential signs shall not exceed a total of six square feet in area for each residential dwelling and shall not exceed six feet in height.

- (2) On-site residential signs for multi-family structures shall not exceed 20 square feet in area.
  - (3) On-site residential signs shall also include signs that identify a residential development by name or give similar notice to identify a residential area or neighborhood. Each residential area or development shall be limited to a maximum of two permanent signs per principal entrance to the residential development. The maximum total sign area shall be 100 square feet for each development and individual signs shall not exceed a maximum height of six feet when the sign is located outside the front setback area and four feet when the sign is within the front setback area. These signs shall not advertise the sales of parcels or homes.
- (b) **Nonresidential on-site signs in residential, agricultural, and conservation land use zoning districts.** When a nonresidential use is allowed within a residential, agricultural, or conservation land use zoning district, the use may be accompanied by one unlighted single or double faced sign not to exceed six feet in height or 12 square feet in area, for each 60 feet of street frontage and not to exceed a maximum of 24 square feet in total area.
- (c) **On-site commercial/industrial complex signs.** On-site signs shall be allowed in land use zoning districts that allow commercial and industrial land uses and shall be subject to the following standards:
- (1) A shopping center occupant located:
    - (A) On the perimeter of a shopping center with street frontage may have one monument sign in addition to a wall, roof, or projecting sign. The additional sign shall not exceed 50 square feet in area.
    - (B) Adjacent to, or that backs onto, a major arterial, or a major or secondary highway, may have an additional wall sign on the rear of the structure.
  - (2) A complex occupant sign shall also include the use of one five square foot pedestrian walkway sign for each occupant within the complex in addition to other sign configurations and sign area allowed by the land use zoning district.
  - (3) A complex shall have a minimum street frontage of one 150 feet. A shopping center complex, abutting two street frontages of at least 150 feet each, may have one additional monument sign. However, the total cumulative square footage of the monument signs shall not exceed 100 square feet.
  - (4) Freestanding signs shall be located in a landscaped planter at least two times the area of the sign. The planter shall contain a permanent operational irrigation system.

- (5) One roof or one projecting sign shall be allowed when the Building Official finds that an allowed on-site freestanding sign does not provide sufficient opportunity for adequate viewing.
- (6) **On-site signs in Office Commercial (CO) land use zoning district.** Table 83-21 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Office Commercial (CO) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

**Table 83-21**  
**On-Site Signs in Office Commercial (CO) Land Use Zoning District**

Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	150	100	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 1 Attached	1 per frontage	1

- (7) **On-site signs in Neighborhood Commercial (CN) land use zoning district.** Table 83-22 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Neighborhood Commercial (CN) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-22</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Neighborhood Commercial (CN) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	150	100	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 1 Attached per Frontage	1 <b>per frontage</b>	1

- (8) **On-site signs in Rural Commercial (CR) land use zoning district.** Table 83-23 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Rural Commercial (CR) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-23</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Rural Commercial (CR) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	25 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	25 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	150	100	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 1 Attached per Frontage	1 per frontage	1

- (9) **On-site signs in Highway Commercial (CH) land use zoning district.** Table 83-24 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Neighborhood Commercial (CN) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-24</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Highway Commercial (CH) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	300	200	100
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached	1 per frontage	1



- (10) **On-site signs in General Commercial (CG) land use zoning district.** Table 83-25 indicates the types of signs allowed in the General Commercial (CG) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-25</b> <b>On-Site Signs in General Commercial (CG) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	300	200	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached	1 per frontage	1

- (11) **On-site signs in Service Commercial (CS) land use district.** Table 83-26 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Service Commercial (CS) land use district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-26</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Service Commercial (CS) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	35 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	300	200	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 1 Attached	1 per frontage	1

- (12) **On-site signs in Community Industrial (IC) land use zoning district.** Table 83-27 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Community Industrial (IC) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-27</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Community Industrial (IC) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	6 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	6 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 150 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Wall	1:3 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 150 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	400	320	150
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached	1 per frontage	1

- (13) **On-site signs in Regional Industrial (IR) land use zoning district.** Table 83-28 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Regional Industrial (IR) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-28</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Regional Industrial (IR) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	6 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	6 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	25 ft. maximum height 200 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:4 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:4 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 200 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 150 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	400	400	150
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached	1 per frontage	1

- (d) **On-site signs in Institutional (IN) land use zoning district.** Table 83-29 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Institutional (IN) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-29</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Institutional (IN) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 48 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Monument	6 ft. maximum height 48 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	15 ft. maximum height 48 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Wall	1:1 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	Sign not allowed
Total area sq. ft.	150		
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached		

- (e) **On-site signs in Special Development (SD) land use zoning district.** Table 83-30 indicates the types of signs allowed in the Special Development (SD) land use zoning district and the standards applicable to those signs.

<b>Table 83-30</b> <b>On-Site Signs in Special Development (SD) Land Use Zoning District</b>			
Type of Sign	Individual Business/Structure Not a Part of a Complex	Multi-Tenant Complex	Occupant within a Multi-Tenant Complex
<b>Freestanding</b>			
Pole or Pylon	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
Monument	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	4 ft. maximum height 36 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed
<b>Attached</b>			
Projecting	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	25 ft. maximum height 100 sq. ft. maximum area 8 ft. minimum clearance from underlying walkway or thoroughfare	Sign not allowed
Roof	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Wall	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area	Sign not allowed	1:2 (bldg. frontage to sign area ratio) 50 sq. ft. maximum area
Total area sq. ft.	150	100	50
Total number	1 Freestanding 2 Attached per frontage	1 <b>per frontage</b>	1

- (f) **On-site civic signs.** On-site civic signs are signs that give notice of the name or service, or other function or operation, of a publicly owned land use type on the same parcel, or that gives notice of the address or conditions of use of a parking area or other facility serving the activity. On-site civic signs are allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to the following limitations:

- (1) In land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are not allowed, on-site civic signs with a maximum area of 32 square feet and a maximum height of 12 feet are allowed.
- (2) In land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are allowed, the maximum height and area for on-site civic signs shall be the same as that allowed for on-site business signs.

**(g) Freeway oriented on-site signs.**

- (1) Freeway oriented signs shall be located within 200 feet of the structure or use to which the sign is an on-site use.
- (2) A maximum of two steel support poles shall be required for a freestanding freeway oriented on-site sign that has an area of 18 square feet or greater.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**83.13.060 Off-Site Signs**

- (a) General regulations for off-site signs.** Unless otherwise specified in this Section, the following standards shall be applicable to off-site signs:

**(1) Allowability of Off-Site signs.**

- (A) Where allowed.** Off-site signs shall be allowed in the CG (General Commercial) and CH (Highway Commercial) land use zoning districts subject to a Conditional Use Permit.
- (B) Where prohibited.** Off-site signs shall be prohibited in the Phelan Planning Area.

**(2) Dimensions and area.**

- (A) Overall height.** The maximum height of an off-site freestanding sign shall be 35 feet. The maximum height of an off-site freestanding sign whose leading edge is not within 500 feet of a freeway right-of-way nor located within 50 feet of a railroad line shall be 25 feet.
  - (B) Height of sign face.** The maximum vertical height of the face of an off-site sign shall be 25 feet.
  - (C) Width of sign face.** The maximum horizontal width of the face of an off-site sign shall be 50 feet.
  - (D) Area.** The maximum area of the face of an off-site sign shall be 500 square feet. The maximum area of the face of an off-site sign whose leading edge is not within 500 feet of a freeway right-of-way shall be 300 square feet. The area and height of a freestanding sign may be expanded by no more than 10 percent for the addition of temporary embellishments, cut-outs, and other add-ons. The embellishments shall not exceed 50 square feet in area, nor add more than five feet in additional height.
- (3) Construction standards.** A maximum of two steel support poles shall be allowed for an off-site freestanding sign. Steel support poles shall be required for

the construction of an off-site freestanding sign required in this Chapter to have a Building Permit.

- (4) **Access.** Off-site signs shall not obstruct an access route, including setback areas needed for emergency vehicle or personnel access.
- (5) **Designated scenic route.** No off-site freestanding signs greater than 18 square feet in area shall be oriented toward a State or County Highway that has been designated as a Scenic Route by the Federal, State, or a local jurisdiction.
- (6) **Visibility from freeway when sign not oriented towards freeway.** Where off-site signs are oriented towards thoroughfares other than freeways, the message displayed on the signs may be visible to the operators of vehicles from on-and-off ramps, but the message shall not be designed to be viewed by the operators of vehicles being driven on the main traveled way of the freeway.
- (7) **Double-faced, back-to-back signs allowed.** Provisions of this Section shall not prevent the erection of double-faced, back-to-back off-site signs or V-shaped signs erected in compliance with Subsection 1.d (Area), above.
- (8) **Minimum spacing.** Off-site signs shall maintain the following minimum spacing between the leading edge of each sign on the same side of the same street or freeway. Measurements shall be calculated from the leading edge or footing of the sign nearest to the planned right-of-way.

Sign Area	Minimum Spacing
<b>(A) Freeway Oriented Off-site Signs</b>	
0 - 500 square feet	750 feet
500.01 square feet and over	Not allowed
<b>(B) All other Off-site Signs</b>	
0 - 50 square feet	50 feet
50.01 - 100 square feet	150 feet
100.01 - 300 square feet	500 feet
300.01 square feet and over	Not allowed

- (9) **Setback.** The leading edge of off-site signs shall maintain the following minimum setback from the planned right-of-way:

Sign Height	Setback
<b>(A) Freeway oriented off-site signs</b>	
Any height	3 feet
<b>(B) All other off-site signs</b>	
0 - 16 feet	3 feet
16.01 - 25 feet	5 feet
25.01 feet and over	Not allowed



(10) **State Outdoor Advertising Permit.** A copy of the current valid State Outdoor Advertising Permit, where one is required by the State, shall be submitted to the Building Official before approval of a plot plan for an off-site sign, except where specific County findings are required by the State Department of Transportation before the issuance of the State Outdoor Advertising Permit. When a valid State Outdoor Advertising Permit is required by the State, it shall be submitted before issuance of a Building Permit for the construction of the sign.

(11) **Illumination.** Lighting of off-site signs shall comply with Section 83.07.040 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting Mountain and Desert Regions).

**(b) Freeway oriented off-site signs.**

(1) **Message orientation.** Freeway oriented off-site signs shall be erected, constructed, or maintained, to ensure that the message displayed on the signs shall be designed to be viewed by the operators of vehicles traveling on freeways.

(2) **Applicable land use development standards.** In addition to the provisions of this Subsection, signs shall be subject to the provisions of the land use zoning district in which they are located.

(3) **Conditional Use Permit required.** Freeway oriented off-site signs shall be allowed subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

(4) **Minimum spacing.** See Section 83.13.060.(a)(8) (Minimum spacing).

(5) **Location and design standards.** Unless otherwise specified in this Chapter, the location and design standards for freeway oriented off-site signs shall be as provided in the:

(A) Outdoor Advertising Act (California Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq.).

(B) California Code of Regulations, Title 4 (Business Regulations), Chapter 4 (Directional and Other Official Signs and Notices).

(6) **Activities exempt from permit requirements.** The changing of a message or customary maintenance of a legally existing sign structure as defined in Section 2270 (Customary Maintenance) of the California Code of Regulations, Title 4 (Business Regulations), Chapter 1 (Outdoor Advertising General) shall not require a Use Permit in compliance with this Subsection.

(7) **Location standards.** In addition to other applicable Federal, State, and local requirements, freeway oriented off-site signs shall not be constructed until a permit has been issued by the Building Official in compliance with the following:

(A) **Location in established business area.**

- (I) Freeway oriented off-site freestanding signs shall be located where allowed within an established business area, which shall mean an area within 1,000 feet, measured in any direction, from the leading edge of the nearest edge of a commercial or industrial activity or structure, and that is located in a commercial or industrial land use zoning district. For purposes of calculating the 1,000-foot measurement, the freeway right-of-way shall be excluded.
- (II) The area of a commercial or an industrial activity shall be presumed to be that portion of a parcel lying within a single rectangle that encloses improvements, storage areas, and parking areas related to that commercial or industrial activity. This activity includes accessory and primary land uses that are both directly and traditionally related to a commercial or industrial land use, but does not include infrastructure or access improvements (e.g., driveways, railways, power lines, etc.).

- (B) **Sign separation requirement.** Freeway oriented off-site signs shall be not be placed within 750 feet from another freeway oriented off-site sign on the same side of the freeway. If a particular land use zoning district specifies a more restrictive spacing, then the more restrictive spacing shall prevail.

(c) **Freeway oriented directional signs.**

- (1) **Location and design standards.** Freeway oriented directional signs shall be located and designed in compliance with the:
  - (A) Outdoor Advertising Act (Business and Professions Code Section 5200 et seq.).
  - (B) California Code of Regulations, Title 4 (Business Regulations), Chapter 4 (Directional and Other Official Signs and Notices).
- (2) **Message.** The message on directional signs shall be limited to the identification of an attraction or activity and directional information useful to the traveler in locating the corresponding attraction or activity.
- (3) **State Outdoor Advertising Permit.** A copy of the current valid State Outdoor Advertising Permit, where it is required by the State, shall be submitted to the Building Official before approval of a plot plan for a freeway oriented directional sign, except where specific County findings are required by the State Department of Transportation before the issuance of State Outdoor Advertising Permit. When a valid State Outdoor Advertising Permit is required by the State, it shall be submitted before issuance of a Building Permit for the construction of the sign.

- (d) **Additional off-site signs.** The following off-site signs are allowed in addition to those specified within individual land use zoning districts:

- (1) **Off-site permanent civic signs.** Signs that serve to identify a community shall be allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to the following:
  - (A) In land use zoning districts where off-site business signs are allowed, the maximum height and area for a off-site civic sign shall be the same as the allowed on-site business sign, unless otherwise specified by this Chapter.
  - (B) In land use districts where off-site signs are not allowed, signs shall have a maximum area of 100 square feet and a maximum height of 15 feet, except in those land use zoning districts where on-site signs are not allowed.
  - (C) In land use districts where off-site signs are not allowed, off-site civic signs shall have a maximum area of 32 square feet and a maximum height of 12 feet.
  - (D) Off-site civic signs shall only display the name, surname, and/or slogan of the city or community.
- (2) **Off-site business directional signs.** Off-site business directional signs are signs that direct attention to, or otherwise pertain to, a commodity or service that is sold, produced, conducted or offered by a nonresidential land use type not located on the same site where the sign is located but is within 50 air miles of the business or establishment being identified. Off-site business directional signs are allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to the following restrictions:
  - (A) Off-site business directional signs shall not be allowed when an on-site business sign will serve to adequately identify the establishment.
  - (B) Off-site business directional signs shall not be located within 50 feet of another off-site sign.
  - (C) In those nonresidential land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are not allowed, off-site business directional signs shall not exceed 32 square feet in area nor 10 feet in height.
  - (D) In those land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are allowed, off-site business directional signs shall not exceed 64 square feet in area, nor 15 feet in height or the signs shall conform to the size and height provided for on-site business signs within the land use zoning district, whichever is smaller.
  - (E) Whenever an off-site business directional sign is used, there shall be a one square foot reduction of allowed sign area for on-site business signs for the establishment for each square foot of sign area in the business directional sign.

- (F) If an off-site business directional sign is oriented towards a State Highway or freeway, the sign shall also comply with the provisions of Subsection 83.13.060(c) (Freeway oriented directional signs), above.

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### **83.13.070 Temporary Signs**

- (a) **Temporary on-site signs.** The following signs shall be allowed as on-site signs in all land use zoning districts on a temporary basis:

- (1) **Temporary on-site realty signs.**

- (A) On-site realty signs are temporary on-site signs that pertain to the sale, lease, rental, or display of parcels, structures, or facilities that exist or are in the process of being constructed or altered.
    - (B) On-site realty signs shall be allowed subject to the following height and area limitations:
      - (I) In land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are not allowed, the maximum area of an on-site realty sign shall be six square feet and the maximum height shall be five feet. These signs shall have a maximum height of four feet when placed within the front setback or side street setback areas.
      - (II) In land use zoning districts where on-site business signs are allowed, the maximum area for an on-site realty sign shall be 50 percent of the allowable area for the on-site business signs, but not more than 32 square feet. Allowed height for an on-site realty sign shall be the same as that allowed for an on-site business sign.

- (2) **Temporary on-site development signs.** On-site development signs are temporary on-site signs that announce future activities and facilities to be located on the site, and that may identify the persons or firms engaged in the promotion, design, construction, or alteration of the facilities. On-site development signs shall be allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit.

- (3) **Temporary on-site residential development signs.**

- (A) Temporary on-site residential development signs are for on-site advertisement of residential development projects.
    - (B) A maximum of three signs are allowed within the boundaries of the residential development project. These signs are to be located as follows: one at the entrance, and one at the exit of the residential development project, and one at the sales office site.

- (C) Temporary on-site residential development signs shall only state the name of the developer, type of financing, price range, and the developer's telephone number.
  - (D) Temporary on-site residential development signs may be located in front, side, or rear setbacks, but shall not be located closer than five feet from the edge of the planned right-of-way.
  - (E) Each individual sign structure shall have no more than 64 square feet of total sign area. The total square footage of the on-site signs shall not be more than 100 feet.
  - (F) Nonconforming signs on the proposed site shall be removed.
  - (G) An approved Temporary Use Permit may allow the use of flags or other alternate advertising displays, provided the conditions of approval specify the type, maximum area, maximum height, maximum number, minimum spacing, time limitation, and maintenance requirements for the alternate advertising displays.
  - (H) See also Subsection 84.25.040(g)(3) (Temporary On-Your-Lot Builder Model Home/Sales Office).
- (4) **Temporary banners and flags.** Fewer than three flags or two banners may be allowed when used by non-profit, religious, charitable, or fraternal organizations; or when used for temporary advertising of business openings and special events. These banners and flags shall not exceed 15 feet in length or three feet in width. Banners and flags shall be displayed on roof, wall, or fence areas only. The total number of banners or flags for each occupant shall not exceed one for each street frontage. The maximum time period for display of an approved banner or flag shall be 90 days and shall be subject to a Temporary Use Permit.
- (b) **Temporary off-site signs.** The following signs shall be allowed in all land use zoning districts on a temporary basis:
- (1) **Temporary off-site political signs.**
    - (A) A temporary off-site political sign is a sign that indicates any one or a combination of the following:
      - (I) The name or picture of an individual seeking election or appointment to a public office.
      - (II) Relates to an upcoming public election or referendum.
      - (III) Advocates a person's, group's, or party's political views or policies.

- (B) A temporary off-site political sign shall be allowed in any land use zoning district subject to the following limitations:
  - (I) Political signs shall be removed within 30 days after the election.
  - (II) Political signs shall have a maximum area of eight square feet in residential land use zoning districts, and 32 square feet in other land use zoning districts, unless the sign is an on-site sign (e.g., campaign headquarters, etc.) or is an off-site sign allowed by this Chapter.
  - (III) Political signs shall not be erected within a street intersection, clear sight triangle, or at a location where the sign may interfere with, obstruct the view of, or be confused with an authorized traffic sign.
  - (IV) Political signs shall not be nailed or affixed to a tree, fence post, or public utility pole and shall not be located in the public right-of-way, parkway, or on publicly owned land.
- (2) **Temporary off-site residential directional signs.** Temporary off-site residential directional signs shall be used for identifying a housing project or a new apartment complex of five or more units. These signs shall be allowed in all land use zoning districts subject to a Sign Location Plan and the following provisions:
  - (A) The maximum height shall be eight feet.
  - (B) The top panel shall measure 60 inches by 16 inches and shall identify the County or the community where the sign is located.
  - (C) Each subsequent panel shall measure not less than 60 inches by 10 inches and shall only specify the name of the development project and a directional arrow. A maximum of six advertising panels shall be allowed per sign.
  - (D) Colors for lettering and background and type of lettering shall be uniform for each community and shall be approved by the Director.
  - (E) Double wide sign structures may be installed at locations subject to the approval of the Director.
  - (F) In areas where it is not practical to install the standard sized sign, a small sign may be installed. The sign shall measure no more than 30 inches high and 30 inches wide. A maximum of two panels shall be used per sign.
  - (G) Temporary off-site residential directional signs shall be located at least 300 feet away from another off-site residential directional sign, unless it is determined by the Director that a closer spacing will better accomplish the intent of this Subsection.

- (H) Temporary off-site residential directional signs placed on private property shall receive written consent of the property owner that shall be filed with the Department before issuance of a permit. Signs placed in the public right-of-way shall require an Encroachment Permit from the Department.
- (I) Temporary off-site residential directional signs shall be located away from a scenic highway or outside a Sign Control Overlay with a designation of SC[p] whenever possible. However, if a location is sufficiently justified, the maximum number of advertising panels shall be restricted to two.
- (J) Temporary off-site residential directional signs shall not be allowed within clear sight triangles in compliance with Section 83.02.030 (Clear Sight Triangles).
- (K) There shall not be additions, tag signs, streamers, flags, devices, display boards, or appurtenances added to the sign as originally approved. Further, other directional signs shall not be used (e.g., posters, trailer signs, etc.).
- (L) Nonconforming subdivision or apartment complex directional signs that are advertised under this Subsection shall be removed before the issuance of a New Sign Permit. These signs may be removed by the County, with the cost of removal charged to the developer. Additional costs incurred by the County resulting from the removal of illegal signs shall also be charged to the developer.
- (M) Signs shall not be illuminated.
- (N) Signs shall be maintained in a neat, clean, and orderly manner. Broken, damaged, or defaced signs shall be repaired within 30 days.
- (O) Signs shall not obstruct the use of sidewalks, walkways, bike or multi-use trails.
- (P) The County, and its officers and employees, shall be held free and harmless of costs, claims, and damages levied against them.
- (Q) Temporary Weekend Signs. Small temporary signs may be placed during two or three day weekends on private property with the property owner's permission or within the public right-of-way so long as the signs are requested from and placed by the County's authorized administrator. These signs shall not be larger than 24 inches by 25 inches, and they shall be made of either plastic or cardboard, and shall be mounted with stakes that are either wood or metal. These signs shall not be erected earlier than 12 midnight on Friday and shall not be removed later than 12 midnight on Sunday. In the event of a three-day holiday, these signs may be erected no earlier than 12 midnight on Thursday, if the holiday falls on Friday, and shall not be removed later than 12 midnight on Monday, if the holiday falls on a Monday.

- (R) An off-site residential directional sign program may be implemented and installed through the Building Industry Association (BIA) if an agreement is approved for the regulation and control between the County and the BIA. Directional signs erected through this program shall be regulated and installed in compliance with the agreement and approvals between the BIA and the County. The BIA shall not install new structures without express written consent of the Director.

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### **83.13.080 Standards for All Types of Signs**

- (a) **Maintenance.** Signs and their components shall be regularly maintained and kept in good repair and appearance. If a sign is not properly maintained, it shall be removed or repaired within 30 days, following written notice of insufficient maintenance by an authorized County official.
- (b) **Maximum sign area and calculation of sign area.**
- (1) Where a maximum overall sign area is specified, the sum of the areas of walls, roofs, or display sign faces shall be calculated in compliance with the provisions of this Section.
  - (2) Where a ratio of structure frontage to sign area is used, the structure frontage shall be the linear dimension of the structure foundation or base that is adjacent to the street right-of-way, or that is the main entrance to the structure when it is not adjacent to the street right-of-way.
  - (3) Where a ratio of structure footage to sign area is used, separate attached signs are allowed on each structure footage, provided that this ratio and the maximum total area and total number of attached signs provided for within the land use zoning district is not exceeded.
  - (4) The area of a single sign shall not exceed 500 square feet and shall be calculated as follows:
    - (A) Except as otherwise provided by this Section or the provisions of a land use zoning district, decorative trim six inches or less in width immediately surrounding the perimeter of a sign, pole covers not exceeding 24 inches in width, and roofs attached immediately above the top of the sign that do not exceed 24 inches in height nor 12 inches in width beyond the width of each side of the sign face, shall not be included for purposes of calculating sign area, unless decorative trim is part of, is associated with or implies the commercial, noncommercial, or political message that is being displayed.
    - (B) The maximum area allowed for each face of the following signs shall be equal to the maximum sign area allowed by the applicable land use zoning district or this Chapter.



- (I) Single face signs.
  - (II) Double face signs, as measured on the largest single face.
  - (III) V-shaped signs with an acute or right angle between the sign faced on the side away from the right-of-way to which the sign is oriented.
- (5) The maximum area allowed for one of the following signs shall be 75 percent of the maximum sign area allowed by the applicable land use zoning district or this Chapter. The total area of these sign faces shall not exceed the maximum sign area allowed by the applicable land use zoning district or this Chapter.
    - (A) Signs with more than two faces.
    - (B) Signs with more than one face oriented in the same direction.
    - (C) V-shaped signs with an obtuse angle greater than 90 degrees and less than 180 degrees between the sign faces on the side away from the right-of-way to which the sign is oriented.
  - (6) The area of a figure or other irregular or three-dimensional display used for advertising purposes shall be computed by enclosing the entire area within parallelograms, triangles, or circles in a size sufficient to cover the entire area and computing only the maximum single display surface that is visible from a ground position at one time.
  - (7) A sign that includes an automatic time or temperature display shall be given a bonus of 30 percent increase in area over the maximum area allowed by a land use zoning district or this Chapter. This bonus area shall only be utilized for the time or temperature display. The bonus shall not exceed a maximum of 50 square feet.
  - (8) Animals, man-made objects or natural features that are part of or incorporated into the design of the sign, and are associated with or imply the commercial, noncommercial, or political message that is being displayed shall be calculated as part of the total sign face area.
  - (9) The area of a monument sign shall be calculated by using only the area devoted to display of a commercial, noncommercial, or political message.

(c) **Design.**

- (1) **Illumination.** Except for time and temperature components, signs shall only be lit by steady, stationary, shielded light directed only at the sign, by light inside the sign, by direct neon lighting, or by an alternating light system that does not change more than once five seconds. The glare from luminous sources shall not exceed one-half footcandle. See also Section 83.07.040 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting Mountain and Desert Regions).

- (2) **Visibility of sign faces.** More than two faces of a single sign shall not be viewable at one time from one place.
- (3) **Sign information.** The following information shall be clearly legible and in a conspicuous place on each sign:
  - (A) Every on-site sign shall display the name of the maker and date of construction.
  - (B) Every off-site sign shall display the name of the sign owner, operator, and structure and the State Outdoor Advertising Permit number, where required.
  - (C) A County sign registration decal shall be displayed on off-site and on-site signs.
- (4) **Setback from right-of-way.** The leading edge or footing of a sign shall not be located closer than one foot from the ultimate right-of-way line.

**(d) Height.**

- (1) **Measurement.** The height of signs shall be measured along the leading edge of the sign and shall be measured from the finished grade of the ground below the leading edge to the top of the sign, except that freestanding signs shall be measured from grade or the surface of the adjacent roadbed, whichever yields the greater sign height.
- (2) **Maximum height.** The maximum height of an on-site freestanding sign shall be 25 feet. A more restrictive maximum sign height standard may be specified by this Chapter or by the provisions of the applicable land use zoning district or overlay.

**(e) Location.**

- (1) A sign or portion of sign shall not extend over a property line onto an adjacent property or right-of-way.
- (2) A sign shall not interfere with a driver's or pedestrian's view of public rights-of-way (e.g., the view of approaching, merging, or intersecting traffic, etc.) or otherwise impair public safety, or interfere with the safe operation of a motor vehicle on public streets.
- (3) Signs shall comply with the provisions Section 83.02.030 (Clear Sight Triangles) that include the following:
  - (A) Monument signs shall not be allowed within a clear sight triangle.
  - (B) There shall not be more than two posts or columns, each with a width or diameter no greater than 12 inches, within a clear sight triangle.

- (C) When a freestanding sign is located within a clear sight triangle, the lower edge of the sign face shall be at least eight feet above grade.
- (4) A sign shall not be attached to or painted on a public utility pole or streetlight.
- (5) Where it is determined that vegetation will obstruct the visibility of more than 10 percent of the face of a proposed sign, as viewed from the edge of the abutting paved roadway for 10 percent of the distance up to 750 feet away from the proposed sign face, the following shall be submitted before issuance of a Building Permit:
  - (A) The sign owner shall submit a statement indicating what vegetation will be cut, trimmed, and/or left undisturbed.
  - (B) The sign owner shall submit a letter from an affected agency or property owner, where trees are proposed to be cut or trimmed, authorizing the removal or trimming operation.
  - (C) Where vegetation is authorized to be removed to accommodate visibility of a sign on a publicly owned right-of-way, then the remaining vegetation shall be enhanced by the planting of one specimen tree or plant of the same or similar species for each tree or plant removed. This shall be accomplished before the final Building Permit inspection for the proposed sign. The specimen plants shall be planted along the same roadway as close as botanically sound, but not in a manner that obstructs the proposed sign during the life of the tree or plant. The applicant shall obtain permission from the responsible agency or property owner for the plantings before the issuance of the Building Permit and shall maintain the vegetation after planting for a period of six months or until the plant is self-sustaining, whichever is longer. This requirement shall be modified or waived by the Building Official where it is determined that an alternate mitigation measure is acceptable or where compliance is not practicable.
- (6) A sign shall not be attached to or painted on natural features (e.g., trees, shrubs, rocks, etc.).

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#### **83.13.090 Standards for Specific Types of Signs**

- (a) **Accessory signs.** An accessory sign, as allowed by this Code, may be mounted on the same sign structure as a permanent freestanding sign, provided that the accessory sign shall have a maximum area that is no more than 50 percent of the area of the off-site sign face on the same sign structure, and provided that the maximum total area and height allowed within a land use zoning district is not exceeded.

(b) **Complex occupant signs.** Complex occupant signs shall be allowed in conjunction with individual occupants within a shopping center, business, or other complex. The complex occupant sign shall also include the use of one five square foot pedestrian walkway sign for each occupant within the complex in addition to other sign configurations and sign area allowed by the land use zoning district.

(c) **Freestanding signs - general.**

- (1) Unless otherwise specified by this Chapter or a land use zoning district, a maximum of one freestanding sign shall be allowed on each parcel, per frontage. A portion of a new freestanding sign structure, erected after November 1987, shall not be closer than 10 feet to an existing sign.
- (2) Freestanding signs that have an area 18 square feet or greater and/or a height of six feet or greater shall require a Building Permit before construction.
- (3) No part of a freestanding sign, including the footing, shall be located closer than one foot away from an interior property line and from the right-of-way of a street or highway adjoining the parcel on which the sign is located. Provided, however, that when a freestanding sign is within a front or street side setback, the sign shall be constructed to provide an open space of at least eight feet in height measured from grade.
- (4) When a freestanding sign is located within a street front or side setback area, the sign face shall be at least eight feet above grade.
- (5) Freestanding signs shall not be more than two posts or columns, each with a width or diameter no greater than 12 inches that are located within a street front or side setback area.

(d) **Freestanding signs - monument signs.**

- (1) A monument sign may be substituted for a freestanding sign allowed by the provisions of this Code or an applicable plan, provided the monument sign complies with the provisions of this Chapter.
- (2) The maximum height of a monument sign located in a setback area shall be the height of an allowed wall or fence in the same setback area.
- (3) Monument signs shall not interfere with a driver's line of sight and shall not be closer than one foot from the right-of-way and shall not have a height greater than that allowed for a wall or fence, unless otherwise specified in an applicable land use zoning district.

(e) **Projecting signs.** A projecting sign shall not:

- (1) Exceed the height of the structure to which it is attached.

- (2) Project more than five feet from the supporting wall.
- (3) Be less than eight feet from grade or any underlying walkway or thoroughfare.
- (f) **Roof signs.** Roof signs shall be mounted on the roof parallel to the ridge of the roof and shall not project above a ridge line or top of the parapet, whichever is greater, nor project beyond the end of the structure wall or edge of the roof.
- (g) **Wall signs.** Wall signs shall be attached flat against a wall of the structure. These signs shall not project more than 18 inches from the wall, and shall not project above the roof line or extend over a public sidewalk or right-of-way.
- (h) **Window display signs.** Display signs shall not exceed 25 percent of the window area on which the sign is placed.

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#### **83.13.100 Sign Standards for Specific Uses**

The following signs shall comply with the requirements of this Development Code or applicable specific plans:

- (a) **Service station signs.** The following regulations shall apply to service stations, in addition to all other provisions of this Chapter.
  - (1) **Monument.**
    - (A) **Number.** One per street frontage.
    - (B) **Area.** Not to exceed 36 square feet.
    - (C) **Height.** Not to exceed 4 feet.
    - (D) **Additional regulations.** Ground signs shall be located in a landscaped planter with a minimum area equal to two times the area of the sign.
  - (2) **Wall signs.**
    - (A) **Number.** One per building frontage facing a street.
    - (B) **Area.** The area of a wall sign shall not exceed two square feet for each lineal foot of building frontage.
  - (3) **Canopy signs.**
    - (A) **Number.** Two canopy signs per canopy.
    - (B) **Area.** The area of a canopy sign shall not exceed 8 square feet.

- (C) **Additional regulations.** Canopy signs shall not extend beyond the gable or fascia board of the canopy.
- (4) **Service island signs.** One sign, not exceeding 4 square feet, shall be allowed on or in front of each end of a service island to identify methods of sale (i.e., self-serve or full-serve).
- (5) **Window signs.**
  - (A) **Number.** One per window.
  - (B) **Area.** Window signs shall not cover more than 25 percent of the window area.
- (6) **Service station product price signs.** Not to exceed 24 square feet in area per sign. One such sign shall be allowed per street frontage. Any additional sign area shall be calculated as part of the total sign area allowed by the land use district.
- (b) **Drive-in restaurant menu board.** Drive-in restaurant menu boards, including those with speakers, shall be allowed provided each sign does not exceed 50 square feet. More than two of these signs shall not be allowed on each site.
- (c) **Garage sales signs.** Temporary signs for garage sales shall be allowed in compliance with Chapter 84.10 (Garage Sales).

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#### **83.13.110 Enforcement**

- (a) In addition to the following provisions, violations of this Chapter shall be enforced in compliance with the provisions of Section 93.13.110 (Enforcement).
- (b) The following signs are hereby declared to be public nuisances:
  - (1) A sign or advertising structure, including flags, unlawfully constructed, placed on or unlawfully projecting over land owned in fee simple by a governmental entity, or unlawfully on or over a public right-of-way without an Encroachment Permit as provided in the County Code.
  - (2) A sign declared to be hazardous or unsafe by the Director, Building Official, or Fire Chief.
  - (3) Illegal signs.

- (c) A County Enforcement Officer may, without notice, move, remove, and/or dispose of a sign or advertising structure that has been declared a public nuisance in compliance with Subsection B. above. In addition, an Enforcement Officer may authorize work required to correct a hazardous or unsafe condition.
- (d) A County Enforcement Officer shall charge the cost of moving, removing, disposing, correcting, storing, repairing, or working on a sign or sign structure to any one or all of the following, each of which shall be jointly and individually liable for the expense:
  - (1) The permittee.
  - (2) The owner of the sign.
  - (3) The owner of the premises on which the sign is located.
  - (4) The sign lessee or lessor.
- (e) The charge for expenses shall be in addition to penalty for the violation. Recovery of the sign does not necessarily abrogate the penalty.
- (f) Signs made of paper, cardboard, lightweight plastic, or similar materials, that are removed, may be discarded immediately. Other removed signs shall be held no less than 30 days by the County, during which period it may be recovered by the owner upon paying the County for costs of removal and storage. If not recovered within the allowed 30-day period, the sign and structure is hereby declared abandoned and the Title of it shall vest to the County.

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#### **83.13.120 Nonconforming Signs**

- (a) **Amortization of nonconforming signs.** Nonconforming signs shall be removed or altered to be conforming as provided below.
  - (1) Nonconforming on-site signs that are located in an agricultural or residential district shall be removed from the site without compensation after the expiration of 15 years from the date the sign became nonconforming. Upon the expiration of the amortization period, the sign shall be an illegal use subject to immediate removal. Nonconforming on-site signs that are also illegal signs shall be removed immediately from the site without compensation.
  - (2) Legal nonconforming commercial signs and billboards existing at the time this Code became effective may be continued, although the use does not conform with these provisions provided, however, that these nonconforming signs and billboards and their supporting structures shall be completely removed by their owners not later than five years from the effective date of this Code.

- (3) Legal nonconforming off-site sign displays located in an area designated on the County General Plan and designated as either agricultural or residential and located more than 660 feet from the edge of the right-of-way of a freeway or primary highway, that have copy not visible or intended to be read from the freeway or primary highway, shall be removed from the site without compensation in compliance with the following schedule. This amortization period shall commence upon receipt of written notice of nonconformance.

Fair Market Value on Date of Notice	Maximum Years Allowed
Under \$1,999	2.0
\$2,000 to \$3,999	4.5
\$4,000 to \$5,999	6.0
\$6,000 to \$7,999	7.5
\$8,000 to \$9,999	9.0
\$10,000 and over	10.5

- (4) The Building Official shall determine the fair market value in compliance with the latest material valuation schedules and send notice of the determined value to the owner. Disagreement over the value shall be resolved under the appeal procedures identified in this Code. Upon the expiration of the appeal period, the sign shall be an illegal use, subject to immediate removal.
- (b) **Continuance of nonconforming signs.** A nonconforming sign may be continued and shall be maintained in good condition as required by these regulations, but it shall not be:
- (1) Structurally changed to another nonconforming sign, but its pictorial content may be changed.
  - (2) Structurally altered to prolong the life of the sign, except to meet safety requirements.
  - (3) Expanded or altered in a manner that increases the degree of nonconformity.
  - (4) Reestablished after damage or destruction if the estimated cost of reconstruction exceeds 75 percent of the replacement cost as determined by the Building Official.
- (c) **New signs on sites with nonconforming signs.** No new sign shall be approved for a site, structure, building, or use that contains a nonconforming sign unless the nonconforming sign is removed or modified to conform to the provisions of this Chapter. No building permit shall be issued for any structures, building expansions, or new building construction on a site that contains nonconforming signs, unless all signs on the site are brought into compliance with this Chapter. This does not include interior alterations that do not substantially change the character or intensity of the site.



- (d) **Repairing and painting.** Nonconforming signs shall only be painted and repaired in place and shall not be removed from their existing location except for building remodeling.
- (e) **Change of business ownership.** Upon a change of ownership, the new owner of a nonconforming sign may change a name or names on the sign so long as there is no change in the structure or configuration of the sign.
- (f) **Structure remodeling.** Nonconforming signs may be removed for the purpose of remodeling a structure and shall be replaced immediately after the remodeling is completed. No alteration of the sign cabinet or structure is allowed.
- (g) **Hardship cases.**
  - (1) Under cases of extreme hardship and unusual circumstances, the Commission shall have the authority to allow the retention of a legal nonconforming sign if the Commission specifically finds that extreme hardship and unusual circumstances exist. The proponent of the request shall have the burden of clearly demonstrating that an extreme hardship and unusual circumstance exists and warrants the retention of the nonconforming sign. The Commission shall conduct a public hearing and shall find the following to be true before allowing retention of a nonconforming sign:
    - (A) The site has a unique character or features that cause visibility problems.
    - (B) The sign does not create a traffic hazard.
    - (C) The sign does not create a visual blight to the community.
    - (D) The sign does not adversely affect adjacent properties.
    - (E) The sign is properly maintained and structurally sound.
    - (F) Other sign alternatives or designs would not be feasible or be able to provide reasonable signing in compliance with this Code.
  - (2) If the Commission finds that an extreme and unusual circumstance exists, but that the design or condition of the sign creates a visual blight, then the Commission may grant a relief from the amortization of the nonconforming sign with the condition that the sign be remodeled to improve the condition of the sign and/or to create a more aesthetic design.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **83.13.130 Abandoned Signs**

- (a) **Removal of abandoned signs.**

- (1) A sign that identifies a business or activity that is no longer conducted on the premises where the sign is located or pertains to a time, event, or purpose that no longer applies, shall be considered an abandoned sign and shall be prohibited. An abandoned sign shall be removed by the owner or lessee of the premises upon which the sign is located immediately upon closure of the business or the passing of the event.
  - (2) A sign frame or structure that supported an abandoned sign and that conforms to all applicable regulations shall be allowed to remain in place. However, in the event a sign frame or structure is inconsistent with regulations, the sign structure and/or frame shall be either altered to comply with the regulations of this Chapter, or removed by the owner or lessee of the property.
  - (3) Signs considered by the County to have historic value or cultural significance shall be exempt from this requirement.
  - (4) If the owner or lessee fails to remove the sign, the County, following a public hearing, may have the sign removed.
- (b) **Recovery of costs.** When the County is required to remove an illegal sign, the reasonable cost of the removal and storage may be assessed against the owner of the sign(s) and/or the property owner. If not paid, the applicable costs may be imposed as a tax lien against the property.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 83.14 TRANSPORTATION CONTROL MEASURES

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### Sections:

- 83.14.010 Purpose
- 83.14.020 Applicability
- 83.14.030 Transportation Control Measures Development Standards

#### 83.14.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to reduce vehicle trips thereby reducing air congestion and pollutants and improving air quality, to comply with State law, and to promote an improved quality of life. This Chapter is intended to satisfy the legal requirements of Chapter 6 of the San Bernardino County Congestion Management Program (CMP).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 83.14.020 Applicability

This Chapter shall apply to all non-residential projects within the unincorporated portions of San Bernardino County that are greater than 10,000 square feet in area.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 83.14.030 Transportation Control Measures Development Standards

- (a) **Bicycle parking required.** Bicycle parking facilities or secured bicycle lockers shall be provided for all non-residential and multi-family (of 10 or more units) developments when discretionary review is required. Parking racks or secured lockers shall be provided at a rate of 1 per 30 parking spaces with a minimum of a three-bike rack.
- (b) **Pedestrian and bicycle connections to streets.** On-site pedestrian walkways and bicycle facilities shall be provided connecting each structure in a development to public streets for all new non-residential and multi-family (of 10 or more units) development.
- (c) **Shower facility.** A minimum of one shower facility accessible to both men and women shall be provided for persons bicycling or walking to work for all new non-residential development generating 250 or more peak hour trips.
- (d) **Passenger loading area.** Passenger loading areas in locations close to building entrances (but not interfering with vehicle circulation) shall be provided for all new non-residential and multi-family (of 10 or more units) developments with at least 100 parking spaces. (Loading area shall be equivalent to a minimum of 5 parking spaces).

- (e) **Vanpool parking.** Preferred parking facilities shall be provided near building entrances for vanpools in all new non-residential developments where appropriate. A vertical clearance of no less than 9' shall be provided.
- (f) **Transit improvements.** Transit improvements (i.e., bus pullouts, bus pads, and bus shelters) shall be provided for all new residential and non-residential development along existing or planned transit routes. The need for and nature of those improvements shall be determined in cooperation with the designated local transportation authority.
- (g) **On-site video conferencing facilities.** On-site video conferencing facilities shall be provided for all office park developments with 1,000 or more employees.
- (h) **Reduction in parking space requirements.** Parking space requirements for new non-residential development shall be reduced when linked to other actions that reduce trips to account for increased ridesharing and other modes of transportation. The amount of reduction shall be based on the recommendations of a parking study prepared by a qualified traffic engineer.
- (i) **Incentives for on-site child care and senior citizen facilities.** Incentives to incorporate on-site child care facilities and senior citizen facilities (e.g., increased parcel coverage, reduced parking requirements, etc.) shall be provided.
- (j) **Bicycle Plan.** Participate in implementation of the Countywide Bicycle Plan (when adopted).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 83.15    **CONDITIONAL COMPLIANCE FOR WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLANS**

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### Sections:

- 83.15.010    Purpose
- 83.15.020    Applicability
- 83.15.030    Quality Control Engineer's Role and Responsibilities
- 83.15.040    Developer's Deposit
- 83.15.050    Land Development Engineering Authority
- 83.15.060    Authority to Contract
- | 83.15.070    **Expenditure of Funds**

### **83.15.010    Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure compliance with conditions of approval on projects involving Water Quality Management Plan features.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### **83.15.020    Applicability**

The provisions of this Chapter apply to projects when a Water Quality Management Plan is required.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### **83.15.030    Quality Control Engineer's Role and Responsibilities**

- (a)    **Independent.** The quality control engineer shall not be employed by, have any relationship to, or interest in the developer, or any contracting, engineering, or geotechnical companies performing work on or providing services to the project being inspected.
- (b)    **Duties and responsibilities.** The quality control engineer shall
  - (1)    Inspect the work in progress to ensure compliance with the conditions of approval for Water Quality Management Plan's site design, source control and treatment control features.
  - (2)    Set provisions regarding Water Quality Management Plan compliance.
  - (3)    Report to and file reports with the Department of Public Works, Land Development Engineering Division Chief relative to Water Quality Management Plan compliance.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **83.15.040 Developer's Deposit**

- (a) **Deposit required for services of quality control engineer.** Before the issuance of building permits and where a Water Quality Management Plan is required, the developer shall post a deposit with Department of Public Works, Land Development Engineering Division in the amount and in the form specified by that Division. The deposit funds held in trust shall be dispersed to the quality control engineer by the Land Development Division under the terms of the agreement between the County and the quality control engineer to pay for the services of the quality control engineer.
- (b) **Additional deposits required.** The Land Development Engineering Division shall notify the developer if and when it becomes apparent that the deposit will be exhausted and the developer shall make the additional deposit as is required by the Land Development Division.
- (c) **Suspension or revocation of grading permit.** If the developer fails to submit the additional deposit by the date specified by the Land Development Engineering Division, the Land Development Division shall suspend or revoke the development permit, in compliance with the provisions of this code and order that work on the project be ceased.
- (d) **Refunds.** Upon completion of the work, unused funds shall be returned to the developer within 60 days following the quality control inspection approvals.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **83.15.050 Land Development Engineering Division Authority**

The Land Development Engineering Division shall have authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations to clarify, interpret, and enforce the provisions of this Chapter. The Land Development Engineering Division may approve variations when the variations are not detrimental to the life, health, safety or welfare of the public and are necessary because of particular or peculiar circumstances, and will achieve the same level of protection as the original condition.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **83.15.060 Authority to Contract**

For the purpose of the Chapter, the Land Development Engineering Division may retain, on behalf of the County, independent engineers to serve as the quality control engineer on projects regulated by this Chapter using a standard form contract approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008)

| **83.15.070**      **Expenditure of Funds**

**Authority to expend deposited funds.** The Land Development Engineering Division shall have the authority to expend any remaining funds in the developer's deposit to obtain compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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## CHAPTER 84.01 ACCESSORY STRUCTURES AND USES

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### Sections:

- 84.01.010 Purpose
- 84.01.020 General Development Standards
- 84.01.030 Agricultural Accessory Structures and Uses
- 84.01.040 Commercial and Industrial Accessory Structures and Uses
- 84.01.050 Residential Accessory Structures and Uses

### 84.01.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes the regulations and criteria that determine the location of compatible accessory uses within various land use zoning districts.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.01.020 General Development Standards

- (a) **Land use zoning district regulations applicable.** Unless otherwise provided, accessory structures and uses shall be subject to the same regulations as the primary structure or use, including projections into setbacks specified in Section 83.02.080 (Allowed Projections).
- (b) **Legally established primary use.** An accessory structure or use shall always exist in conjunction with, and never without, a legally established primary structure or primary use that has the same common owner. *Where the primary use is a residence, it shall not be enclosed within an accessory structure. Where the primary use has not yet been established, an accessory structure may only be built subject to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 84.25 Temporary Structures and Uses.*
- (c) **Use of accessory structure.** The use of an accessory structure may be for either a primary or an accessory use allowed by the applicable land use zoning district.
- (d) **Determination of accessory uses.** In addition to the accessory uses specifically provided for by this Chapter or elsewhere within this Development Code, each land use shall be deemed to include other accessory uses that are necessarily and customarily associated with and are clearly incidental and subordinate to the primary land use. Whenever the accessory uses are questioned, the Director shall be responsible for determining if a proposed accessory use meets the criteria in this Chapter. Before making a determination, the Director shall give notice to contiguous property owners in compliance with Section 85.02.030 (Staff Review with Notice).
- (e) **Maximum site coverage.** The combination of accessory and primary structures on a parcel shall not exceed the maximum site coverage allowed by the applicable land use

zoning district regulations in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

- (f) **Location on same or contiguous abutting parcel.** Accessory structures or uses shall be located on either:
- (1) The same parcel as the primary structure or use; or
  - (2) A contiguous abutting parcel that is owned by the same owner who owns the parcel that has the primary structure or use, with the exception of guest housing in compliance with Subsection 84.01.050(b), below. An accessory use may or may not entail the use of a structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **84.01.030      Agricultural Accessory Structures and Uses**

This Section provides standards for accessory structures and uses that are customarily related to an agricultural use.

- (a) **Animal keeping.** Animal keeping activities are governed by Chapter 84.04 (Animal Keeping)
- (b) **Row field tree and nursery crop and animal product sales stand.** The retail trade of plant or animal products primarily grown on the subject property shall be allowed when displayed from one stand with a floor area no larger than 200 square feet on parcels greater than 10,000 square feet in area. Standards for produce stands are provided in Chapter 84.03. (Agritourism Enterprises).
- (c) **Caretaker housing.** A caretaker dwelling unit may be located anywhere on the property at the discretion of the property owner. The unit shall be a minimum 600 square feet in area and a maximum 1,200 square feet in area. The unit shall be limited to two bedrooms, and its architectural design shall be compatible with the neighborhood. Recreational vehicles shall not be used for caretaker housing. **Existing residential structures are exempt from this maximum square footage requirement.**
- (d) **Seasonal Labor Quarters.** Labor quarters for agricultural operations that are limited to three months of the year that encompass the harvest season of the agricultural product may utilize recreational vehicles as temporary labor quarters. A Site Plan Permit shall still be required to ensure proper services are supplied to the temporary laborers. Also, a Special Use Permit shall be required to monitor the use. Failure to obtain both the Site Plan Permit and the Special Use Permit required under this subsection shall render the placement, use and/or occupancy of recreational vehicles or similar vehicles unlawful and subject to enforcement under Chapter 86.09 of this Title.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)



**84.01.040 Commercial and Industrial Accessory Structures and Uses**

This Section provides standards for accessory structures and uses that are customarily related to commercial and industrial uses.

- (a) **Exterior storage.** Exterior storage shall comply with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code. Screening of exterior storage shall comply with Section 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).
- (b) **Caretaker housing.** The caretaker dwelling unit may be located either above the first floor or behind a primary commercial use. The unit shall be a minimum 600 square feet in area and a maximum 1,200 square feet in area. The unit shall be limited to two bedrooms, and its architectural design shall be compatible with the neighborhood. Recreational vehicles shall not be used for caretaker housing. **Existing residential structures are exempt from this maximum square footage requirement.**
- (c) **Seasonal Labor Quarters.** Labor quarters for commercial or industrial operations that are limited to three months of the year may utilize recreational vehicles as temporary labor quarters. A Site Plan Permit shall still be required to ensure proper services are supplied to the temporary laborers. Also, a Special Use Permit shall be required to monitor the use. Failure to obtain both the Site Plan Permit and the Special Use Permit required under this subsection shall render the placement, use and/or occupancy of recreational vehicles or similar vehicles unlawful and subject to enforcement under Chapter 86.09 of this Title.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**84.01.050 Residential Accessory Structures and Uses**

This Section provides standards for Accessory Structures and Uses that are customarily related to residential single-family dwelling units (e.g., play yards, pools, storage sheds, etc.) or that are residential in nature (e.g., caretaker housing, guest housing, second dwelling units, etc.).

- (a) **Number of accessory residential uses.** In addition to a single-family dwelling unit, only one of the following uses shall be allowed on parcels less than five acres in size:
  - (1) A second dwelling unit shall be allowed provided that the parcel area is at least two times the minimum lot size specified by the land use zoning district for the subject property. If a parcel with a second dwelling unit is subsequently subdivided, the County may require the second dwelling unit be moved if proper setbacks and other development standards cannot be met.
  - (2) Dependent housing.

- (3) **Caretaker housing.** The caretaker dwelling unit shall be a minimum 600 square feet in area and a maximum 1,200 square feet in area. The unit shall be limited to two bedrooms, and its architectural design shall be compatible with the neighborhood. In the Single Residential (RS) or the Multiple Residential (RM) land use zoning districts on parcels less than 2.5 acres in size, the caretaker dwelling unit shall not extend in front of the primary structure. Recreational vehicles shall not be used for caretaker housing. **The provisions of Subsection 84.21.030(i) of this Title shall apply to a manufactured home used as caretaker housing.**
- (b) **Guest housing.** Guest housing shall be located on the same parcel as the primary dwelling unit and shall be separated from it by at least 10 feet. Guest housing shall be for use by temporary guests of the occupants of the primary dwelling unit and shall not be rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling. Only one guest house shall be allowed. In the Single Residential (RS) or the Multiple Residential (RM) land use zoning districts on parcels less than 2.5 acres in size, the guest housing unit shall not extend in front of the primary structure. **The provisions of Subsection 84.21.030(i) of this Title shall apply to a manufactured home used as guest housing.**
- (c) **Parking.** Parking for accessory residential dwelling units shall comply with Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards).
- (d) **Carport and/or garage.** Detached carports or garages shall be limited to 1,200 square feet when located on parcels that are less than 20,000 square feet in size.
- (e) **Other residential accessory structures and uses.** Structures and uses such as cabanas, play yards, tennis courts, porches, ramadas, awnings, patio slabs, water towers and wells, swimming pools, storage buildings shall not extend into the existing front setback of the primary structure where the primary structure faces a street right-of-way. See Section 83.02.080 (Allowed Projections into Setbacks).
- (f) **Detached storage structures.** Parcels that are one acre or less in size shall be limited to only one detached storage structure that exceeds 120 square feet and the storage structure shall not exceed 1,000 square feet. Detached storage structures shall not extend in front of the primary structure where the primary structure faces a right-of-way.
- (g) **Prohibited accessory structures and uses.** Freight containers, railroad cars, intermodal containers, and other similar storage-type structures shall not be allowed as accessory structures in the RS (Single Residential), RM (Multiple Residential), Agriculture (AG) or Rural Living (RL) land use zoning districts unless they are altered to appear to be similar to, and compatible with, the appearance of the on-site primary structure and the surrounding neighborhood, subject to the satisfaction of the Director.
- (h) **Animal keeping.** Accessory animal keeping shall be conducted as specified in Chapter 84.04(Animal Keeping).
- (i) **Exterior storage.** Exterior storage shall be fully and solidly screened and kept below the level of the fence or other screening mechanism. Exterior storage shall comply with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code. Screening of exterior storage shall comply with Section 83.02.060 (Screening and Buffering).

- (j) **Residential crop production.** Accessory crop production shall be allowed on parcels of 10,000 square feet or more, with a temporary sales facility for plant or animal products grown on the subject property. The sales facility shall not be larger than 200 square feet in area and shall display produce for sale for no longer than 72 hours in any calendar month. Standards for produce stands are provided in Chapter 84.03 (Agritourism Enterprises). This does not include wholesale or retail nurseries.
- (k) **Private office.** A private office shall be for the sole use of the dwelling unit occupants within a primary structure and shall have no external advertising or signs.
- (l) **Compatibility.** In the RS (Single Residential) and RM (Multiple Residential) land use zoning districts, the appearance of an accessory structure shall be similar to, and compatible with, the appearance of the primary structure and the surrounding neighborhood.
- (m) **Storage of firewood.** The storage of firewood shall comply with Chapter 84.09 (Firewood Storage).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 84.02 ADULT ORIENTED BUSINESSES

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### Sections:

- 84.02.010 Purpose
- 84.02.020 Applicability
- 84.02.030 Location and Design Standards
- 84.02.040 Establishment of an Adult Oriented Business

### 84.02.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the location of sexually-related establishments to promote the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the citizens of the County and to establish reasonable and uniform regulations to prevent any deleterious location and concentration of sexually-related establishments within the County, thereby reducing or eliminating the adverse secondary effects from these establishments (e.g., crime, degraded commercial districts, and residential neighborhoods).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.02.020 Applicability

Adult oriented businesses shall only be established in the General Commercial (CG) land use zoning district and shall be subject to the location and design standards specified by this Chapter, and the approval of a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.02.030 Location and Design Standards

- (a) **Required separation distance from other uses.** An adult oriented business shall not be established or located within 750 feet of the following:
  - (1) Any county or city land use zoning district that contains the words “Residence” “Residential” or “Rural Living” within its title.
  - (2) Any residential use.
  - (3) Any church, chapel, or similar place of worship.
  - (4) Any funeral parlor, mortuary, cemetery, or similar facility.
  - (5) Any school, nursery, day care center, park, or playground.
  - (6) Any other recreational facilities where minors congregate.

- (b) **Separation of adult oriented businesses.** An adult oriented business shall not be established or located within 1,000 feet of an existing adult oriented business. If two or more existing adult oriented business are located in closer proximity to each other than 1,000 feet, then in determining which of the businesses is or are nonconforming, preference shall be given in the order of the respective lengths of continuous interrupted operation of the businesses.
- (c) **Distance measurement.** For the purposes of this Chapter, distances shall be measured in a straight line, without regard to intervening structures, from the nearest point of the structure in which the adult oriented business is or will be located to the nearest property line of a land use or land use zoning district described in Subsection A, above, or to the nearest point of the structure in which an adult oriented business described in Subsection B, above, is located.
- (d) **Prohibited depictions.** Signs or structures, advertisements, displays, or other promotional material depicting “specified anatomical areas” or “specified sexual activities” or displaying instruments, devices or paraphernalia designed for use in connection with “specific sexual activities,” shall not be shown or exhibited to be visible from an exterior area.
- (e) **Screening.** Structure openings, entries, and windows shall be located, covered, or screened to prevent viewing the interior from an exterior area.
- (f) **Noise.** Loudspeakers or sound equipment audible to persons in a public area shall not be used in connection with an adult oriented business, and the business shall be conducted so that sounds associated with the business are not emitted into a public exterior area.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.02.040 Establishment of an Adult Oriented Business**

The establishment of an adult oriented business shall include any of the following:

- (a) **New business.** The opening or commencement of operation of a business as a new business.
- (b) **Conversion of an existing business.** The conversion of an existing business, (whether an adult oriented business or not), to an adult oriented business.
- (c) **Enlargement of existing business.** The addition of an adult oriented business to an existing adult oriented business if the addition results in enlargement of the place of business. For the purposes of this Subsection, enlargement shall mean an increase in the size of the structure within which the business is conducted by either construction or use of an adjacent structure or a portion of a structure, whether located on the same or an adjacent parcel or parcel of land.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

## **CHAPTER 84.03 AGRITOURISM ENTERPRISES**

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### **Sections:**

- 84.03.010 Purpose
- 84.03.020 Applicability
- 84.03.030 Permit Requirements and Development Standards

### **84.03.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the establishment and operation of agritourism enterprises in order to maintain and preserve the rural character, integrity, and property values of surrounding areas in which these uses are located.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.03.020 Applicability**

The permit requirements and standards provided in this Chapter apply to agritourism enterprises where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.03.030 Permit Requirements and Development Standards**

The following permit requirements and development standards shall apply to all agritourism enterprises.

#### **(a) Permit requirements and development standards.**

- (1) Scope of use and permit requirements.** The allowed scope of use, minimum lot size, and permit requirements for an agritourism enterprise shall be as provided in Table 84.1.

**Table 84-1**  
**Permit Requirements and Development Standards for Agritourism Enterprises**

Use/Permit Required	Scope of Use/Event <sup>(4)</sup>	Minimum Lot Size
<u>Produce Stand</u> Permitted (no permit required)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single structure that is 200 sq. ft. or less</li> <li>All produce shall be grown on site.</li> <li>No other produce or merchandise allowed.</li> </ul>	10,000 sq. ft
<u>Small scale use</u> Site Plan Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single structure greater than 200 sq. ft. and less than 3,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>Not more than 15 automobiles allowed on site at any one time. (1) (2)</li> <li>Bed and Breakfast Home (up to 5 guest rooms)</li> <li>Small incidental food services operations not to include restaurants.</li> <li>Operations that do not require a permanent structure (e.g., educational tours).<sup>(3)</sup></li> <li>No use of amplified music, or historical reenactments using gunfire or similar loud noise.</li> </ul>	2 acres
<u>Medium scale use</u> Minor Use Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single or multiple structures with a total area that is 3,000 sq. ft. or greater and less than 5,000 sq. ft.</li> <li>Not more than 25 automobiles allowed on site at any one time. (1) (2)</li> <li>Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge (up to 10 guest rooms) [the requirements of Section 84.05.060 (a) need not apply]</li> <li>No use of amplified music, or historical reenactments using gunfire or similar loud noise.</li> </ul>	5 acres
<u>Large scale use</u> Conditional Use Permit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Single or multiple structures with a total area that is 5,000 sq. ft. or greater</li> <li>More than 25 automobiles allowed on site at any one time. (1) (2)</li> <li>Lodging having more than 10 guest rooms</li> <li>Restaurants</li> </ul>	10 acres

**Notes:**

- (1) This requirement refers only to the parking required and/or provided for the commercial activities that are accessory to the primary agricultural uses. It shall not apply to the parking provided for the primary agricultural activities (e.g., u-pick or u-cut operations, etc.).
- (2) Parking for the commercial activities accessory to the primary agricultural uses shall be provided in compliance with Section 83.11.040 (Number of Parking Spaces Required) and Table 83-15 (Parking Requirements by Land Use) specified for "General retail." Parking area improvements shall be in compliance with Section 83.11.090 (Parking and Loading Development Standards), or as specified in the approved permit for the commercial agritourism enterprise
- (3) If these operations are conducted year round, a Site Plan Permit shall be required. If the project cannot meet the standards of this section or any other regulations, the permit may be elevated to a Minor Use Permit or a



Conditional Use Permit. These operations shall have an Environmental Health Services-approved wastewater disposal system and facilities. If no more than four events are planned, a Temporary Special Event Permit shall be required.

- (4) The parameters in this column will dictate both the use/permit required and the minimum lot size. The filing of a higher land use approval application shall not relieve a project of the minimum lot size.

- (2) **Storage areas.** The total area of all storage areas shall not exceed 25 percent of the total floor area of the structures used for the agritourism enterprise.
- (3) **Setbacks.** Structures for agritourism enterprises shall be set back from lot lines in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) unless a greater setback is required by the applicable review authority.

**(b) Operational standards.**

- (1) **Incidental to primary agricultural, horticultural, animal husbandry use.** An agritourism enterprise shall be incidental to the primary associated agricultural, horticultural, or animal husbandry use being conducted on the property. For the purposes of this Section, a primary agricultural, horticultural, or animal husbandry use shall mean that:
- (A) At least 50 percent of the total gross parcel area shall be suitable and available for agricultural, horticultural animal husbandry or open space use; and
- (B) At least fifty percent of that 50 percent area (i.e., 25 percent of the total gross parcel area) shall be in actual active agricultural, horticultural, or animal husbandry use. For operations with a total area greater than 200 acres, at least 40 acres must be actual active agricultural, horticultural, or animal husbandry use.
- (2) **Operator.** The agritourism enterprise shall be operated or maintained by the owner, operator, or occupant of the land upon which the primary associated agriculture, horticulture, or animal husbandry use is being conducted.
- (3) **Hours of operation.** Hours of operation for outdoor activities shall be limited to 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- (4) **Private special events for compensation.** Private special events (e.g. weddings, receptions, parties, etc.) or similar activities conducted for compensation may be held, as follows.
- (A) Up to 5 private special events in a 12-month time period shall require a Site Plan Permit.
- (B) 6 to 12 private special events in a 12-month time period shall require a Minor Use Permit.

- (C) 13 or more private special events in a 12-month time period shall require a Conditional Use Permit.

**(5) Noise/Amplified Sound.** All approved projects shall be operated in compliance with the noise standards provided in Section 83.01.080. All amplified sound being considered as part of a Conditional Use Permit application shall be conducted indoors, except as approved through a Temporary Special Event Permit or when being conducted at least 330 feet from the nearest residence or other sensitive receptor on a neighboring parcel.

- (c) **Existing structures/uses.** A structure existing before the adoption of this Chapter may be used for an agritourism enterprise and shall be exempt from the minimum lot area and floor area requirements specified in this Chapter, provided that an expansion or enlargement the structure(s) shall not exceed 15% of the total floor area existing before adoption of this Chapter unless a greater expansion is allowed through approval of a Minor Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).
- (d) **Additional licenses and permits.** In addition to required land use permits, an agritourism enterprise may be required to obtain licenses and permits from other County Departments (e.g., business licenses from the County Clerk, food service or sales licenses from the County Department of Public Health, animal care licenses from the County Department of Public Health, etc.).
- (e) **Seasonal operations.** Those operations that will be limited to three months of the year that encompass the harvest season of the agricultural product to which the tourism activity is an accessory use, may be operated with reduced standards. These shall include the following:
- (1) **Parking area.** The parking area does not need to be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of asphaltic concrete paving or plant-mix surfacing but shall be provided with a dust-proofed surface of slag, crushed rock, or an equivalent measure.
  - (2) **Sanitation facilities.** Toilets, potable water, lavatories, wastewater may be used for seasonal operations in compliance with the provisions required for a Temporary Special Event.
  - (3) **Permit required.** Even though an operation may be seasonal, if a structure is built, land use approvals shall be required in compliance with Table 84-1 above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4162 (2012)

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## CHAPTER 84.04 ANIMAL KEEPING

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### Sections:

- 84.04.010 Purpose
- 84.04.020 Applicability
- 84.04.030 General Development Standards
- 84.04.040 Exotic Animals
- 84.04.050 Commercial Kennels and/or Catteries
- 84.04.060 Private Kennels and/or Catteries
- 84.04.070 Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use
- 84.04.080 Animal Keeping Allowed with Conditional Use Permit
- 84.04.090 Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use

### 84.04.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to ensure that the keeping, raising, and maintenance of animals do not create an adverse impact on adjacent properties by reason of bright lights, dust, fumes, insect infestations, noise, odor, or visual blight.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.04.020 Applicability

The regulations in this Chapter apply to all animal-keeping uses in the County, except as otherwise provided in Chapter 82.07 (Additional Agricultural Overlay).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.04.030 General Development Standards

- (a) **Applicable local health and animal control regulations.** The keeping of animals in all land use zoning districts shall be subject to the conditions of the County Public Health Department and the regulations of Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code.
- (b) **Pre-existing uses.** A legally established nonconforming animal-keeping use shall be allowed to continue subject to Chapter 84.17 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures).
- (c) **Allowed uses.** Animal-keeping uses shall be allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and shall comply with the permit requirements and standards in this Chapter and other requirements in this Development Code and the County Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.04.040 Exotic Animals**

- (a) **Accessory residential use.** The keeping of exotic animals shall be an accessory use to a single-family dwelling unit.
- (b) **Special Use Permit requirements.** The keeping of exotic animals shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits)
  - (1) Before giving notice to adjacent property owners, the review authority shall request that the County Veterinarian submit a statement regarding the particular animal's mature behavior and personality characteristics. Notice given to adjacent property owners shall include a description of the type of animal and its behavior characteristics.
  - (2) Approval of a Special Use Permit for an exotic animal shall not be effective until the Code Enforcement Division receives written evidence that the applicant has applied for and obtained the following:
    - (A) Permit from the County Public Health Department.
    - (B) Permit from the State Department of Fish and Game.
  - (3) Each Special Use Permit shall specify the periodic renewal period and inspection requirements in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits).
- (c) **Standards.** In addition to conditions imposed by the review authority for the Special Use Permit, the keeping of exotic animals shall comply with the following standards:
  - (1) The keeping of an exotic animal shall comply with all County Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines and other dwellings as identified in 84.04.090 (b) (Setbacks).
  - (2) The keeping of an exotic animal shall comply with all applicable Federal and State requirements.
  - (3) No more than two exotic animals over the age of six months shall be kept as an accessory use to a single dwelling unit, unless a Conditional Use Permit for a menagerie or zoo has been approved in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).
  - (4) Each exotic animal shall have sufficient area to be maintained and exercised in a normal healthy manner as determined by the County Veterinarian.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.04.050 Commercial Kennels and/or Catteries**

Commercial kennels and/or catteries, where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), shall be subject to the regulations in this Section.

- (a) **Compliance with health regulations.** The commercial kennel shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code. The commercial cattery shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 12 (Catteries) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
- (b) **Permit requirements.** A commercial kennel and/or a cattery shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits). If the establishment has both dogs and cats, only one Special Use Permit shall be required. A Special Use Permit shall not be effective until the Code Enforcement Division receives written evidence that the applicant has applied for and obtained required permits from the County Public Health Department.
- (c) **Minimum parcel size.** Table 84-2 indicates the minimum parcel sizes required for commercial kennels and/or catteries in the land use zoning districts indicated.

<b>Table 84-2</b> <b>Minimum Parcel Sizes for Commercial Kennels and/or Catteries</b>	
Minimum Parcel Size	Land Use Zoning Districts or Overlay
1 acre minimum	RS (Single Residential) in the AA (Additional Agriculture) Overlay Community Industrial (IC) in Phelan Community Planning Area (PH/IC)
2.5 acre minimum	Resource Conservation (RC) Commercial Rural (CR) Rural Living (RL) Agriculture (AG) Service Commercial (CS) Community Industrial (IC)

- (d) **Standards and permit requirements for breeding operations within RC, AG or RL Land Use Zoning Districts.** In addition to conditions imposed by the review authority for the Special Use Permit, commercial kennels and catteries for breeding operations located within a Resource Conservation, Agriculture or Rural Living Land Use Zoning Districts shall comply with the following standards and permit requirements:
- (1) Accessory residential use. A commercial kennel and/or cattery that involves breeding shall be an accessory use to a single-family dwelling unit.
  - (2) Permit requirements. A commercial kennel and/or cattery for up to 15 animals shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits). If the establishment has both dogs and cats, only one Special Use Permit shall be required. A commercial kennel and/or cattery for more than 15 animals shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14

(Special Use Permits) and a Minor Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).

- (3) A Special Use Permit shall not be effective until the Code Enforcement Division receives written evidence that the applicant has applied for and obtained required permits from the County Public Health Department.
- (4) Compliance with health regulations. The commercial kennel shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code. The commercial cattery shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 12 (Catteries) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
- (5) Compliance with land use zoning district development standards. The keeping of dogs and cats shall comply with all County Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines and other dwellings as specified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). In the event there is a conflict between a provision in this Section and a provision in Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels), in Division 2, Title 3, of the County Code, the stricter standard shall apply.
- (6) Minimum parcel size. A minimum parcel size of two and one half acres shall be required.
- (7) Density of animals and maximum number of animals. Animal densities shall be as follows:

Acreage	Number of Animals	Additional Animals
0 to less than 2.5 acres	As allowed by Section 84.04.090	0
2.5 to less than 5 acres	15	0
5 acres	16 to 30	0
Each additional acre above 5 acres		6 per acre

A maximum of 50 dogs and/or cats shall be allowed regardless of the size of the parcel(s).

- (8) Setbacks. Setbacks. All animals shall be maintained at least 70 feet, measured in a straight line, away from any structure or area used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g. parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining property. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached or detached private garages or storage buildings.

- (9) Housing. All dogs shall be housed in the indoor portion of the kennel from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. The kennel shall be a solid, four-walled structure with a solid roof. Appropriate exercise areas shall be provided and shall be sheltered from the elements and be secure. Adequate heating, cooling, lighting, ventilation and bedding must be provided as required to the individual needs of the animals.
  - (10) Inspections. Commercial kennels and/or catteries shall be inspected by the County Public Health Department annually. The County Public Health Department and the Code Enforcement Division shall conduct an inspection jointly when necessary.
  - (11) Noise. Noise shall be attenuated to 55 dB(A) from the property line.
  - (12) Light and glare. Direct and indirect glare from the source shall not cause glare upon adjacent property owners in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
  - (13) Fencing. Fencing shall comply with Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
  - (14) Screening. The Special Use Permit may require the use to be fully screened from adjacent properties.
  - (15) Sign. One sign, not to exceed 12 square feet in area stating "Private Kennel" with a 24-hour emergency phone number, shall be posted at all entries to the parcel.
  - (16) Compliance with State laws. The commercial kennel and/or cattery shall comply with the State laws regarding the Sale of Dogs by Breeders.
- (e) **Standards and permit requirements for breeding operations within commercial or industrial districts.** In addition to conditions imposed by the review authority for the Special Use Permit, commercial kennels and catteries for breeding operations located within commercial or industrial land use zoning districts shall comply with the following standards and permit requirements:
- (1) Caretaker' residence. If a commercial kennel and/or cattery that involves breeding is located within a commercial or industrial land use zoning district, a caretaker's residence shall be located on-site or the use shall have employees on-site 24-hour per day.
  - (2) Permit requirements. A commercial kennel and/or cattery shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits) and a Minor Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).

- (3) A Special Use Permit shall not be effective until the Code Enforcement Division receives written evidence that the applicant has applied for and obtained required permits from the County Public Health Department.
- (4) Compliance with health regulations. The commercial kennel shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code. The commercial cattery shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 12 (Catteries) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
- (5) Compliance with land use zoning district development standards. The keeping of dogs and cats shall comply with all County Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines and other dwellings as specified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). In the event there is a conflict between a provision in this Section and a provision in Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels), in Division 2, Title 3, of the County Code, the stricter standard shall apply.
- (6) Minimum parcel size. A minimum parcel size of two and one half acres shall be required.
- (7) Density of animals and maximum number of animals. Animal densities shall be as follows:

Acreage	Number of Animals	Additional Animals
0 to less than 2.5 acres	As allowed by Section 84.04.090	0
2.5 to less than 5 acres	15	0
5 acres	16 to 30	0
Each additional acre above 5 acres		6 per acre

A maximum of 200 dogs and/or cats shall be allowed regardless of the size of the parcel(s).

- (8) Setbacks. All animals shall be maintained at least 70 feet, measured in a straight line, away from any structure or area used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g. parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining property. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached or detached private garages or storage buildings.
- (9) Housing. All dogs shall be housed in the indoor portion of the kennel from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. The kennel shall be a solid, four-walled structure with a solid roof. Appropriate exercise areas shall be provided and shall be sheltered from the elements and be secure. Adequate heating, cooling, lighting, ventilation and bedding must be provided as required to the individual needs of the animals.



- (10) Inspections. Commercial kennels and/or catteries shall be inspected by the County Public Health Department annually. The County Public Health Department and the Code Enforcement Division shall conduct an inspection jointly when necessary.
- (11) Noise. Noise shall be attenuated to 55 dB(A) from the property line.
- (12) Light and glare. Direct and indirect glare from the source shall not cause glare upon adjacent property owners in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (13) Fencing. Fencing shall comply with Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
- (14) Screening. The Special Use Permit may require the use to be fully screened from adjacent properties.
- (15) Sign. One sign, not to exceed 12 square feet in area stating "Private Kennel" with a 24-hour emergency phone number, shall be posted at all entries to the parcel.
- (16) Compliance with State laws. The commercial kennel and/or cattery shall comply with the State laws regarding the Sale of Dogs by Breeders.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.04.060 Private Kennels and/or Catteries**

Private kennels and/or catteries shall be subject to the regulations in this Section.

- (a) **Accessory residential use.** A private kennel and/or cattery shall be an accessory use to a single-family dwelling unit.
- (b) **Permit requirements.** A private kennel and/or cattery shall require a Special Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits). If the establishment has both dogs and cats, only one Special Use Permit shall be required. A Special Use Permit shall not be effective until the Code Enforcement Division receives written evidence that the applicant has applied for and obtained required permits from the County Public Health Department.
- (c) **Standards.** In addition to conditions imposed by the review authority for the Special Use Permit, private kennels and catteries shall comply with the following standards:
  - (1) Compliance with health regulations. The private kennel shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code. The commercial cattery shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 12 (Catteries) in

Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.

- (2) Compliance with land use zoning district development standards. The keeping of dogs and cats shall only be allowed within a Resources Conservation (RC), Agriculture (AG) or Rural Living (RL) Land Use Zoning District and shall comply with all County Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines and other dwellings as specified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). In the event there is a conflict between a provision in this Section and a provision in Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels), or Chapter 12 (Catteries), in Division 2, Title 3, of the County Code, the stricter standard shall apply.
- (3) Minimum parcel size. A minimum parcel size of two and one half acres shall be required.
- (4) Setbacks. All animals shall be maintained at least 70 feet, measured in a straight line, away from any structure or area used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g. parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining property. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached or detached private garages or storage buildings.
- (5) Maximum number of animals. A maximum of 15 dogs and/or cats per parcel shall be allowed.
- (6) Housing. Unless all dogs or cats are kept in the house or garage at night, all dogs or cats shall be housed in the indoor portion of the kennel from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. The kennel shall be a solid, four-walled structure with a solid roof. Appropriate exercise areas shall be provided and shall be sheltered from the elements and be secure. Adequate heating, cooling, lighting, ventilation and bedding must be provided as required to the individual needs of the animals.
- (7) Inspections. Private kennels and/or catteries shall be inspected by the County Public Health Department annually. The County Public Health Department and the Code Enforcement Division shall conduct an inspection jointly when necessary.
- (8) Noise. Noise shall be attenuated to 55 dB(A) from the property line.
- (9) Light and glare. Direct and indirect glare from the source shall not cause glare upon adjacent property owners in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (10) Fencing. Fencing shall comply with Chapter 3 (Commercial Kennels) in Division 2 (Animals), Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations), of the County Code.
- (11) Screening. The Special Use Permit may require the use to be fully screened from adjacent properties.

- (12) Sign. One sign, not to exceed 12 square feet in area stating "Private Kennel" with a 24-hour emergency phone number, shall be posted at all entries to the parcel.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.04.070 Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use**

Animal keeping allowed as a primary use shall be subject to the regulations in this Section.

- (a) **Compliance with land use zoning district development standards.** The keeping of animals shall comply with all County Code requirements, including setbacks from property lines and other dwellings as specified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).
- (b) **Minimum parcel size.** The following minimum parcel sizes shall be required for animal keeping as a primary use of the property.
  - (1) Two acres minimum shall be required in the Agricultural (AG), Special Development (SD), Resource Conservation (RC), and Rural Living (RL) Land Use Zoning Districts, unless otherwise noted in Table 84-3 (Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use).
  - (2) One-half acre minimum shall be required in the Floodway (FW) Land Use Zoning District.
- (c) **Parcel area for qualifying number or density of animal type.** Parcel area used to qualify one animal type shall not be reused to qualify another animal type.
- (d) **Manure management.** Proper manure management shall be carried out in compliance with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code.
- (e) **Standards.** The standards in Table 84-3 (Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use) shall apply to all animal keeping allowed as a primary use. **Densities shall be based upon the total area of the subject property regardless of structures on-site or setback requirements.**
- (f) **Conditional Use Permit requirement for different densities and animal types.** Primary animal keeping of densities greater than, or of animal types different from, those listed in Table 84-3 (Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use) shall be subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

**Table 84-3**  
**Animal Keeping Allowed as Primary Use**

Animal Type	Animal Density Per Square Foot	
	Land Use Zoning Districts and Overlay	
	RC RL	FW SD AG
Animal keeping as accessory use	See Table 84-5	
Aviary, apiary, or similar small animal farms	1 acre minimum (RC) ½ acre minimum (RL, FW, SD)	½ acre minimum
Cattle or buffalo	1/10,000	1/6,000
Fish raising	1 pond/acre Maximum pond size = ½ surface acre in area Maximum 4 ponds per parcel	
Horses	1/10,000	1/6,000
Hogs (9 maximum)	1/20,000	1/12,000
Sheep, female goats, and similar livestock	1/4,000	1/3,000
Male adult goats (4 maximum) Parcel less than 10 acres 10 acres and above	1 1/5 acres	1 1/5 acres
Rabbits and chinchillas (200 maximum) (Minimum parcel = ½ acre)	50/10,000	
Poultry (Minimum parcel = ½ acre)		
Female	Less than 1 acre 25 1 to less than 10 acres 99 10 acres and above 99/10 acres	If parcel less than 5 acres, then 99. If 5 acres and above, then 99/5 acres
Male (9 maximum) (Roosters, drakes, ganders, etc.)	Less than 10 acres 2/genus/parcel 10 acres and above 2/genus/5 acres	2/genus/parcel 2/genus/5 acres
Ostriches and emus	1/4,000	1/4,000
Alpacas and llamas	1/4,000	1/4,000

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.04.080 Animal Keeping Allowed with Conditional Use Permit**

Animal keeping allowed with a Conditional Use Permit shall be subject to the regulations in this Section and conditions imposed by the review authority in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Conditional Use Permit).

Table 84-4 Animal Keeping Allowed with Conditional Use Permit		
Animal Type	Minimum Parcel Size	Land Use Zoning Districts and Overlay
Commercial poultry ranches	10 acres	RC RL FW SD
Cow and goat dairies	10 acres	AG FW
Calf-growing ranches Hog ranches	5 acres	AG FW

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.04.090 Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use

Animal keeping allowed as an accessory use to primary residential uses shall be subject to the regulations in this Section.

- (a) **Structures for animal maintenance and care.** Each animal keeping land use shall include all structures necessary to maintain and care for the animals (e.g., barn, coops, corral, pens, stables, etc.). The structures shall comply with the development standards identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and in this Section.
- (b) **Setbacks.**
  - (1) **Distance from structures for human habitation or assembly.** All animals, other than cats, dogs, canaries or birds of the *psittacinae* family, shall be maintained at least 70 feet, measured in a straight line, away from any structure or area used for human habitation or public assembly (e.g. parks, churches, etc.) on adjoining property. The area of human habitation shall not include cabanas, patios, attached or detached private garages or storage buildings.
  - (2) **Distance from property lines and rights-of-way.** Animals shall be maintained at least five feet away from interior side and rear property lines, and 15 feet away from side street rights-of-way, excepting an alley or bridle path, unless they comply with the Subsection (3) (Enclosure), below.
  - (3) **Enclosure.** Animals may be maintained by a fence at least five feet high and made of either chain link, wood with horizontal members no less than 6 inches apart, solid masonry or other appropriate solid screening and confining materials.

- (4) **Distance from water well.** Animals shall be kept at least 100 feet away from any domestic water well.
- (c) **Newborn animal exception.** Offspring of animals maintained on the same property in compliance with applicable laws and regulations that are less than four months old or that have not been weaned, whichever is longer, shall not be subject to the maximum density or number limitations established by this Chapter.
- (d) **Parcel area for qualifying number or density of animal type.** Parcel area used to qualify one animal type shall not be reused to qualify another animal type.
- (e) **Manure management.** Proper manure management shall be carried out in compliance with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code.
- (f) **Compliance with health regulations.** Animal keeping land uses shall comply with public health laws regarding proper care and maximum number of animals.
- (g) **Conditional Use Permit requirement for different densities and animal types.** Accessory animal keeping of densities greater than, or of animal types different from, those listed in Table 84-5 (Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use) shall be subject to a Conditional Use Permit (e.g., educational animal projects, temporary grazing operations, etc.).
- (h) **Standards.** The standards in Table 84-5 (Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use) shall apply to all animal keeping allowed as an accessory use. **Densities shall be based upon the total area of the subject property regardless of structures on-site or setback requirements.**
- (i) **Additional standards for animal keeping as accessory use to primary single-family dwelling unit.** In addition to the requirements in this Section, the following provisions shall apply for animal keeping as an accessory use to a primary single-family dwelling unit only:
- (1) **Combinations of animal types.** Combinations of the animal types shall be allowed, provided:
- (A) The total number of animals in each category is not exceeded.
- (B) Where a density ratio of animals per parcel area is specified, the parcel area is allocated only once, to either a primary or accessory animal keeping use. Parcel area used to qualify one animal type shall not be reused to allow another animal type.
- (C) Animal types that are limited only by a maximum number per parcel are allowed in addition to any other accessory or primary animal keeping use.

(D) Parcels with multi-family residential structures shall be limited to the following animals for lots less than 7,200 square feet in size:

(I) Any combination of two dogs, cats, and/or pot-bellied pigs (under 50 pounds) shall be allowed per unit.

(II) Any combination of two chickens (or similar fowl—hens only) or rabbits or other similar small animals.

**(2) Confined animals.**

(A) Animals that are normally maintained in aquariums, terrariums, vivariums, birdcages, or similar devices shall be allowed as an accessory animal keeping use, provided that the structure or device in which animals are kept shall be:

(I) A maximum of 50 cubic feet; and

(II) Maintained within an enclosed building.

(B) The maximum number or density limitations for these confined animal types shall comply with public health regulations.

**(j) Additional Agriculture (AA) Overlay.** See Chapter 82.07 Additional Agriculture (AA) Overlay for additional animal keeping regulations.

**Table 84-5**  
**Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use**

Animal Type	All single-family dwelling units	
	Minimum Parcel Area (Sq. Ft.)	Maximum Density or Number
A combination of dogs and/or cats	Less than 7,200 7,200 9,999 10,000 19,999 20,000 or more	2/parcel or unit 3/parcel 4/parcel 5/parcel <sup>(1)</sup>
Pot bellied pigs (under 200 lbs.)	Less than 7,200 7,200 9,999 10,000 19,999 20,000 or more	2/parcel or unit 3/parcel 4/parcel 5/parcel <sup>(1)</sup>
Aviary, apiary, or similar small animal farms	20,000 or more	Not allowed
Fish raising	20,000 or more	Not allowed
Poultry Female	Less than 7,200 7,200 9,999 10,000 19,999 20,000 or more	2/parcel or unit 3/parcel 4/parcel 1/2,000 sq. ft. Maximum 9 of each genus/parcel
Poultry Male	1 acre	Maximum 9 per parcel but no more than 2 of any genus
Rabbits and chinchillas	Less than 7,200 7,200 9,999 10,000 19,999 20,000 or more	2/parcel or unit 3/parcel 4/parcel 1/2,000 sq. ft. Maximum 9 of each genus/parcel
Sheep, female goats, and other similar small livestock	Less than 7,200 7,200 19,999 20,000 or more	Not allowed 1/5,000 sq. ft. 1/5,000 sq. ft. Cumulative total of sheep and goats = 9 per parcel



**Table 84-5**  
**Animal Keeping Allowed as Accessory Use**

Animal Type	All single-family dwelling units	
	Minimum Parcel Area (Sq. Ft.)	Maximum Density or Number
Male adult goats	20,000 or more	1 parcel
Cattle, buffalo, or similar large domesticated animals	20,000 sq. ft. with 60 foot minimum frontage	1/10,000 sq. ft. Cumulative total of all large domesticated animals = 9 per parcel
Horses	20,000 sq. ft. with 60 foot minimum frontage	1/10,000 sq. ft. Cumulative total of all large domesticated animals = 9 per parcel
Hogs	Not allowed	Not allowed
Emus Ostriches	1 acre	1/10,000 sq. ft. Maximum of 9 animals
Alpacas Llamas	Less than 7,200 7,200 19,999 20,000 or more	Not allowed 1/5,000 sq. ft. 1/5,000 sq. ft. Cumulative total of alpacas and llamas = 9 per parcel

Notes:

- (1) Five or more dogs and/or cats constitute a private kennel or cattery, which is subject to regulations in Section 84.04.060 (Private Kennels and/or Catteries).
- (2) Lot area used to qualify one animal type shall not be reused to allow another animal type.
- (3) Animal types that are limited only by a maximum number per lot are allowed in addition to any other accessory or primary animal keeping use.
- (4) For the purposes of this section, lots with attached multiple residential structures shall be limited to a combination of dogs and/or cats, pot bellied pigs, poultry, rabbits and chinchillas.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 84.05 BED AND BREAKFAST USES

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### Sections:

- 84.05.010 Purpose
- 84.05.020 Applicability
- 84.05.030 Types of Bed and Breakfast Uses
- 84.05.040 Permit and Tax Requirements
- 84.05.050 Development Standards
- 84.05.060 Additional Standards for Bed and Breakfast Inns/Lodges

### 84.05.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to regulate the establishment and operation of bed and breakfast facilities in order to maintain and preserve the residential character, integrity, and property values of surrounding areas within which these facilities are located and maintained.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.05.020 Applicability

The standards of this Chapter apply to bed and breakfast uses where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.05.030 Types of Bed and Breakfast Uses

(a) **Classification of types.** Bed and breakfast uses shall be classified into three types.

- (1) Host Home.
- (2) Bed and Breakfast Home.
- (3) Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge.

(b) **Characteristics of types of bed and breakfast uses.** See Table 84-6 (Standards for Bed and Breakfast Uses) in Subsection 84.05.050(h) (Development Standards—Design standards), below.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### 84.05.040 Permit and Tax Requirements

In addition to the land use permit required in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), the following shall also be required for bed and breakfast uses:

- (a) **Special Use Permit.** A Special Use Permit shall be required in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits) and shall be renewed annually. The review authority may void a Special Use Permit for a bed and breakfast use for noncompliance with the conditions outlined in the approved permit and shall notify the permittee of its action in compliance with Chapter 86.09 (Enforcement)
- (b) **Health Permit.** A Health Permit shall be required in compliance with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code and shall be renewed annually.
- (c) **Transit Occupancy Tax (bed tax) requirements.** Bed and breakfast uses shall be subject to the Transient Occupancy Tax ("bed tax") in compliance with Title 1 (Government and Administration) of the County Code.
- (d) **Certificate of Land Use Compliance.** Where deemed appropriate by the Code Enforcement Division, owners/operators of bed and breakfast uses shall be required to sign and record a Certificate of Land Use Compliance and abide by its provisions in compliance with Chapter 85.05 (Certificates of Land Use Compliance).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.05.050      Development Standards**

- (a) **Land use zoning district requirements.** Bed and breakfast uses shall be subject to the development standards for the land use zoning district in which they are located as identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and the development standards in this Chapter.
- (b) **Single-family dwelling structure only.** Only a single-family dwelling structure, including related habitable accessory structures (e.g., guest house, second dwelling units, etc.) shall be considered for bed and breakfast uses.
- (c) **Accessory to residential use.** The bed and breakfast use shall be conducted as an accessory residential use only.
- (d) **Owner residency requirement.** The residential structure shall serve as the primary residence of the owner of the bed and breakfast use. If a corporation is the owner, a majority shareholder of the corporation shall reside in the residential structure where the bed and breakfast use is operated.
- (e) **Code and State law requirements.**
  - (1) Dwelling units proposed for bed and breakfast use shall comply with standards and specifications of the California Building Code.
  - (2) Each guest room shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher and a smoke detector that conform to the California Building Code Standards (CBC No. 43-6).

- (3) An exit/egress map and an emergency evacuation map shall be displayed in a prominent location in each guest room in compliance with State law.
- (f) **Access and driveways.** The owner of the bed and breakfast use shall ensure that required access, driveways, and parking spaces remain clear and unobstructed and are available and ready for the occupants' use at all times.
- (g) **Parking.** In addition to the required parking standards for residential uses in Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards), one parking stall measuring 19 feet in length and nine feet in width shall be provided on-site for each guest room. These additional parking spaces shall comply with the location and design standards established by the applicable land use zoning district and the provisions of Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards). Neither on-street parking nor tandem parking shall be used to satisfy this on-site parking requirement. Additional parking spaces may be required when deemed necessary by the review authority.
- (h) **Design standards.**
- (1) **Minimum number of rooms and parcel size requirements.** Table 84-6 (Standards for Bed and Breakfast Uses) identifies the required number of guest rooms, minimum number of bathrooms, and minimum parcel sizes applicable to each of the three types of bed and breakfast uses.

**Table 84-6**  
**Standards for Bed and Breakfast Uses**

Type of Use	Number of Guest Rooms	Minimum Number of Bathrooms	Minimum Parcel Size <sup>(1)</sup> (Net Area)
Host Home	1	2	5,000 sq. ft.
	2	2	7,200 sq. ft.
Bed and Breakfast Home	3	3	8,200 sq. ft.
	4	3	9,200 sq. ft.
	5	3	10,200 sq. ft.
Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge	6-10	4 Access for physically handicapped required.	20,000 sq. ft. + 1,000 sq. ft per every bedroom over 6
	Over 10	Not allowed	

Note:

- (1) A bed and breakfast use shall not be allowed in a dwelling that is located on a site that has less than the required parcel area specified by the underlying land use zoning district.

- (2) **Alterations and modifications.** Alterations and modifications may be made to the structures and the site but the alterations shall be compatible with the character of the neighborhood. The alterations and modifications shall also comply with applicable provisions, requirements, and standards of the County Code.

- (3) **Landscaping.** Additional landscaping may be required to screen parked vehicles from direct view of the neighbors, particularly where the parking is located within the front yard setback.
- (4) **Exterior lighting.** Lights to illuminate the site shall be designed and oriented to reflect away from adjoining properties and public thoroughfares.
- (5) **Signs.** A non-illuminated identification sign, not to exceed six square feet in area, shall be allowed. If not attached to the residence, the sign shall not exceed six feet in height and shall blend with the architectural style of the structure and the neighborhood.
- (6) **Minimum separation requirements.** No bed and breakfast use shall be allowed where more than two other bed and breakfast uses currently exist within 1,000 feet of the perimeter of the proposed site.
- (i) **Kitchen facilities and service of meals.**
  - (1) No cooking facilities shall be allowed in guest rooms.
  - (2) The sale of food or other materials shall be limited to guests who are currently residing on the premises where the use is located and not to the general public.
- (j) **Records of patrons.** Records of all guests who patronize the bed and breakfast establishment shall be preserved for a minimum period of three years before they are discarded.
- (k) **Pedestrian and vehicular traffic.** Pedestrian and vehicular traffic shall be limited to that normally associated with residential land use zoning districts.
- (l) **Commercial vehicles.** The use shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for the delivery of materials to or from the premises beyond those commercial vehicles normally associated with residential uses.
- (m) **Outdoor storage.** There shall be no outdoor storage of materials or equipment, nor shall merchandise be visible, from outside the home.
- (n) **Residential character of structure.** The appearance of the structure shall not be altered nor the occupation within the residence be conducted in a manner that would cause the premises to differ from its residential character either by the use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, signs, or the emission of sounds, noises, and vibrations.
- (o) **Utilities and community facilities.** The uses of utilities and community facilities shall be limited to that normally associated with the use of the property for residential purposes.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.05.060 Additional Standards for Bed and Breakfast Inns/Lodges****(a) Structures of historical, architectural, and cultural significance.**

- (1) Only the following residential structures shall be allowed to be used as a Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge:
  - (A) A residential structure that the Commission has determined to be of historical, architectural, or cultural significance; or
  - (B) A property that is listed in the State Register or the National Register of Historic Places.
- (2) The Commission may establish Historic and Scenic Preservation Standards and shall review the proposal for a determination of historical, architectural, or cultural significance. In making its determination, the Commission shall consider the:
  - (A) Architecture of the structure noting the history, uniqueness, and style of the design.
  - (B) Historical and/or cultural value(s) of the property and/or the site.
  - (C) Age of the structure and its physical and structural condition.
- (3) After a determination, the structure shall be listed:
  - (A) As a State Landmark or Point of Historical Interest; or
  - (B) On the National Register of Historic Places.
- (4) If a Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge is associated with an agritourism use, these requirements shall not apply.

**(b) Preservation and maintenance of significant features.** The Commission may require the preservation and maintenance of significant permanent landscaping features and significant historical, architectural, and/or cultural features of the structure and/or property.

**(c) Pre-alteration inspection by Building Official.** A residential structure that has been declared a historical structure shall be subject to pre-alteration inspection by the Building Official. A copy of the inspection report shall accompany the application for a Special Use Permit for a bed and breakfast use.

**(d) Compliance with building code standards.** Historical structures proposed for bed and breakfast uses shall comply with current applicable California Building Code standards, including the State Historical Building Code, and those pertaining to the physical and structural conditions of the structure and the site.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84. 06 CEMETERIES

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### Sections:

- 84.06.010 Purpose
- 84.06.020 Applicability
- 84.06.030 Permit Requirements
- 84.06.040 Development Standards

#### **84.06.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for publicly and privately owned and operated cemeteries.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.06.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to cemeteries where allowed in compliance with the provisions of Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.06.030 Permit Requirements**

- (a) **Establishment or expansion of boundaries.** A Conditional Use Permit issued in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit) shall be required for the establishment of boundaries or a revised Conditional Use Permit shall be required for the expansion of previously approved boundaries. The permit applications and approvals shall identify proposed structures and major grading activities.
- (b) **Development of gravesites exempt.** A Conditional Use Permit shall not be required for normal on-site development of gravesites within previously approved or established cemeteries that have recorded a map in compliance with Chapter 87.02 (Tentative Map Filing and Processing).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.06.040 Development Standards**

- (a) **Screening.** In addition to conditions necessary to ensure protection of public health, safety, and general welfare, the review authority may require adequate screening or fencing of the property reserved for cemetery purposes in order to clarify the ultimate boundaries of the cemetery.

- (b) **Compliance with State health law.** The proposed cemetery or expansion shall comply with Health and Safety Code Section 8100 et seq. (Cemeteries).
- (c) **Final Map.** A Final Map shall be submitted to the County Surveyor for review and recordation in compliance with Chapter 87.02 (Tentative Map Filing and Processing).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 84.07 COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL TRANSITIONAL USES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.07.010 Purpose
- 84.07.020 Applicability
- 84.07.030 Development Standards

**84.07.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the location and operation of commercial and industrial uses that are located adjacent to residential uses. These standards are intended to protect the use and enjoyment of the residential uses and to minimize potential adverse visual and aesthetic effects.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.07.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to commercial or industrial uses located on property zoned for commercial or industrial uses and abutting property zoned for residential use.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.07.030 Development Standards**

- (a) **Setbacks.** A setback of 15 feet or the distance required within the land use zoning district where the commercial or industrial use is located, whichever is greater, shall be maintained between the different land uses.
- (b) **Screening and buffering.** Loading docks, roof- or ground-mounted mechanical equipment (e.g., air conditioning, heating ventilation ducts and exhaust, etc.), utility services, and outside storage shall be enclosed by manmade or natural barrier(s) sufficient to screen them from public view from abutting public streets and rights-of-way and abutting areas zoned for residential or open space uses. The screening method shall be architecturally compatible with other site development in terms of colors, materials, and architectural style. In addition, the screening method shall be sufficient to attenuate noise levels to 65 dB(A) Ldn at the property line of the noise source.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84.08 DEPENDENT HOUSING

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### Sections:

- 84.08.010 Purpose
- 84.08.020 Applicability
- 84.08.030 Permit Requirements
- 84.08.040 Development Standards

### 84.08.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the location, occupation, and removal of dependent housing. These standards are intended to allow residents to provide adequate housing on a temporary basis for adult family members who are dependent for financial or health reasons and to ensure the removal of the unit upon cessation of the housing need.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.08.020 Applicability

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to dependent housing where allowed as a temporary accessory use to an allowed single dwelling unit in the land use zoning districts identified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses)

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.08.030 Permit Requirements

The Special Use Permit for a dependent housing unit issued in compliance with Chapter 85.14 (Special Use Permits) shall be approved for a period not to exceed 24 months and may be renewed for additional 24 month periods subject to the provisions of this Chapter. **Proof of continuing eligibility as a qualified dependent is required as a condition of renewal.**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

### 84.08.040 Development Standards

- (a) **Allowed structural types.** The following types of structures shall be allowed for use as dependent housing units:
  - (1) Units constructed to meet California Building Code Standards, including panelized structures or other structural types that may be affixed to a foundation but disassembled at a later date; or

- (2) Units constructed to meet the standards of the National Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 subject to the issuance of a Mobile Home Permit. **The provisions of Subsection 84.21.030(i) of this Title shall apply to a manufactured home used as dependent housing.**
- (b) Number of units allowed per parcel.** One detached dependent housing unit per parcel may be allowed as a temporary accessory use; provided, however, that only one single-family dwelling unit occupies the parcel.
- (c) Minimum parcel area.** A dependent housing unit shall not be allowed on a parcel that is less than 7,200 square feet in area.
- (d) Ownership and occupancy requirements.**
- (1) The property owner shall occupy at least one of the dwelling units on the premises.
- (2) The property owner shall own the dependent housing unit.
- (3) The property owner shall submit written notification to the Building and Safety Division of any change of residency in the dependent housing unit. **The provisions of Subsection 84.21.030(i) of this Title shall apply to a manufactured home used as dependent housing.**
- (e) Floor area.**
- (1) **Units on parcels less than 2½ acres in area.** A dependent housing unit shall have a maximum floor area of 840 square feet and a minimum floor area of 400 square feet when located on a parcel in a land use zoning district that requires parcels that are less than 2 and one-half acres in area.
- (2) **Units on parcels 2½ acres in area or greater.** A dependent housing unit shall have a maximum floor area of 1,600 square feet and a minimum floor area of 400 square feet when located on a parcel in a land use zoning district that requires parcels that are 2 and one-half acres in area or greater.
- (f) Design standards.** The appearance of a temporary dependent housing unit shall be similar to, or compatible with, the appearance of the primary residence.
- (g) Subordinate to primary use.** The dependent housing unit shall be clearly subordinate in size, location, and appearance to the primary dwelling unit.
- (h) Parking.** Additional parking for the dependent housing unit shall not be required if the existing off-street parking complies with Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards), or if the resident(s) of the dependent housing unit are incapable of operating a motor vehicle.

- (i) **Projection into front setback prohibited.** The dependent housing unit shall not extend beyond the front of the primary dwelling unit.
- (j) **Removability of unit.** The dependent housing unit shall be erected, constructed, or installed so that it can be removed.
- (k) **Notice of Condition describing removal of unit.** As a condition of approval of the Special Use Permit, the property owner shall sign a **Notice of Condition**, which shall be recorded and which places the responsibility upon the property owner to comply with the provisions of this Section, describing the method of removal of the dependent housing unit, and acknowledging that the property owner shall bear the cost of removal of the unit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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## **CHAPTER 84.09 FIREWOOD STORAGE**

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### **Sections:**

- 84.09.010 Purpose
- 84.09.020 Applicability
- 84.09.030 Development Standards - Nonresidential Land Use Zoning Districts
- 84.09.040 Development Standards - Residential Land Use Zoning Districts

### **84.09.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the outdoor storage of firewood. These standards are intended to reduce fire hazards in order to protect lives and property and to avoid unnecessary burdens on the resources of local fire and rescue services.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.09.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to the storage of firewood in nonresidential land use zoning districts, where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), and the storage of firewood in residential land use zoning districts, which is an allowed accessory use.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.09.030 Development Standards - Nonresidential Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) **Local Fire Authority declaration.** When submitting a Site Plan Permit application, the firewood contractor shall provide a letter from the Local Fire Authority declaring the allowed amount of firewood storage.
- (b) **Maximum amount of firewood storage.** The outdoor storage of firewood by a firewood contractor shall not exceed 60 cords of wood.
- (c) **Access.** Fire Department access shall be continually maintained.
- (d) **Activities.** Activities associated with firewood storage and sales shall be limited to stacking, bundling, loading, and unloading of the firewood.
- (e) **Hours of operation.** The hours of operation shall be limited to between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
- (f) **Maintenance.** The operation shall be:

- (1) Maintained free of rodents, insects, and other pests and in compliance with Section 88.01.090 (Tree Protection from Insects and Disease);
  - (2) In compliance with County Fire Department *Guidelines for Interpretations for Firewood Contractors and Wood Storage Yards*; and
  - (3) Continually kept clean and free of excessive bark, wood chips, sawdust, and wood scraps.
- (g) **Paving.** Before the initiation of the wood storage and sales use, a circulation aisle shall be paved to minimum County standards.
- (h) **Screening.** Before initiation of the wood storage and sales use, the area shall be screened from view to a height of six feet by a chain link fence with slats, solid wood fence, or masonry wall.
- (i) **Separation.** Where bulk timber and firewood is piled next to a property line on which a structure has been erected, the distance from the pile to property line shall be not less than one-half the height of the pile and in no case less than 5 feet. In the FS (Fire Safety) overlay, all areas used for the storage of firewood shall either be at least 30 feet away from all structures or wholly enclosed within a structure.
- (j) **Stacking.** The wood shall be neatly stacked. Bulk timber and firewood shall be piled with due regard to stability of piles and in no case higher than 20 feet.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.09.040 Development Standards - Residential Land Use Zoning Districts**

- (a) **Maximum amount of firewood.** In residential land use zoning districts, outdoor storage of firewood shall be allowed as an accessory use. Stored firewood shall not to exceed four cords (i.e., a total of 512 cubic feet, where a cord equals 128 cubic feet) in the RS (Single Residential) and RM (Multiple Residential) land use zoning districts.
- (b) **Separation.** Where firewood is piled next to a property line on which a structure has been erected, the distance from the pile to property line shall be not less than 5 feet. In the Fire Safety Overlay, all areas used for the storage of firewood shall either be at least 30 feet away from all structures or wholly enclosed within a structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**CHAPTER 84.10 GARAGE SALES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.10.010 Purpose
- 84.10.020 Applicability
- 84.10.030 Standards

**84.10.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Section is to provide locational and operational standards for the conduct of garage and private yard sales. These standards are intended to allow residents the opportunity to sell unwanted household goods and items while preserving the residential nature of the surrounding neighborhood.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.10.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to the conduct of garage and private yard sales.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.10.030 Standards**

- (a) **Activity prohibited in public right-of-way.** Garage sale activity may not be conducted in the public right-of-way, including streets, sidewalks, parkways, or alleys.
- (b) **Items for sale.** Items sold at garage sales shall be used goods, wares, or merchandise of a household nature, and shall not have been acquired elsewhere for resale.
- (c) **Maximum number of sales per year.**
  - (1) Single-family dwellings shall be allowed a maximum of four garage sales per calendar year at the same address.
  - (2) Multi-family dwellings shall be allowed a maximum of two garage sales per calendar year per legal dwelling unit.
- (d) **Maximum number of consecutive days.** A garage sale may not last longer than three consecutive days.
- (e) **Residents only.** Only the residents of a property may conduct a garage sale.
- (f) **Sale hours.** Garage sale activity shall be limited to the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

- (g) **Signs.** Garage sale advertising signs shall not be posted on telephone poles, streetlights, traffic signs, or any other structure or location within the public right-of-way. Garage sale signs may not be posted earlier than one day before the first day of the garage sale nor more than one day after the last date of the garage sale.
- (h) **Permit requirements.** Garage sales that exceed the standards provided in this Chapter shall be considered temporary uses requiring compliance with Chapter 84.25 (Temporary Structures and Uses) and issuance of a Temporary Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.15 (Temporary Use Permits).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

## CHAPTER 84.11 HAZARDOUS WASTE FACILITIES

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### Sections:

- 84.11.010 Purpose
- 84.11.020 Applicability
- 84.11.030 Permit Requirements

#### 84.11.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides guidelines for the regulation of hazardous materials for the protection of health, safety, and welfare of persons, resources, and property.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.11.020 Applicability

The provisions in this Chapter apply to hazardous waste facilities where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.11.030 Permit Requirements

- (a) **Special Use Permit required.** An approved Special Use Permit shall be required for the establishment of a hazardous waste facility.
- (b) **Purpose of Special Use Permit.** The purpose of the Special Use Permit shall be to:
  - (1) Evaluate the operation and monitoring plan of the facility.
  - (2) Ensure the facility has adequate measures for monitoring on-going impacts to air quality, groundwater, and environmentally sensitive resources.
  - (3) Evaluate the types and quantities of wastes that will be treated or disposed of at the facility.
  - (4) Require periodic inspections of the facility to ensure conditions of approval are implemented and monitored.
- (c) **Disclosure statement.** A copy of the disclosure statement required by California Health and Safety Code Section 25200.4 shall accompany the application for a Special Use Permit for a specified hazardous waste facility.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84.12 HOME OCCUPATIONS

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### Sections:

- 84.12.010 Purpose
- 84.12.020 Applicability
- 84.12.030 Classes of Home Occupations Described
- 84.12.040 Allowed Land Use Zoning Districts and Permit Requirements
- 84.12.050 Prohibited Home Occupations
- 84.12.060 Allowed Home Occupations in Desert Region
- 84.12.070 Development Standards Applicable to all Classes
- 84.12.080 Class I Home Occupation Standards
- 84.12.090 Class II Home Occupation Standards
- 84.12.100 Class III Home Occupation Standards
- 84.12.110 Other Restrictions on Home Occupations
- 84.12.120 Nonconforming Home Occupations

### **84.12.010 Purpose**

This purpose of this Chapter is to provide locational and operational standards to ensure that home occupations cause minimal impact(s) on neighboring parcels.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.12.020 Applicability**

This Chapter shall apply to all residential dwelling units in the County, including legal nonconforming residential dwelling units. However, this Chapter shall not apply to a childcare institution, child day care facility, group home, adult day care facility or any other social care facility that is licensed by the appropriate Federal, State, or local agency. Refer to Chapter 84.23 (Social Care Facilities) for provisions governing those types of uses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.12.030 Classes of Home Occupations Described**

Home occupations are commercial uses that are accessory and incidental to a residential land use and that clearly do not alter the character or the appearance of the residential environment. Home occupations shall be separated into the following three classes of operations.

- (a) **Class I Home Occupation.** Class I Home Occupations shall have no impact on the neighborhood in which they are located. Work is performed exclusively by phone and mail, or over the Internet; or the work is the activity of creative artists, music teachers, academic tutors, or similar educational instructors, and the activity is limited so that there are no impacts on the neighborhood. Typical activities shall include artist, writer, composer, teleworker, network marketer, music teacher, etc.

- (b) **Class II Home Occupation.** Class II Home Occupations shall have a limited impact on the neighborhood in which they are located. Generally, only one nonresident employee shall be allowed and only a limited number of customers or clientele may visit the site. In the Mountain and Desert Regions, up to two nonresident employees may be permitted subject to the approval of the Director. Typical activities shall include pet groomer, hair stylist (one work station), tax consultant, yard maintenance, etc.
- (c) **Class III Home Occupation.** Class III Home Occupations shall have a limited impact on the neighborhood in which they are located but also are slightly more intense than Class II in that they may involve the direct sales of products or merchandise to the public. Subject to specific standards in Section 84.12.100 (Class III Home Occupation Standards), up to five nonresident employees shall be allowed. Typical activities shall include an activity that has direct sales of products or merchandise or requires more than two nonresident employees. Certain allowed activities may also include those listed in 84.12.060 (Allowed Home Occupations in Desert Region).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.12.040 Allowed Land Use Zoning Districts and Permit Requirements

Table 84-7 (Allowed Land Uses Zoning Districts and Permit Requirements for Home Occupations) indicates the regions in which home occupations shall be allowed and the permit requirements for each class of home occupation.

**Table 84-7**  
**Allowed Land use zoning districts and Permit Requirements for Home Occupations**

Class of Home Occupation	Where allowed	Permit Requirements
Class I Home Occupation	Residential land use zoning districts in Desert, Mountain, and Valley Regions	None required. <sup>(1)</sup>
Class II Home Occupation	Residential land use zoning districts in Desert, Mountain, and Valley Regions	Special Use Permit renewable every 24 months.
Class III Home Occupation	Residential land use zoning districts in Desert Region only	Special Use Permit renewable every 24 months.

Notes:

- (1) If the operator needs documentation that his/her business is legal, a Home Occupation Permit may be issued for the home occupation operations using the procedures for a Class II Home Occupation Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2009)



**84.12.050 Prohibited Home Occupations**

Except as provided in Section 84.12.060 (Allowed Home Occupations in Desert Region), the following uses are not incidental to or compatible with residential activities and shall not be allowed as home occupations:

- (a) Animal hospitals.
- (b) Motor vehicle and other vehicle repair (body or mechanical) to include the repair of engine, muffler or drive train components of the vehicle; upholstery; painting or storage.
- (c) Carpentry and cabinet making, not to include woodworking that results in the creation of small wood products or single pieces of furniture.
- (d) Food preparation and food sales.
- (e) Kennels or catteries.
- (f) Massage parlors.
- (g) Medical and dental offices, clinics, and medical laboratories.
- (h) Repair shops or service establishments, except repair of small electrical appliances, cameras, or other similar items.
- (i) Riding stables.
- (j) Large scale upholstery service, not to include the reupholstering of separate, individual pieces of furniture or other objects.
- (k) Welding and machining.
- (l) Vermicomposting.
- (m) Any other use determined by the Director that is not incidental to and/or compatible with residential activities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.12.060 Allowed Home Occupations in Desert Region**

In the Desert Region only, the uses listed in Section 84.12.050 (Prohibited Home Occupations) may be allowed as a home occupation on parcels greater than two and one-half acres if approved by the Director. Applications for approval of Home Occupation Permits for the listed uses that are normally prohibited shall be considered by the Director on a case-by-case basis in the Desert Region.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.070 Development Standards Applicable to all Classes**

The operators of home occupations shall make every attempt to be a “good neighbor” and respect the rights of their neighbors. All classes of home occupations shall adhere to the following standards:

- (a) **Accessory to residential land use.** Home occupations shall only be allowed as an accessory use to a legal residential land use.
- (b) **Activities limited to enclosed structure.** The home occupation shall be confined to an enclosed structure, either the residence itself or an authorized accessory structure as described in Section 84.01.050 (Residential Accessory Structures and Uses).
- (c) **Advertising materials.** Public advertising (e.g., handbills) shall only list: phone number, home occupation operator's name, post office box, and description of business. Location information shall be limited to community name only. The business address or location shall not be included in any public advertising, with the exception of a telephone directory (i.e., white pages) and business cards.
- (d) **Commercial delivery vehicles.** The home occupation shall not involve the use of commercial vehicles for the delivery of materials to or from the premises beyond those commercial vehicles normally associated with residential uses.
- (e) **External appearance.** The appearance of the structure shall not be altered nor shall the occupation within the residence be conducted in a manner that would cause the premises to differ from its residential character either by the use of colors, materials, construction, lighting, or signs.
- (f) **Hazardous materials.** Chemicals, solvents, mixtures or materials that are corrosive, toxic, flammable, an irritant, a strong sensitizer, or other similar materials used in a home occupation shall be used and stored in compliance with regulations of the Fire Department.
- (g) **Light and glare.** Direct or indirect light from a home occupation activity shall not cause glare onto an adjacent parcel in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (h) **Noise.** Noise emanations shall not exceed 55 dB(A) as measured at the property lines at all times.
- (i) **Parking.** Parking shall comply with the parking requirements outlined in Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards). Additional on-site parking beyond that required in Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards) shall be provided for additional vehicles used in connection with the home occupation. One additional parking space shall be provided for each non-resident employee. Additional parking

spaces shall be easily accessible (including accommodation for winter conditions in the mountains).

- (j) **Pedestrian and vehicular traffic.** Pedestrian and vehicular traffic shall be limited to that normally associated with residential land use zoning districts.
- (k) **Property owner's permission for tenant operation.** If a tenant of the property is to operate the home occupation, notarized written permission from the property owner for the use of the property for the home occupation shall be submitted.
- (l) **Odors and vibrations.** No equipment or processes used on the subject property shall create smoke, fumes, odors, or vibrations that are disruptive to surrounding properties.
- (m) **Other required permits.** Permits required from other agencies and departments shall be submitted with the Home Occupation Permit application.
- (n) **Outdoor activity time limits.** No process, operation, or activity shall result in the appearance of parts, equipment, materials, tools, or supplies outside a structure for the purpose of the process, operation, or activity so that they can be observed for time periods of 30 or more consecutive minutes from a position of driving or walking on the public streets.
- (o) **Outdoor storage.** No outdoor storage of equipment, materials or supplies or display of goods or products shall be allowed. In the Desert Region, if the subject property is at least five acres in area, outdoor storage shall be allowed if properly screened from view.
- (p) **Street address.** The street address shall be prominently posted on the property so that it is easily visible from the street.
- (q) **Utilities and community facilities.** The uses of utilities and community facilities shall be limited to that normally associated with the use of property for residential purposes.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.080 Class I Home Occupation Standards**

- (a) **Work activities.** All work shall be performed exclusively by phone and mail, or over the Internet, or shall be the activity of creative artists.
- (b) **Sales.** No sales of products on the premises, except produce (fruit and vegetables) grown on the subject property, shall be allowed.
- (c) **Number of customers.** The only customers or clientele who may visit the residence shall be those identified in Subsection B (Sales), above, and the students of music teachers, academic tutors, and similar instructors. The instruction of the students shall

be provided on an individual basis and by appointment only. More than one student from the same family shall be considered as being on an individual basis.

- (d) **Residency requirements.** Employees, partners, or operators of the home occupation shall be members of the resident family and shall reside on the premises.
- (e) **Storage area.** Up to 25 percent or 250 square feet, whichever is greater, of the total floor area of the dwelling unit and related accessory structures, may be used for storage of materials and supplies related to the home occupation.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.090 Class II Home Occupation Standards**

- (a) **Sales.** No sales of products on the premises, except produce (fruit and vegetables) grown on the subject property, shall be allowed.
- (b) **Number of customers and monthly average trip count.** Except as provided in Subsection A (Sales), above, only a limited number of customers or clientele shall visit the residence. Each visit shall be only by appointment. This is restricted to a single appointment at a time. The monthly average of the total trip count for personal and business activities shall not exceed 12 trips per day.
- (c) **Residency requirements.** All employees, partners, or operators of the home occupation, except one, shall be members of the resident family and shall reside on the premises provided all the required standards are met. In the Mountain Region and Desert Region, the Director may authorize a second nonresident employee, provided all required standards can be met. For purposes of this Section, business employees shall not include childcare or domestic help.
- (d) **Parking requirements.** The applicant shall demonstrate that the parcel can accommodate the parking of all personal and employee vehicles on-site.
- (e) **Storage area.** Up to 25 percent or 250 square feet, whichever is greater, of the total floor area of the dwelling unit and related accessory structures, may be used for storage of materials and supplies related to the home occupation.
- (f) **Operating hours.** Operating hours of a home occupation shall be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.100 Class III Home Occupation Standards**

- (a) **Minimum parcel size.** The parcel shall be at least one acre in area.
- (b) **Sales.** Direct sales of products or merchandise to the public shall be allowed.

- (c) **Number of customers and monthly average trip count.** Only a limited number of customers or clientele shall visit the residence and then only by appointment. This is restricted to a single appointment at a time. The monthly average of the total trip count for personal and business activities shall not exceed 20 trips per day.
- (d) **Residency requirements.** All employees, partners, or operators of the home occupation, except two, shall be members of the resident family and shall reside on the premises provided that all the required standards can be met. If the subject property is at least five acres in area, a total of five non-resident employees shall be allowed. For the purposes of this Section, business employees shall not include childcare or domestic help.
- (e) **Parking.** The applicant shall demonstrate that the parcel can accommodate the parking of all personal and employee vehicles on-site.
- (f) **Signs.** A non-illuminated identification sign, not to exceed 12 square feet in area and stating the business name and telephone number, shall be allowed. If not attached to the residence, a sign shall not exceed six feet in height and shall blend with the architectural style of the structure and the neighborhood. The sign shall only be allowed in a land use zoning district other than RS (Single-Family Residential) or RM (Multi-Family Residential).
- (g) **Storage area.** Up to 35 percent of the total floor area of the dwelling unit and related accessory structures or 500 square feet, whichever is greater, may be used for storage of materials, supplies, and equipment related to the use.
- (h) **Operating hours.** Operating hours of a home occupation shall be between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.110 Other Restrictions on Home Occupations**

Nothing in this Chapter shall prevent a homeowner's association or a landlord from adopting a rule, regulation, or by-law prohibiting home occupations on the premises under their respective jurisdictions. The rule, regulation, or by-law applicable to a property shall supersede the provisions of this Chapter. In addition, nothing in this Chapter shall preclude, invalidate, or override an existing covenant, by-law, rule, or regulation of a common interest community, housing cooperative, or landlord that prohibits home occupations or that more strictly restricts or regulates home occupations than as provided in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.12.120 Nonconforming Home Occupations**

If a property owner has received an approved Home Occupation Permit and continues to operate the business in compliance with that permit, but no longer meets the standards established for the permit, the operator may apply for renewals of the permit every 24 months as long as the

business remains in continuous operation. The operations shall be considered as a legal, nonconforming use. If the use is discontinued for 180 days or longer, it shall be deemed terminated and the permit shall not be renewed.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## **CHAPTER 84.13    MESSAGE SERVICES**

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### **Sections:**

- 84.13.010    Purpose
- 84.13.020    Applicability
- 84.13.030    Development Standards

### **84.13.010    Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide development standards for establishments providing massage services.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.13.020    Applicability**

The development standards provided in this Chapter shall apply to massage services where allowed in compliance with the provisions of Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.13.030    Development Standards**

A business providing massage services shall be located at least 750 feet from another business providing massage services or from any adult oriented business.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84.14 MOBILE HOME PARKS

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### Sections:

- 84.14.010 Purpose
- 84.14.020 Applicability
- 84.14.030 Enforcement Authority
- 84.14.040 Definitions
- 84.14.050 Development Standards
- 84.14.060 (Reserved)
- 84.14.070 Bonds to Guarantee Improvements
- 84.14.080 Mobile Home Park Subdivisions

### 84.14.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides for the establishment, location, design, and improvement of mobile home parks.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.14.020 Applicability

- (a) **Where allowed.** The development standards provided in this Chapter shall apply to the establishment or enlargement of mobile home parks in land use zoning districts where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).
- (b) **State law.** The requirements of this Chapter shall include the provisions of the Mobile Home Parks Act (Health and Safety Code Section 18200 et seq.) and the applicable Mobile Home Parks Regulations adopted by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, Section 1000 et seq.) The requirements of this Chapter are intended to equal or exceed the requirements of the Mobile Home Parks Act and the Mobile Home Regulations. The requirements of the Mobile Home Parks Regulations shall be incorporated as part of this Chapter and compliance with the regulations shall be required.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

### 84.14.030 Enforcement Authority

The California Department of Housing and Community Development shall enforce State law and regulations that apply to the maintenance, use, occupancy, sanitation, and safety of mobile home parks or that apply to permits to operate them.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### 84.14.040 Definitions

Terms used in this Chapter are as defined in the Mobile Home Parks Act (Health and Safety Code Section 18200 et seq.), unless as expressly provided otherwise in Division 12 (Definitions and Land Use Classifications) or unless the context clearly shows that a different meaning is intended.

#### 84.14.050 Development Standards

- (a) **Locations.** Mobile home parks/manufactured home land-lease communities shall be located where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and in compliance with State law.
- (b) **Parcel size and density.** The minimum parcel sizes and density standards for mobile home parks shall be as indicated in Table 84-8 (Parcel Size and Density Standards for Mobile Home Parks).

**Table 84-8**  
**Parcel Size and Density Standards for Mobile Home Parks**

Development Standards	Land Use Zoning District		
	RL	RS	RM
Minimum parcel size	20 acres	10 acres	10 acres
Maximum density	Determined by the density of the land use zoning district in which it is located		

- (c) **Drainage and flood hazard.** A mobile home park shall be located on a well-drained site, properly graded to provide for adequate disposition of water runoff. The area shall be free of flood hazard from external sources. The review authority may require dedications and improvements that will ensure proper protection of a mobile home park.
- (d) **Streets and highways.** The review authority may require additional dedication and improvements on streets and highways abutting the proposed mobile home park in compliance with the Circulation Element of the General Plan and established widths of local and collector streets.
- (e) **Parcel areas and dimensions.** A parcel in a mobile home park shall contain a minimum area of 1,200 square feet with a minimum width of 30 feet fronting on a driveway, provided that:

- (1) Parcels larger than the above minimum sizes may be required where it is determined that the larger parcel size will be:
    - (A) Consistent with the general pattern established by mobile home parks in the vicinity, or
    - (B) Necessary to accommodate manufactured home sizes as stated in the Mobile Home Park Report submitted by the applicant.
  - (2) Parcels on curved driveways or cul-de-sacs where lot lines are either converging or diverging from the front to the rear of the parcel shall have an average width of at least 30 feet with a minimum 25-foot driveway frontage.
- (f) **Required separation distances.** Mobile homes shall be located so they are at least 10 feet apart from side to side, eight feet apart from side to rear, six feet apart from rear to rear, and 10 feet from a structure, except for accessory structures used as private toilets or baths for exclusive use of the occupant of the mobile home site. Mobile home hitches shall face the access driveway.
- (g) **Minimum side and rear setbacks.** The combined side setbacks of a mobile home parcel shall total a minimum of 10 feet; provided, however, that a mobile home shall not be closer than three feet to a side or rear parcel line. Where mobile home lots abut side or rear setbacks as defined in Subsection (i) (Perimeter setbacks), below, setback areas may be included as a part of the perimeter setback.
- (h) **Maximum occupied site area.** The occupied area of a mobile home parcel shall not exceed 75 percent of the total area of the parcel. An occupied area shall mean an area that is covered or occupied by a trailer coach, cabana, vehicle, ramada, awning, closet, cupboard, or other structure.
- (i) **Perimeter setbacks.** The following setbacks shall apply to the perimeters of a mobile home park:
- (1) Front setback of at least 25 feet along the public street upon which the mobile home park fronts. This setback shall extend across the entire width of the park.
  - (2) Side setbacks of not less than five feet along each side boundary line of the mobile home park.
  - (3) A rear setback of not less than 10 feet along the rear boundary line of the mobile home park.
  - (4) Greater setbacks may be required where, in the opinion of the Director, greater setbacks are necessary due to topographic conditions, grading, drainage, or protection of adjacent property.
  - (5) No part of a mobile home shall be located within a required perimeter setback area.

- (j) **Circulation.** Roads within mobile home parks shall be designed to provide reasonable and convenient traffic circulation and shall meet the following standards:
- (1) A road shall not be less than 33 feet in width if car parking is allowed on one side of the road and not less than 41 feet in width if parking is allowed on both sides.
  - (2) Road widths to provide for parking on one side shall be deemed necessary when parcels abut the road on one side only. Road widths to provide for parking on both sides shall be necessary when parcels abut the roads on both sides.
  - (3) The entire width of the roads within mobile home parks shall be surfaced with a minimum of two-inch thick asphalt, concrete, plant mix, or other approved material.
- (k) **Parking.** Two parking spaces shall be provided on each mobile home parcel. A parking area for use by guests and visitors shall also be established and maintained. There shall be one guest parking space for every 10 mobile home parcels, or fraction of 10, within the mobile home park. Each parking space shall be 10 by 20 feet in size plus the additional area for adequate ingress and egress.
- (l) **Walkways.** Walkways shall be provided to allow reasonably direct access to all parcels, service structures, and other areas or structures used by occupants of the mobile homes. Collector walkways serving utility structures, playgrounds and other general areas shall be at least four feet in width and individual entrance walks to each mobile home site shall be at least two feet in width. Walkways shall be constructed of asphalt, concrete, plant mix, or other approved materials that will allow all-weather pedestrian movement.
- (m) **Walls or fences.** A wall or fence six feet in height shall be erected and maintained along each side and rear boundary of a mobile home park except along the portion of the side or rear boundary line that either abuts a public street or is within a front or side setback adjacent to the street, in which case, a wall or fence may be required. A wall or fence shall be solid and of concrete, brick, or other masonry construction or of chain link metal construction or rod iron with an evergreen hedge planted on the side facing the mobile home park. Where, in the opinion of the review authority, it is unreasonable to require the construction of a fence or wall, the review authority may waive or modify the requirements as specified in this paragraph.
- (n) **Screening of service areas.** The Review Authority may require fencing or screen planting around areas containing garbage, rubbish, or waste disposal, or ground service, or recreational areas as a condition of approval of a mobile home park.
- (o) **Storage areas.**
- (1) Common storage areas shall be provided with an enclosed fenced area for the residents of the mobile home park for the storage of recreational vehicles, trailers, travel trailers, and other licensed or unlicensed vehicles. The storage

area shall contain a minimum of 50 square feet for each mobile home parcel in the mobile home park.

- (2) Storage on a mobile home parcel shall comply with the provisions of Title 25, Division 1 of the California Code of Regulations.
- (p) **Public address systems.** Public address systems or loudspeakers shall not be allowed if audible outside the boundaries of the mobile home park.
- (q) **Modifications in design.** Where a mobile home park application is submitted for approval that, although not in compliance with the design requirements in this Chapter, are consistent with the general purpose and intent of this Chapter, the review authority may approve the park with conditions and restrictions that ensure that the general purposes are satisfied.
  - (1) Park designs utilizing duplex or cell-type groupings of mobile home parcels or other modified designs may be approved under the provisions of this Section.
  - (2) Modifications of the above standards of design may be approved under the provisions of this Section for mobile home parks, travel trailer parks, recreational trailer parks, temporary trailer parks, and tent camps. However, in no case shall the modifications conflict with minimum requirements of the Mobile Home Parks Act (Health and Safety Code Section 18200 et seq.) and the applicable Mobile Home Parks Regulations adopted by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 2, Section 1000 et seq.).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **84.14.060 (Reserved)**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

#### **84.14.070 Bonds to Guarantee Improvements**

If all improvements required as a condition of approval of a mobile home park are not satisfactorily completed at the time a Certificate of Occupancy is requested, the owner or owners of the mobile home park shall, before the issuance of the permit, enter as contractor into an agreement with the County guaranteeing that the required work will be accomplished. The form and amount of security shall be determined by the Director.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.14.080      Mobile Home Park Subdivisions**

Mobile home park subdivisions shall be conditioned to require reservation and maintenance of common areas and enjoyment of the residents of the mobile home subdivision. Mobile home subdivisions shall comply with appropriate design standards established by this Chapter, Division 9 (Subdivisions), and applicable State subdivision requirements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 84.16 MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS**

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**84.16.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide development standards for the establishment of new multi-family residential projects. The standards are intended to:

- (a) Enhance the quality of housing for County residents by regulating a residential environment within a high-density context;
- (b) Protect surrounding properties and their values by requiring proper design and maintenance of the multi-family project; and
- (c) Ensure compatibility with other development in the immediate area through the use of complementary building arrangements, buffers, and avoidance of overwhelming building scale and visual obstructions.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.16.020 Applicability**

The development standards in this Chapter shall apply to multi-family residential projects in land use zoning districts where they are allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). Multi-family residential projects shall include projects in which two or more attached or detached dwelling units are located. Multi-family residential projects may include apartments or condominiums. **The road dedication and street improvement standards provided in this Chapter do not apply to: (1) the alteration or enlargement of an existing building or structure on a lot or parcel of land if the total square footage of such alteration or enlargement, and all other alterations or enlargements completed three (3) years prior to the date of the application for a permit for such alteration or enlargement, does not exceed one-half (1/2) of the original square footage of all buildings and structures on such lot or parcel of land, or (2) the erection of one or more accessory structures (not including accessory dwellings) as defined in Subsection 810.01.030(g) of the County Code. For purposes of this section, "original square footage" means the square footage of all buildings and structures that existed on such lot or parcel of land three (3) years prior to the date of the application for such permit.**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4181 (2012)**

**84.16.030 Processing**

- (a) **Multi-family projects - 19 units or fewer.** A Building Permit for a proposed multi-family development of 19 units or fewer shall be issued by the Building Official with an approved building plan if the project complies with the requirements in this Chapter. Upon receipt of an application for a proposed multi-family development of 19 units or fewer, the Building Official may refer the application to the Director for review. If referred, the Director shall review each application to verify compliance with the applicable standards in this Chapter.
- (b) **Multi-family projects - 20 to 49 units.** An application for a Minor Use Permit for a multi-family development of 20 to 49 units may be approved in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit) in the following instances:
  - (1) If a finding can be made that the proposed development complies with the standards in this Chapter; or
  - (2) If a Variance has been approved in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances).
- (c) **Multi-family projects - 50 units or more.** An application for a Conditional Use Permit for a multi-family development of 50 units or more may be approved in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit) in the following instances:
  - (1) If a finding can be made that the proposed development complies with the standards in this Chapter; or
  - (2) If a Variance has been approved in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances).
- (d) **Pre-application conference.** An applicant may request a pre-application conference with the Director to determine the consistency of a proposed multi-family project with the requirements of this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.16.040 Development Standards Applicable to All Multi-Family Projects**

The standards in this Section shall apply to all multi-family development projects.

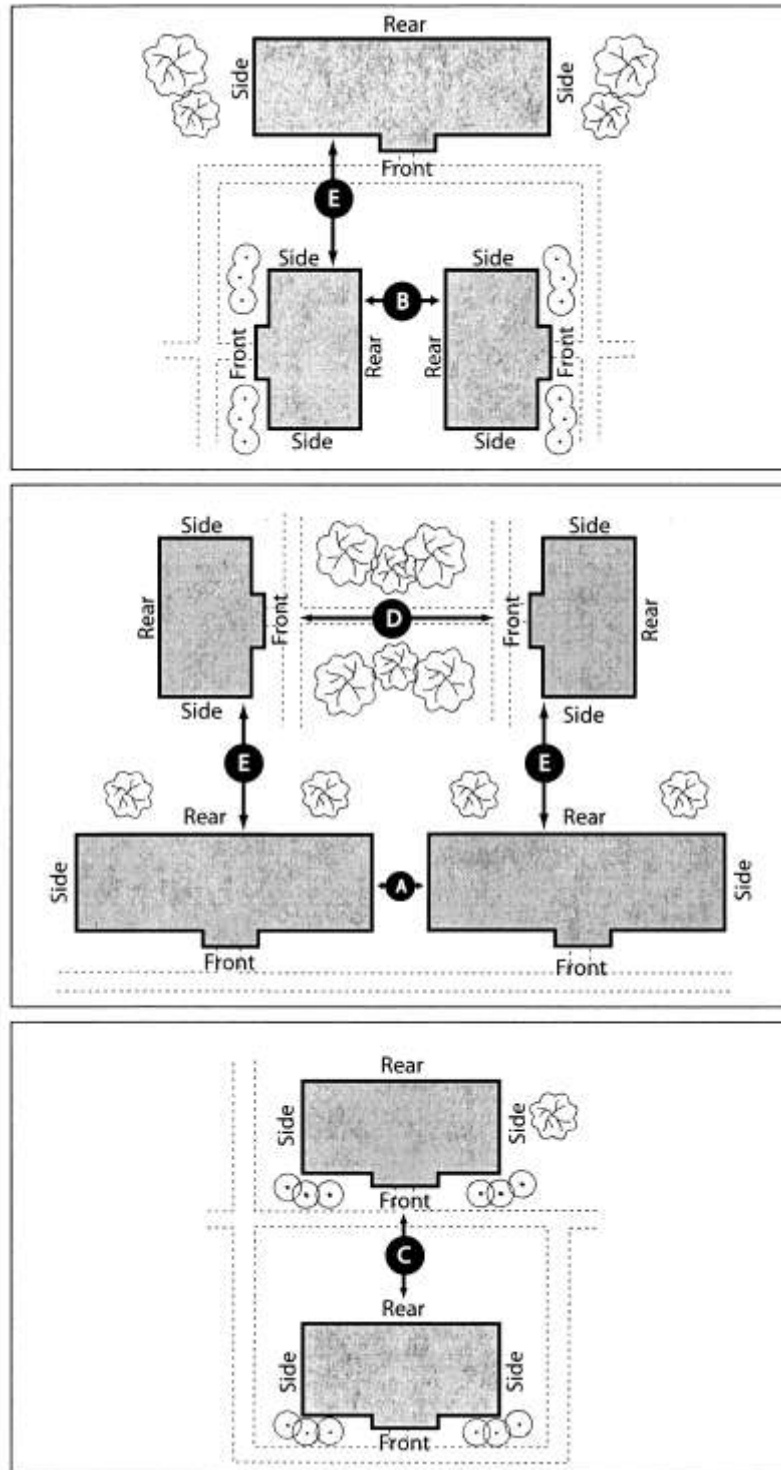
**(a) Site planning standards.****(1) Location of structures.** All multi-family structures shall be oriented so that:

- (A) The structure and open space areas take advantage of the site's topography and natural features.
- (B) Natural amenities (e.g., views, mature trees, creeks, riparian corridors, etc.) are preserved.

- (2) **Location of accessory structures.** Accessory structures or uses (e.g., swimming pools, improved recreational/open spaces, storage structures, etc.) shall not be located between an adjacent public right-of-way and a multi-family structure, or between a property line abutting a single-family land use zone and a multi-family structure. The accessory structures and uses shall be located within the interior of the site, screened from view by the multi-family structure(s), unless adjacent to parcels zoned for multi-family or non-residential uses.
- (3) **Minimum separation between structures.** The separation distances identified in Table 84-9 (Minimum Separation Between Multi-Family Structures) shall apply to parcels containing two or more dwelling units that are in separate detached structures. The separation shall be between opposite exterior walls. Walls shall be considered opposite if a perpendicular line drawn in a horizontal plane from one structure intersects another structure's wall. The front side of a unit is the side containing the primary entrance to the dwelling unit. See Figure 84-2 (Minimum Separation Between Multi-Family Structures).

**Table 84-9**  
**Minimum Separation Between Multi-Family Structures**

Structure Orientation	Minimum Separation (ft.)	Figure Symbol
Side-to-Side	10	<b>A</b>
Rear-to-Rear	15	<b>B</b>
Front-to-Rear	20	<b>C</b>
Front-to-Front or Interior Court Space	25	<b>D</b>
All Others	20	<b>E</b>



**Figure 84-2**  
**Minimum Separation Between Multi-Family Structures**

- (4) **Setbacks.** Setbacks shall be as provided in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), except as modified by the minimum setback standards in Table 84-10 (Minimum Setbacks for Multi-Family Structures):

**Table 84-10**  
**Minimum Setbacks for Multi-Family Structures**

Location of Multi-Family Structure	Minimum Side and Rear Setback of Multi-Family Structure
Adjacent to parcel in single-family land use zoning district	One foot setback for each one foot of multi-family structure height
Adjacent to a IR (Regional Industrial) land use zoning district, AG (Agriculture) land use zoning district, or mining operations	75 foot setback

(b) **Design.**

- (1) **Entries.** Building entrances and individual dwelling unit entries shall be accentuated by architectural elements, lighting, and/or landscaping to further emphasize their private nature.
- (2) **Disabled accessibility.** Where appropriate, handicapped accessibility shall be integrated into the design concept.
- (3) **Length/width of structure.** A multi-family structure shall not exceed 100 feet in length/width.
- (4) **Visibility.** Open spaces, courtyards, circulation corridors, and individual dwelling unit entrances shall be visible from as many dwelling units as possible.

- (c) **Typical dwelling unit sizes.** Dwelling units shall be the minimum sizes indicated in Table 84-11 (Minimum Dwelling Unit Sizes in Multi-Family Development):

**Table 84-11**  
**Minimum Dwelling Unit Sizes in Multi-Family Development**

Dwelling Unit Type	Minimum Size Gross Floor Area in Square Feet
Efficiency	450
1 bedroom	650
2 bedroom	850
3 bedroom	1050
4+ bedroom	1200

- (d) **Density and unit type mix.** A variety of unit types is encouraged (i.e., efficiency, one-bedroom, two bedroom, etc.) to provide a range of options for owners or renters in different income, age, and family structure categories.

- (e) **Fencing.** A solid six-foot high fence of wood and/or masonry shall be installed along the property lines but shall not encroach into the front or street side setbacks. Additional fencing in compliance with Chapter 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls) may be installed.
- (f) **Landscaping.** Landscaping shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards). In addition, **the property owner shall maintain all landscaping in a sustained healthy condition.**
- (g) **Lighting.** Lighting shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (h) **Parking.** Parking areas, parking stalls, and driveways shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards). Storage of boats, campers, trailers and other recreational vehicles shall be prohibited on-site unless oversize parking areas are provided and designated. These areas shall be screened from adjacent streets and residences. Recreational vehicle parking may not be used to meet the standard parking requirements.
- (i) **Infrastructure requirements.** A Building Permit shall not be issued for the construction of multi-family residential dwelling(s) unless all of the following infrastructure requirements are satisfied for an existing lot of record:
  - (1) Proof of legal and physical access.
  - (2) Infrastructure as determined by the Land Development Engineering Section of the Public Works Department depending on the location of the parcel to be developed. This may include, but not limited to, any of the following: paved access, curbs and gutters, sidewalk, streetlights, and/or appropriate drainage improvements.
  - (3) Water.
    - (A) Water purveyor. Required when in the service area of a water purveyor and the purveyor can supply the water.
    - (B) Substantiated well water. If the subject parcel is not within the service area of a water purveyor, well water may be allowed if all required setbacks are met.
  - (4) Sanitation:
    - (A) Sewer. Required when in the service area of a sewer provider and the subject parcel is within 200 feet of the sewer line.
    - (B) Septic systems/holding tanks. Allowed in compliance with the local Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations.

- (5) Fireflow. Adequate fireflow in compliance the Uniform Fire Code and with Section 23.018 (Amendments to the Uniform Fire Code) of the County Code.

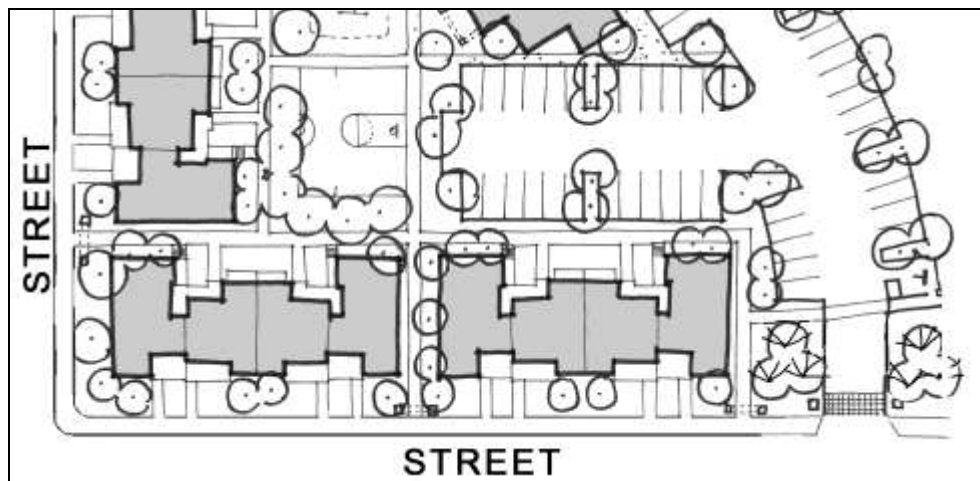
Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.16.050 Development Standards Applicable for Multi-Family Projects – Four to 19 Units**

The standards in this Section apply to all multi-family development projects that contain between four and 19 dwelling units. The units may be either attached or detached. These standards are in addition to the standards in Section 84.16.040 (Development Standards Applicable to All Multi-Family Projects) and Section 84.16.070 (Common Amenities and Facilities – Four or More Units), below.

**(a) Location of structures.** All multi-family structures shall be oriented so that:

- (1) The front facade is generally parallel to the street with varying setbacks to provide visual interest and varying shadow patterns. On corner parcels, both street-facing facades are generally parallel to the intersecting streets. See Figure 84-1 (Siting of Multi-Family Structure(s) Parallel to Public Right-of-Way). On curvilinear streets, the front facade of a structure is generally parallel to the tangent of the midpoint of the arc of the street.
- (2) Living spaces do not face the living spaces of another multi-family structure.
- (3) Courtyards and open space areas are immediately adjacent to all the surrounding units.
- (4) Sight lines from windows and entries maximize natural surveillance of the site and the parking areas.



**Figure 84-1**  
**Siting of Multi-Family Structure(s) Parallel to Public Right-of-Way**



- (b) **Hierarchy of space.** Development design shall use a “hierarchy of space” to define territory for public space (e.g., streets), community space (e.g., common open space, play areas, communal laundry, community center, etc.), and private space (e.g., individual units and private open space). The use of design elements to define the public/private edge (e.g., special paving, change in building materials, grade separations, etc.) or physical barriers (e.g., landscaping, fences, low retaining walls, walls, screens, building enclosures, etc.) are encouraged. See Figure 84-3 (Design Elements Establish Hierarchy of Space).



**Figure 84-3**  
**Design Elements Establish Hierarchy of Space**

- (c) **Lighting.** Lighting shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (1) **Security.** Lighting levels shall vary depending on the specific use and conditions, but the overall consideration shall be to provide lighting levels sufficient that intruders cannot lurk in shadows, steps and other grade changes are apparent, residents can easily unlock their door or identify visitors on their doorstep, and opportunities for theft and vandalism are reduced or eliminated.
  - (2) **Street lighting.** Street lighting shall be installed along the internal circulation streets. Lighting shall be designed to shine downward and eliminate skyward glare in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting). Light standards shall be residential/pedestrian in scale and be spaced appropriately for the fixture, type of illumination, and pole height.
  - (3) **Parking area lighting.** Lighting in parking areas shall be arranged to prevent direct glare into adjacent dwelling units and onto neighboring uses/properties in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
  - (4) **Pedestrian lighting.** Pedestrian-scaled lighting shall be located along all walkways within the development. Light standards shall be a maximum of 12 feet in height to allow proper illumination, discourage vandalism, and have a pedestrian scale.



- (5) **Site lighting.** Site lighting may be located on a multi-family structure to illuminate site areas not covered by individual light standards.

**(d) Parking.**

- (1) **Parking standards.** Parking areas, parking stalls, and driveways shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards).
- (2) **Distance between parking area and dwelling units.** Parking areas shall be located no further than 200 feet from the dwelling units to be served as measured from the midpoint of the parking areas to the closest entrance doors of the dwelling unit to be served.
- (3) **Pedestrian accessway.** Parking areas shall be designed so that an unobstructed pedestrian accessway at least four feet in width is provided between the public right-of-way and the parking area.
- (4) **Carports and/or garages.** At least one of the parking spaces required for each dwelling unit in Table 83-15 (Parking Required by Land Use) shall be covered (i.e., carport or garage)

**(A) Design.**

- (I) Detached carports and garages shall be designed to reflect the architecture of the dwelling units by using similar forms, scale, colors, materials, and roof pitches.
- (II) Roofs composed of rock material shall be prohibited.
- (III) The side of a detached garage that faces a street shall have a pitched roof with windows or other architectural details that mimic the features of the multi-family structure(s).

**(B) Distribution and location.**

- (I) Carports and/or garages shall be distributed evenly throughout the project in groupings of no more than six covered spaces.
- (II) Carport and garage entries shall not be located between a multi-family structure and a required street frontage, but shall instead be located in groups on the interior of a parcel so that they are not visible from adjacent streets.
- (III) No more than six garage doors shall appear on any elevation of a multi-family structure. The plane of each garage door shall be offset at least two feet from the plane of the garage door adjacent to it.

- (C) **Storage.** Carports and garages shall be utilized for vehicle parking and not for household storage. Storage shall be provided as required by Subsection (g) (Storage), below.

(e) **Security.**

- (1) **Doors to community facilities.** Doors to community facilities (e.g., communal laundry, community center, etc.) shall contain some transparency and be key-controlled by residents. Courtyard gates and shared building entrances that access individual units shall automatically lock when closed.
- (2) **Doors for dwelling units.** Front doors for individual dwelling units shall have a peephole or other feature to allow residents to see who is at the door before opening it. To prevent break-ins, doorknobs shall be at least 40 inches from any windowpane. Single cylinder dead bolt locks shall be installed on the exterior doors of all individual dwelling units. Sliding glass doors shall have one permanent door on the outside and the inside moving door shall have a locking device and a pin.

- (f) **Solid waste/recyclable material storage areas.** Solid waste/recyclable material storage areas shall be clearly designated on the plot plan. The areas shall be clearly accessible for pickup and shall be effectively screened from public view in compliance with Chapter 84.24 (Solid Waste/Recyclable Materials Storage). Waste disposal pickup bins (dumpsters) shall not occupy required parking spaces nor intrude into required access driveways.

(g) **Storage.**

- (1) **Private storage space.** Each dwelling unit shall be provided a minimum of 150 cubic feet of private enclosed storage space in addition to the parking area located within the garage, if provided, or immediately adjacent to the dwelling unit. Private enclosed storage space shall be prohibited in carports.
- (2) **Bicycle/motorcycle storage area.** All multi-family projects shall provide covered, enclosed, and secure storage areas for bicycles and motorcycles. Motorcycle spaces shall be at least four feet by eight feet.
- (3) **Design.** Storage and other accessory structures shall be designed with materials and/or architectural elements that are similar to the multi-family structure(s).

(h) **Open space - common.**

- (1) **Minimum size and dimensions.** A minimum 900 square feet of usable common open space shall be provided for active or passive outdoor activity. For every dwelling unit above nine, an additional 100 square feet of usable common open space shall be provided. Usable common open space is defined as an open area or recreational amenity or facility that is designed and intended to be used for outdoor living and/or recreation. Usable open space shall have a minimum

dimension of 30 feet in any direction. A multi-family development shall not be located adjacent to an IR (Regional Industrial) land use zoning district, AG (Agriculture) land use zoning district, or mining operations unless the common open space constitutes 60 percent or more of the parcel and is designed to buffer the industrial, agricultural or mining uses.

- (2) **Calculation of area.** Required front, rear, and side setback areas along streets, driveways, parking areas, and walkways shall not be used to satisfy any part of the common open space requirement.
- (3) **Amenities.** The common open space area shall include amenities indicated in Section 84.16.050 (Common Amenities and Facilities).
  - (i) **Open space - private.** A minimum of 100 square feet of private open space (e.g., patios, balcony, decks, etc.), a minimum of six feet in width, shall be provided for each dwelling unit. Required private open space areas shall not be used to satisfy any part of the common open space requirement. Enclosure of private open space shall not prevent common open space surveillance by the residents.
  - (j) **On-site manager.** A full-time resident manager shall be required for multi-family projects with 15 or more dwelling units.
  - (k) **Common amenities and facilities.** Common open space amenities and laundry facilities shall be provided in compliance with Section 84.16.070 (Common Amenities and Facilities).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

#### **84.16.060 Development Standards for Multi-Family Projects – 20 or More Units**

The standards in this Section apply to multi-family development projects that contain 20 or more dwelling units. These standards are in addition to the standards in Section 84.16.040 (Development Standards Applicable to All Multi-Family Projects) and the guidelines in Section 84.16.080 (Design Guidelines for Multi-Family Projects - 20 or More Units).

##### **(a) Open space - common.**

- (1) **Minimum size and dimensions.** In lieu of the provisions of Subsection 84.16.050(h)(1), the following shall apply for common open space for multi-family projects with 20 or more units: A minimum 900 square feet of usable common open space shall be provided for active or passive outdoor activity. For every dwelling unit above seven, an additional 125 square feet of usable common open space shall be provided. Usable common open space is defined as an open area or recreational amenity or facility that is designed and intended to be used for outdoor living and/or recreation. Usable open space shall have a minimum dimension of 30 feet in any direction. A multi-family development shall not be located adjacent to an IR (Regional Industrial) land use zoning district, AG

(Agriculture) land use zoning district, or mining operations unless the common open space constitutes 60 percent or more of the parcel and is designed to buffer the industrial, agricultural or mining uses.

- (2) **Calculation of area.** Required front, rear, and side setback areas along streets, driveways, parking areas, and walkways shall not be used to satisfy any part of the common open space requirement.
- (3) **Amenities.** The common open space area shall include amenities indicated in Section 84.16.050 (Common Amenities and Facilities).
- (b) **Open space - private.** A minimum of 125 square feet of private open space (e.g., patios, balcony, decks, etc.), a minimum of six feet in width, shall be provided for each dwelling unit. Required private open space areas shall not be used to satisfy any part of the common open space requirement. Enclosure of private open space shall not prevent common open space surveillance by the residents.
- (c) **On-site manager.** A full-time resident manager shall be required for all multi-family projects with 20 or more dwelling units.
- (d) **Management office.** A separate management office shall be required for all multi-family projects of 20 or more dwelling units. If applicable, the management office shall be located in a central, visible location. See Figure 84-5 (Management Office in Central Location).



**Figure 84-5**  
**Management Office in Central Location**

- (e) **Signs.**
  - (1) Clear legible entry signs shall be provided to identify the development. Internal circulation signs and visitor parking areas shall also be clearly indicated. A directory that shows the location of structures and individual dwelling units within the development shall be provided. Professionally designed, creative signs are strongly encouraged
  - (2) Structure numbers and individual unit numbers shall be readily visible, in a consistent location, well lit at night, and compatible with the overall design of the residential project.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**84.16.070 Common Amenities and Facilities – Four or More Units**

- (a) **Types of required amenities.** All multi-family projects shall provide the amenities indicated in Table 84-12 (On-Site Recreation Amenities for Multi-Family Projects). The developer shall select the amenities to be provided. Recreational amenities shall be designed to serve the anticipated inhabitants of the residential project.
- (b) **Minimum type/number of amenities.** The required minimum type and/or number of recreational amenities shall be based on the total number of dwelling units within a multi-family project as follows and in compliance with Table 84-12 (Minimum On-Site Recreation Amenities for Multi-Family Projects):
  - (1) **Five to nine units: A minimum of two amenity points** from any category.
  - (2) **Ten to 19 dwelling units: A minimum of three amenity points** from any category, with a maximum of one amenity allowed from the one-point category.
  - (3) **Twenty to 49 dwelling units: A minimum of five amenity points** from any category, with a maximum of one amenity allowed from the one-point category.
  - (4) **Fifty to 99 dwelling units: A minimum of seven amenity points, including at least one amenity from the four-point category.**
  - (5) **One hundred or more dwelling units: A minimum of ten amenity points, including at least two amenities from the four-point category,** plus one additional amenity from the two-point, three-point, or four-point categories for each 50 dwelling units beyond 100.

**Table 84-12**  
**Minimum On-Site Recreation Amenities for Multi-Family Projects**

Amenity Point Category	Type of Amenity
One-Point Amenities	Bowling green Cabana or Shade trellis area Open space turf areas Passive water feature (e.g. fountain) Picnic/barbeque area Shuffleboard Tot lots (2-5 year olds; 1 or 2 activities minimum) Tree Grove Passive recreation area and/or gardens
Two-Point Amenities	Bridle paths Children's playground (Combined for age group 2-5 and age group 5-12) 1/2 court basketball (one hoop)** Community garden plots with water service Outdoor racquetball/handball tilt-up wall Putting Green Sauna Volleyball court Water feature (pond, creek area)
Three-Point Amenities	1/2 scale Soccer Field Basketball Court (2 hoops)** Child wading pool Restroom area Sports Court Tot lots (age appropriate play equipment/ 3 activities minimum)
Four-Point Amenities	Child care facility Exercise room Indoor racquet sports court Par 3 course and/or pitch and putt golf course Recreation hall/ <b>club house</b> Softball Field Swimming pool Tennis court**

\*\* Solid impervious surface shall be required.

- (c) **Thresholds for allowable densities.** The maximum density of a multi-family project shall be calculated based upon the total number of points accumulated for the amenities provided as indicated in Table 84-13 (On-Site Recreational Amenities - Thresholds for Allowable Densities):

<b>Table 84-13</b>	
<b>On-Site Recreational Amenities</b>	<b>Thresholds for Allowable Densities</b>
<b>Total Amenity Points (Based on Table 84-12, above)</b>	<b>Percent of Maximum Allowed Density (Based on 20 dwelling units/acre)</b>
2 points	75%
4 points	85%
8 points	100%

- (d) **Location of amenities.** Common open space amenities shall be provided immediately adjacent to the dwelling units for purposes of enjoyment and security.
- (e) **Community room or structure.** A multi-family project shall provide a community room or structure in compliance with Table 84-14 (Minimum Size of Community Room or Structure).

<b>Table 84-14</b>	
<b>Minimum Size of Community Room or Structure</b>	
<b>Number of Dwelling Units</b>	<b>Minimum Size (Sq. Ft.)</b>
2 to 12	None required
13 to 19	800
20 to 29	1,200
50+	1,500

- (f) **Similar amenities.** The applicable review authority (i.e., Building Official or Commission, as applicable) may approve a proposed amenity not listed in Table 84-12 (Minimum On-Site Recreation Amenities for Multi-Family Projects) if the proposed amenity meets the needs of the project residents at a similar level.

- (g) **Common laundry room facilities.**

- (1) **Laundry room facility required.** All multi-family projects shall provide a common laundry room facility equipped with washers and dryers at the ratio of one washer and one dryer for every five dwelling units. The fractional/decimal results of calculations of the required number of washers and dryers shall be rounded up to the next highest whole number.
- (2) **Reduction in number of required washers and dryers.** If a multi-family project provides washer and dryer hook-ups within one or more dwelling units, the total number of required washers and dryers in a common laundry facility shall be reduced. The amount of the reduction shall be calculated at the ratio of one washer and one dryer for every five dwelling units that are equipped with their own washer and dryer hook-ups.

- (3) **Location and features.** A common laundry room facility shall be located adjacent to a children's play area to facilitate supervision. Doors and walls shall have windows to allow natural surveillance both into the laundry room and outside to the surrounding area. See Figure 84-4 (Laundry Room Location and Features).



**Figure 84-4**  
**Laundry Room Location and Features**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.16.080 Design Guidelines for Multi-Family Projects – 20 or More Units**

- (a) **Purpose.** Appropriate design of multi-family residential structures and outdoor spaces can contribute to a dynamic, visually rich environment that promotes social interaction, fosters community pride, and instills feelings of safety and security. These design guidelines are intended to achieve the following objectives:
- (1) Establish multi-family residential architectural designs that complement various neighborhood characteristics and that support high quality development.
  - (2) Identify landscape materials and designs that enhance the appearance of multi-family residential developments and contribute to the overall quality of the community.
  - (3) Provide for amenities appropriate to the demographics of multi-family residential projects within an area.
  - (4) Apply the principles of Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) to enhance safety and security within multi-family residential development projects.
  - (5) Establish criteria to ensure quality property management.
- (b) **Site planning.**



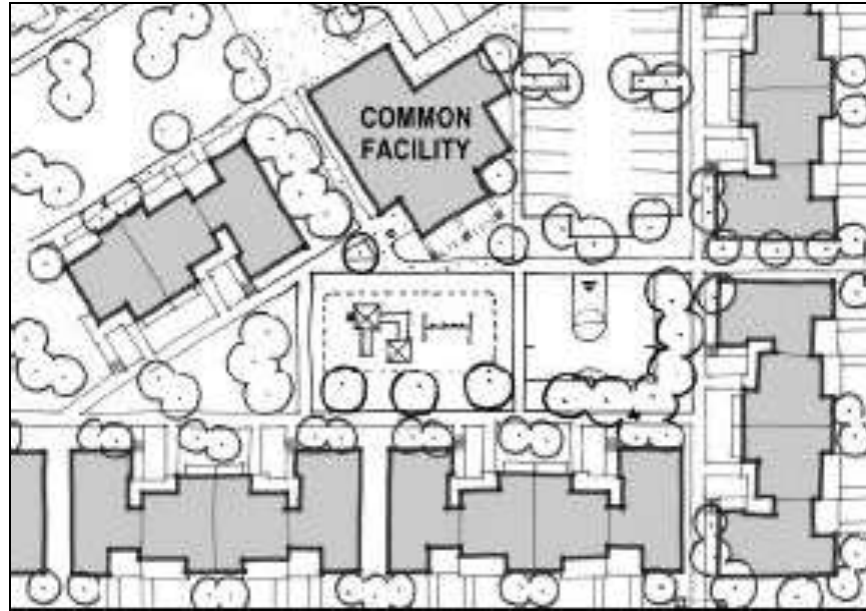
- (1) **Context.** Multi-family residential development successfully contributes to the overall community when relationships with the existing and planned land uses, development patterns, and context are considered.
- (A) New multi-family projects should respect the context of the existing neighborhood, reflect its best design features, and generally be compatible with the character of existing high quality development while still fulfilling the intent of the standards identified within this Chapter.
  - (B) Existing site amenities (e.g., views, mature trees, and similar natural features unique to the site) should be preserved and incorporated into residential projects whenever possible.
  - (C) New multi-family residential projects should be compatible with residential development in the immediate area through the use of complementary structure arrangements, buffers, and avoidance of overwhelming structure scale and visual obstructions.
  - (D) Where appropriate, new landscaping should complement existing landscape materials, location, and massing on adjacent developments.
  - (E) Developments should relate directly to the adjacent street, present an attractive and interesting facade to passersby, and appear inviting. Developments that ignore the street and create an isolated enclave are strongly discouraged. See Figure 84-6 (Dwelling Unit Oriented to Street).



**Figure 84-6**  
**Dwelling Unit Oriented to Street**

- (2) **Siting.** Appropriate structure siting can reduce the perceived density of multi-family projects, maximize open space areas, provide “eyes on the street” surveillance, and enhance neighborliness by creating community gathering spaces.
- (A) A multi-family structure **should** be oriented to a street in compliance with Subsection 84.16.060(a)(1)(A) (Site planning standards).

- (B) In addition to a street orientation, the clustering of multi-family dwelling units **should** be a consistent site planning element of the plan. Whenever possible, structures should be configured around courtyards, gathering areas, and open spaces. See Figure 84-7 (Clustering of Multi-Family Dwelling Units).



**Figure 84-7**  
**Clustering of Multi-Family Dwelling Units**

- (C) Portions of the project that are not oriented to the street **should** be well integrated into the project's overall site design. As with the street-oriented area of the project, the same design considerations **should** be given to siting, appearance, circulation, landscaping, and safety issues.
- (D) Structures should be oriented to provide some privacy yet still relate to the street and the existing community. Doors **should** be visible from the street and windows should allow residents to have "eyes on the street" for natural surveillance. See Figure 84-8 ("Eyes on the Street").

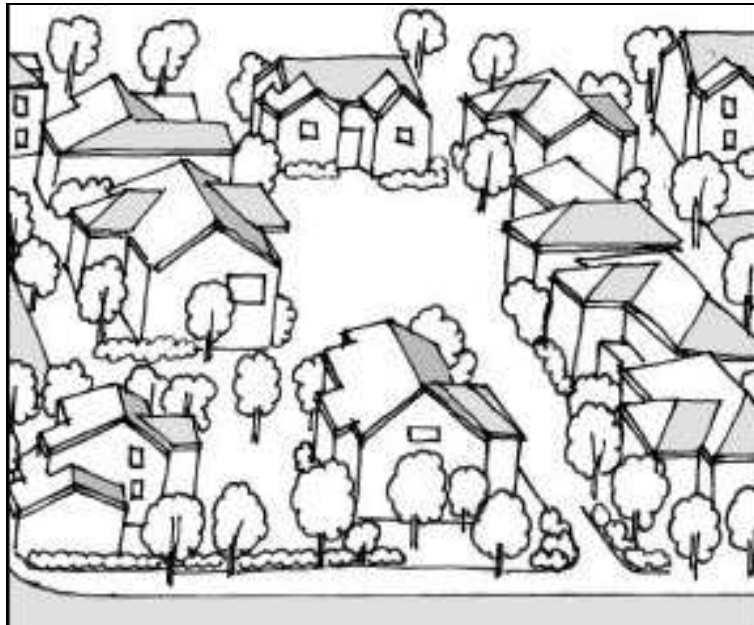


**Figure 84-8**  
**“Eyes on the Street”**

- (E) Energy efficiency and energy conservation should be considered in structure siting. Structures should be oriented to take advantage of prevailing breezes for cross ventilation of individual dwelling units, reduce the need for mechanical air conditioning, and to enhance the functionality of ceiling fans.

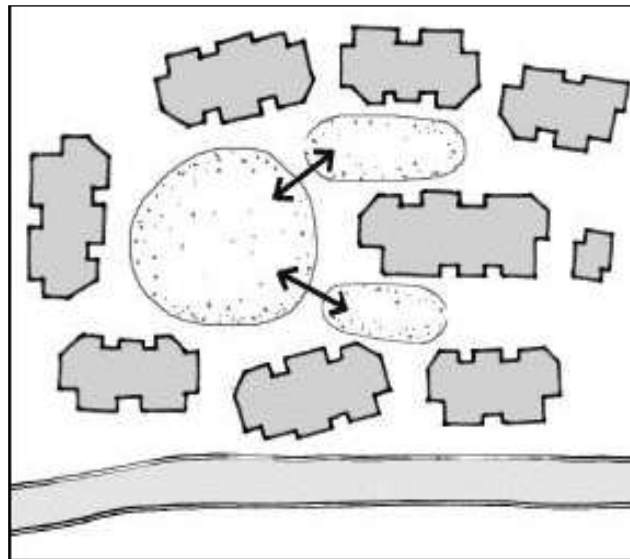
**(3) Open space.**

- (A) Residents **should** have access to useable open space for recreation and social activities. Open spaces **should** be conveniently located. See Figure 84-9 (“Access to Open Space”)



**Figure 84-9**  
**Access to Open Space**

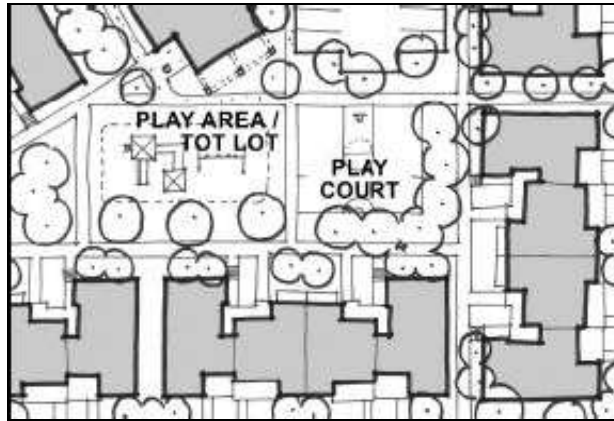
- (B) Open space areas **should** be sheltered from the noise and traffic of adjacent streets or other incompatible uses. Open space siting should take advantage of prevailing breezes and sun orientation in order to provide a comfortable environment.
- (C) Open space areas should have well-defined edges (e.g., walkways, structures, or landscaping).
- (D) A series of connected open space areas of varying shape, appearance, and usage are encouraged. Smaller areas may directly relate to a cluster of units, while the larger areas may serve several clusters as common open space. See Figure 84-10 (Connected Open Spaces).



**Figure 84-10**  
**Connected Open Spaces**

**(4) Outdoor play areas.**

- (A) Hard surface areas for activities (e.g., bicycle riding, skating, rope jumping, hopscotch, etc.) should be provided. These active play areas **should** be safely separated from vehicular use areas.
- (B) The physical capabilities and play behavior of various age groups (i.e., tots, older children, and teens) are different. In large developments, separate, but not necessarily segregated, play areas or informal outdoor spaces should be provided for each group for safety reasons. Small developments may combine these play areas (i.e., tot lot incorporated into the larger activity area for older children). See Figure 84-11 (Play Areas for Different Ages).



**Figure 84-11**  
**Play Areas for Different Ages**

- (C) Seating areas should be provided where adults can supervise children's play and also where school-age children can sit. Seating location should consider comfort factors (e.g., sun orientation, shade, wind, etc.).

**(c) Architecture.**

**(1) Overall character**

- (A) Where the neighborhood has a recognizable architectural theme, style, or character, it **should** be considered for incorporation into the project's design.
- (B) To create a unified appearance, all support structures in the project (e.g., laundry facilities, recreation structures, carports, garages, and the management office) **should** be compatible in architectural design with the rest of the development.

**(2) Structure scale and height.**

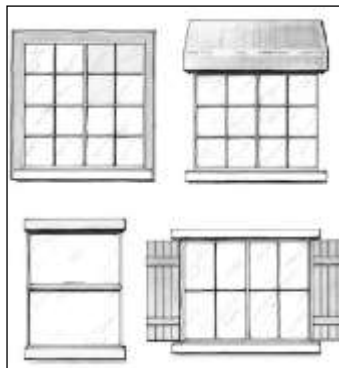
- (A) Structures **should** incorporate smaller-scale architectural forms (e.g., bays, recessed or projecting balconies, and dormers) in order to visually reduce the height and scale of the structure and emphasize the definition of individual units. Architectural elements (e.g., bay windows, porches, projecting eaves, awnings, and similar elements) that add visual interest to the development are strongly encouraged.
- (B) In order to "scale down" facades that face the street, common open space, and adjacent residential structures, it may be desirable to set back portions of the upper floors of new multi-family residential structures.
- (C) Varied structure heights are encouraged, both to provide visual interest and give the appearance of a collection of smaller structures. Structure heights at the development's edge should be considered within the context of the project's surroundings, the adjacent uses, and the distance from adjacent structures. The development's structure height should create a transition

from the heights of adjacent existing residential development, rather than form abrupt height changes. See Figure 84-12 (Height Transition).



**Figure 84-12**  
**Height Transition**

- (3) **Facade modulation.** Boxy and monotonous facades that lack human scale dimensions and have large expanses of flat wall planes **should** be prohibited. Architectural treatments (e.g., recessed windows, moldings, decorative trim, and wood frames) **should** be used to add visual interest to the facade. Windows of varied shape, size, and placement are strongly encouraged. See Figure 84-13 (Examples of Window Styles).



**Figure 84-13**  
**Examples of Window Styles**

**(4) Roofs.**

- (A) Roof pitches and materials **should** appear residential in character and **should** consider the prevailing roof types in the neighborhood (e.g., hipped roofs, gabled roofs, mansard roofs etc.). The roof pitch for a porch may be slightly lower than the roof pitch of the main structure. See Figure 84-14 (Typical Roof Types).
- (B) Roof lines **should** be broken up and varied within the overall horizontal plane. Combinations of roof heights that create variation and visual interest are strongly encouraged.



- (C) Carport roofs visible from structures **should** incorporate the roof pitch and materials of adjacent structures.



**Figure 84-14**  
**Typical Roof Types**

**(5) Mechanical equipment and vents.**

- (A) Roof-mounted mechanical equipment visible from structures or a public street **should** be screened in a manner consistent with the appearance of the structure, including materials and color.
- (B) Mechanical equipment on the ground **should** be screened from view. Utility meters and equipment **should** be placed in locations that are not exposed to view from the street or they **should** be suitably screened, including the use of landscape materials. Screening devices **should** be compatible with the architecture and color of the adjacent structures.
- (C) Roof flashing and vents exposed to public view **should** be painted to match adjacent surfaces or concealed in a manner consistent with the structure's appearance.
- (D) Screening of mechanical equipment **should** comply with Section 83.020.060 (Screening and Buffering).

**(d) Site elements.**

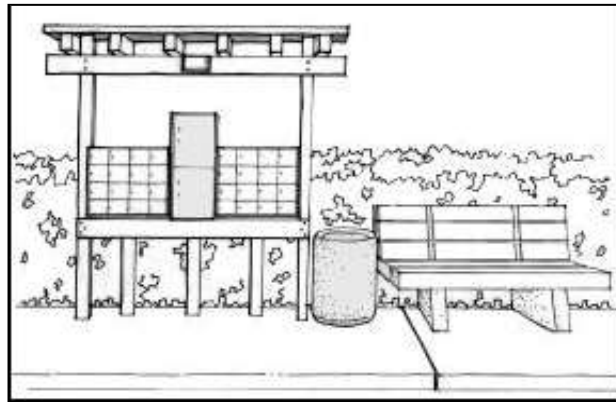
**(1) Site furniture.**

- (A) The design, selection, and placement of site furnishings (e.g., tables, benches, and solid waste receptacles) **should** be compatible with the overall site design and architectural character of the residential project.
- (B) Seating opportunities **should** be provided in both sunny and shaded areas. Seating in areas that offer opportunities for social interaction and informal surveillance (e.g., a bench near the mail box area or benches near tot lot areas and laundry rooms) are strongly encouraged. A variety of sitting area designs, from formal arrangements (e.g., benches) to informal arrangements

(e.g., low walls or steps) is strongly encouraged. In general, benches should be located in areas that have some provision for shade.

**(2) Mailboxes.**

- (A) Mailboxes **should** be located in highly visible, heavy use areas for convenience, to allow for casual social interaction, and to promote safety. A bench or seating area in close proximity to the mailbox location is strongly encouraged, and a solid waste receptacle(s) **should** be located adjacent to the mailboxes. See Figure 84-15 (Mailboxes).
- (B) Incorporation of design features (e.g., built frame consistent with the project's architectural style) is strongly encouraged.



**Figure 84-15**  
**Mailboxes**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)



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## CHAPTER 84.17 NONCONFORMING USES AND STRUCTURES

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### Sections:

- 84.17.010 Purpose
- 84.17.020 Applicability
- 84.17.030 Continuation of Nonconforming Uses and Structures
- 84.17.040 Termination of Nonconforming Use
- 84.17.050 Removal or Alterations of Nonconforming Uses
- 84.17.060 Nonconforming Commercial Chicken Ranch
- 84.17.070 Other Nonconforming Uses
- 84.17.080 Alteration of Nonconforming Uses

### 84.17.010 Purpose

- (a) **Regulation of legal conformities.** This Chapter establishes uniform provisions for the regulation of legal nonconforming land uses, structures, and parcels. Within the land use zoning districts established by this Development Code, there exist land uses, structures, and parcels that were lawfully in existence before the adoption, or amendment of this Development Code, but which would be prohibited, regulated, or restricted differently under the terms of this Development Code, as amended. This Chapter provides for their eventual elimination, but allows them to exist under the limited conditions identified in this Chapter.
- (b) **Intent.** It is the intent of this Development Code to discourage the long-term continuance of these nonconformities in order to promote the public health, safety, and general welfare and to bring the uses and structures into conformity with the goals and policies of the General Plan and any applicable Specific Plan or community plan area.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.17.020 Applicability

The provisions in this Chapter apply to existing legal nonconforming structures, uses, and parcels.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.17.030 Continuation of Nonconforming Uses and Structures

- (a) **Structural alterations.** A nonconforming structure may be continued provided there are no structural alterations except as provided in this Chapter.
- (b) **Enlargements.** A nonconforming use may be continued provided that the use shall not be increased, enlarged, extended, or altered, except as provided in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.17.040 Termination of Nonconforming Use**

- (a) **Termination by change of use.** A part of a structure or parcel occupied by a nonconforming use that is changed to or replaced by a use conforming to this Development Code shall only be used or occupied by a conforming use afterwards.
- (b) **Discontinued structures or land use.** If a part of a structure or parcel occupied by a nonconforming use is discontinued for 180 days or more, its status as a legal nonconforming use shall cease and thereafter it shall only be used or occupied in compliance with this Development Code.
- (c) **Reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding and continued use.** The provisions of this Section shall not prevent the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding and continued use of nonconforming structures or structures damaged by a natural or man-made catastrophe after the effective date of this Development Code, provided the cost of the reconstruction, repairing, or rebuilding does not exceed 75 percent of the replacement value of the structure or structures constituting a single enterprise at the time the damage occurred.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.17.050 Removal or Alterations of Nonconforming Uses**

- (a) **Time period for removal or alteration.** A legal nonconforming use, that was designated or intended for a use not presently allowed in the land use zoning district where it is located, shall be completely removed or altered to comply with the requirements for the uses allowed in the land use zoning district within a time period fixed by the Department. The time for removal or alteration may not be fixed for a date before the expiration of the normal life of a structure as determined by the Director. The determination of the normal life of a nonconforming structure and the fixing of time for its removal or alteration may only be made after notice to the owner.
- (b) **Order for removal or alteration.** An order for removal or alteration shall require the action on a date no less than five years from the time the order is made. The Department shall give the owner of the affected use or structure written notice of removal or alteration immediately upon the order becoming final and again not less than 60 or more than 180 days before the date the removal or alteration is required to be completed. If the Department fails to give this second notice within the required time period, the owner shall be given 60 days from the notice's actual postmark date.
- (c) **Exempt residential structures.** A residential structure that complied with applicable development standards at the time of its construction and that is utilized for residential purposes in a land use zoning district that allows residential uses is not subject to provisions of this Chapter even though the structure does not comply with the residential development standards established for residential land use zoning districts

in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), including the Alternate Housing Standards (AH) Overlay.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.17.060 Nonconforming Commercial Chicken Ranch**

- (a) **Continuation of ranch after change to residential land use zoning district.** A commercial chicken ranch legally existing at the time of a zone change to a residential land use zoning district may continue to operate to the full limit and extent of chicken houses, cages, brooders, and similar accessory structures existing on the premises at the time of the zone change, provided that a Certificate of Land Use Compliance is recorded in compliance with Chapter 85.05 (Certificate of Land Use Compliance) before the effective date of the zone change.
- (b) **Conditional Use Permit required for expansion of use.** In the event a commercial chicken ranch desires the addition of chicken houses, cages, brooders, or similar accessory structures beyond those existing at the time of the zone change, an approved Conditional Use Permit shall be required in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit), including findings for alteration of a nonconforming use in Section 84.17.080 (Alteration to Nonconforming Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.17.070 Other Nonconforming Uses**

- (a) **Nonconforming use of land with no structures.** The legal nonconforming use of land, where structure(s) do not exist on the effective date of this Development Code, may continue for a period of not more than 10 years, provided:
  - (1) The nonconforming use of land shall not in any way be expanded or extended, either on the same or adjoining property.
  - (2) The nonconforming use of land existed on the effective date of this Development Code. If the nonconforming use is subsequently discontinued or changed, it shall not be reestablished and any future use of the land shall comply with the provisions of this Development Code.
- (b) **On-site and off-site signs.** Legal nonconforming commercial on-site or off-site signs existing on the effective date of this Development Code may be continued, although the use does not conform with the provisions of this Development Code; provided, however, that the nonconforming signs and their supporting members shall be completely removed by their owners no later than five years from the effective date of this Development Code.
- (c) **Reclassification of land use zoning districts.** The provisions in this Section shall also apply to structures and land and uses that become nonconforming due to a reclassification of land use zoning districts under this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.17.080      Alteration of Nonconforming Uses**

- (a) **Conditional Use Permit requirement.** A legal nonconforming use shall only be altered after review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit), including the findings for alteration of a nonconforming use in Section 85.06.080 (Alteration to Nonconforming Uses).
- (b) **Exempt governmental or court actions.** Alterations required by governmental or court action shall be exempt from these conditions.
- (c) **Ownership changes.** Restrictions and conditions affecting a nonconforming use shall apply to the existing use, land, and structures and shall not be affected by ownership changes.
- (d) **Additions within setback areas.** In addition to the provisions regarding Conditional Use Permits or Variances, the Building Official may allow the construction of an additional modification to a legally existing structure within a current setback area, as established by an applicable residential land use zoning district, when the legally existing structure is within the setback area, and provided the additional modification does not exceed the projection of the existing structure into the current setback area and does not come closer than three feet to a property line. In the Fire Safety Overlay, the additional modification shall not come closer than five feet to any property line.
- (e) **Exemptions from Conditional Use Permit requirements.**
  - (1) **Nonconforming residential uses.** The requirement for a Conditional Use Permit shall not apply to nonconforming residential uses, where the uses are being modified or expanded up to a maximum of 2,000 square feet of floor space or by no more than 25 percent of the floor space or ground area existing at the time the use became a nonconforming use, whichever is greater.
  - (2) **Bringing structure or use into compliance.** The requirement for a Conditional Use Permit shall not apply to a nonconforming use or structure that is being expanded, altered, or modified to more closely approximate or exceed the standards of this Development Code with which it does not currently conform.
  - (3) **Routine Maintenance.** Routine maintenance and repair of the non-conforming structure.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**84.17.090 Conversion of Nonconforming Retail Land Use to Nonconforming Restaurant Land Use in the Mountain Region Only**

A legal nonconforming retail land use may be converted to a legal nonconforming restaurant use, as defined in this Code, and shall be considered a continuation of the legal nonconforming retail land use provided that:

- (a) Prior to such conversion, the square footage or footprint of the existing retail space is not expanded for purposed of the proposed restaurant.
- (b) The restaurant cannot expand its square footage or footprint. The restaurant may use any patio or other outside area previously used in the course of conducting the legal nonconforming retail use.
- (c) The square footage of the restaurant use shall in no event exceed 5,000 square feet.
- (d) The restaurant use shall not permit entertainment.
- (e) The restaurant use shall not serve alcoholic beverages, except with a meal.

Adopted Ordinance 4161 (2012)

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## CHAPTER 84.18 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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### Sections:

- 84.18.010 Purpose
- 84.18.020 Applicability
- 84.18.030 Development Standards
- 84.18.040 Design Standards

### 84.18.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for applicants that desire to develop under the provisions of Planned Development Permits (Chapter 85.10). The standards in this Chapter are intended to promote a more efficient use of the land and to create a more desirable and affordable living environment by providing greater design flexibility than would be possible through the strict application of standard development regulations required by a land use zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.18.020 Applicability

- (a) **Compliance with the General Plan.** The provisions in this Chapter apply to development in any land use zoning district in compliance with the application requirements identified in Chapter 85.10 (Planned Development Permit). Strict compliance with the purpose and intent of the General Plan shall be required. Only uses allowed in the land use zoning district for which the planned development is proposed shall be allowed.
- (b) **Authority of the Commission to Recommend Alteration to Standards.** The Planning Commission may recommend alteration of adopted standards in the Preliminary Development Plan, for approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- (c) **Authority of the Board to alter Standards.** Unless specifically changed within this Chapter, adopted County ordinances, standards and policies shall apply to a planned development project, including those identified in this Development Code and the General Plan. The Board of Supervisors may alter adopted standards in the Preliminary Development Plan, where the Board finds that the altered standards would more adequately serve the purpose and intent of the planned development provisions of the Development Code. Any alterations to these standards must be made consistent with the findings required in Section 85.10.050(b).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4205 (2013)

**84.18.030 Development Standards**

- (a) **Size.** A minimum site of five acres shall be required for a residential, commercial, industrial, and/or mixed-use development.
- (b) **Density.** Unless modified by the Board as described in Subsection 84.18.020 (c), the total density of a planned development shall be determined by the land use zoning district applicable to the subject property. Increased densities may be granted by the review authority through the bonus density or transfer of density authorized by the General Plan and implemented by this Development Code under the Housing Incentives Plan in Chapter 83.03 (Affordable Housing Incentives - Density Bonus), or a Specific Plan. However, density increases shall not be granted for that portion of a planned development for which only a Preliminary Development Plan has been approved. Parcel sizes smaller than those required by the land use zoning district may be approved for a Planned Development provided the overall parcel density is not exceeded, except as otherwise allowed by this Development Code and/or the General Plan. The maximum unit allowable dwelling densities shall be as follows:

Maximum Unit Allowable Dwelling Density*	Average Slope
4.0 Dwelling Units/Acre	0% - less than 15%
2.0 Dwelling Units/Acre	15% - less than 30%
1.0 Dwelling Units/3 Acres	30% - less than 40%
1.0 Dwelling Units/10 Acres	40% or greater
*The density shall not be more than the maximum allowed by the land use zoning district.	

- (1) **Transfer of density.** A 100 percent transfer of the density indicated on the General Plan official land use zoning district shall be allowed within a planned development project, provided all other performance criteria are met. The maximum allowable density transfers shall be determined by the table above. This transfer of density may include a transfer of density from adjacent property for which development restrictions in favor of the planned development project have been obtained.
- (A) To be eligible for density transfer, adjacent private lands shall meet the following criteria:
- (I) Private lands from which the density is being transferred shall be free of hazards or other physical constraints that prohibit the construction of residential dwellings.
  - (II) Private lands from which the density is being transferred shall be shown on the General Plan as developable for residential dwellings.



- (B) Open space within the project that has been created as a result of a density transfer shall be common open space. However, in those circumstances when it is infeasible or impracticable for a private organization to adequately maintain and preserve the land as open space, the land may be dedicated to the public for open space purposes.
- (C) Transferable density on slopes in within a Fire Safety Overlay shall be determined by the formulas in Section 82.13.060 (FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards).

**(2) Bonus density.**

- (A) An additional bonus in dwelling-unit density, up to 10 percent above that indicated in the General Plan Land Use Zoning District for the area, may be granted by the review authority provided one of the following criteria is met:
  - (I) A publicly valuable resource is provided, preserved, or enhanced that would otherwise require the expenditure of public monies.
  - (II) A public or quasi-public feature is provided above and beyond the normal expectations.
  - (III) An amenity, convenience, or excellence in design is provided above and beyond normal expectations.
- (B) The granting of density bonuses shall further the purpose and intent of the planned development provisions of this Development Code and the General Plan.

**(c) Accessory uses in planned residential developments (PRD's).**

- (1) Accessory uses allowed in the RS (Single-Family Residential) land use zoning district shall be allowed in a planned residential development, provided that the accessory uses are compatible with the approved PRD development plan.
- (2) When the underlying land use zoning district allows the keeping of horses, and where the density of a planned residential development project does not exceed four dwelling units per acre, horses shall be allowed in a PRD project as follows:
  - (A) On parcels 20,000 square feet or greater subject to the regulations of the RS (Single-Family Residential) land use zoning district.
  - (B) Where parcels are less than 20,000 square feet, horses shall be allowed subject to the following conditions:
    - (I) Horses shall be clustered onto common parcels.

- (II) The maximum density of horses shall not exceed four horses per gross acre of common parcel area.
  - (III) Standards and regulations of the Environmental Health Services Division shall apply.
  - (IV) Maintenance and management of the clustered facilities shall be provided by the property owners' association.
- (d) **Phased development.** In a phased development, safeguards shall be required in the form of easements or bonds or other commitments for open space requirements that will protect the integrity of the total project.
- (e) **Subdivision.** When a tentative subdivision map is filed with a planned development project, before recordation of the final subdivision map, the following items shall be filed with the appropriate agency:
- (1) Documentation of easements, covenants, deeds, and Property Owner Association by-laws, restrictions, and articles of incorporation.
  - (2) Sureties and performance bonds covering open space areas, dedicated public improvements, and other items as determined by the review authority. The amount of the performance bonds shall be reviewed annually by the appropriate agency.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4205 (2013)

#### 84.18.040 Design Standards

(a) **Circulation and parking.**

- (1) **Vehicular circulation pattern.** The vehicular circulation pattern shall be designed to:
  - (A) Provide adequate vehicular access to and within the project, in compliance with adopted County standards.
  - (B) Coordinate with external transportation networks in terms of location and loads.
  - (C) Integrate with the natural landscape and, where possible, parallel the natural drainage system.
  - (D) Comply with the noise level standards outlined in Section 83.01.080 (Noise).

- (E) Have two points of vehicular ingress and egress from surrounding streets, one of which may be emergency only **for the planned development project, and each phase of the project**. Where the applicant can show that this is a physical impossibility, the appropriate fire authority may modify this requirement.
  - (F) **Allow** private streets **as** acceptable if they are built to County standards and are inspected by the County. However, rights-of-way shall not be accepted by the County nor shall private streets be accepted as part of the County maintained road system.
- (2) **Pedestrian circulation pattern.** The pedestrian circulation pattern shall be designed so that:
- (A) It is separated from vehicular traffic where possible and it discourages pedestrian crossing of the vehicular network, except at controlled points that are designed for pedestrian safety.
  - (B) Hard-surfaced, safely lighted pedestrian access to common open space, recreational areas, community facilities, and other logical terminal points shall be provided.
- (3) **Common off-street parking areas.** Common off-street parking areas shall be designed so that:
- (A) They provide adequate, convenient, well-marked, and safely lighted parking.
  - (B) With the exception of enclosed parking structures, they shall contain appropriate landscaping to minimize the effect of large areas of asphalt or concrete.
- (4) **Parking spaces required per unit.** Two parking spaces per dwelling unit shall be provided. Tandem parking shall not be allowed except in mountain areas. Guest parking, either on-street or in common parking areas, shall be provided at a ratio of one space per two dwelling units.

**(b) Open space.**

- (1) **Open space defined.** For the purposes of this Chapter, open space within a planned development shall be the total area of land or water within the boundaries of a planned development, designed and intended for use and enjoyment as open space areas.
- (A) Open space within a planned development shall include the following:
- (I) Area of the site not covered by structures, paved areas or accessory structures, except recreational structures.

- (II) Land that is accessible and available to all occupants of the development for which the space is intended.
- (B) Open space within a planned development shall not include:
  - (I) Proposed and existing street rights-of-way and private streets.
  - (II) Open parking areas, driveways.
  - (III) School sites.
  - (IV) Commercial, industrial, or office areas, and their structures, accessory structures, parking, and loading facilities.
- (2) **Minimum open space required for planned development.** A residential planned development project shall have a minimum of 40 percent private and common open space, not including balcony area.
- (3) **Minimum open space required for each dwelling unit.** Each dwelling unit shall have a minimum contiguous private open space area as follows:
  - (A) Ground Floor. 225 square feet.
  - (B) Upper-story dwelling without ground floor. 60 square feet.
- (4) **Management of common facilities.** Provisions for the maintenance and management of the common open space and common facilities shall be reviewed and approved by the Commission. The approval shall be based on the following criteria:
  - (A) The applicant shall establish a property owners' association before the selling of a parcel or the occupancy of a dwelling unit.
  - (B) The property owners' association by-laws, restrictions, and articles of incorporation shall include the necessary regulations required by the Federal Housing Administration. Other standards shall be approved by the reviewing County Housing Authority.

**(c) Site resource utilization.**

- (1) The planned development shall be designed and developed to minimize the cutting of trees, disturbance of ground cover, cut and fill work, drainage alteration, and hillside development. Removal of trees shall be in compliance with County permit procedures.
- (2) New earthwork and exposed slopes shall be suitably stabilized in compliance with Chapter 83.08 (Hillside Grading). Scarred and erosion prone areas shall be stabilized with appropriate planting.

**(d) Site and structure relationship.**

- (1) The spacing of structures shall be governed by the requirements for adequate light and air, proper access, fire regulations, and the need for visual and auditory privacy.
- (2) Whenever possible, dwelling units shall be arranged to take advantage of views and vistas with consideration given to “micro” (subsections of the planned development) elements (e.g., climate control, pleasing relationships of structure, mass, etc.).
- (3) The planned development shall be designed to minimize the likelihood of criminal activity by:
  - (A) Minimizing those areas that are neither clearly private nor public.
  - (B) Planting landscaping to ensure that maximum observation is obtained while providing the desired degree of aesthetics.
- (4) Structure height, bulk, and “micro” coverage are regulated only to the extent that ensures that they meet the performance criteria identified in this Subsection E.
- (5) Structures for human habitation shall not be placed in an environmentally hazardous, fragile, or unique area.

**(e) Perimeter.**

- (1) Adjacent properties to the planned development shall be protected from adverse influences of traffic, land use, structure scale, and density by the combined use of screening, setbacks, and land use location.
- (2) Perimeter planning and coordination are required to ensure continuity in the community facilities and services. The applicant shall demonstrate that the development proposal can be adequately served by community facilities and services without undue public expenditure.
- (3) Planned development projects that are within Fire Safety (FS) Overlay shall develop perimeter areas in compliance with Section 82.13.060 (FS1, FS2, and FS3 Development Standards)

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4205 (2013)

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**CHAPTER 84.19 RECYCLING FACILITIES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.19.010 Purpose
- 84.19.020 Applicability
- 84.19.030 Modification of Standards
- 84.19.040 Permit Requirements
- 84.19.050 Site Clean-Up Required
- 84.19.060 Standards for Small Collection Facilities
- 84.19.070 Standards for Large Collection Facilities
- 84.19.080 Light Processing Facilities
- 84.19.090 Heavy Processing Facilities

**84.19.010 Purpose**

This Chapter establishes standards and procedures for the siting and operation of various types and sizes of commercial recycling facilities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.19.020 Applicability**

The standards and procedures in this Chapter shall apply to recycling facilities where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.19.030 Modification of Standards**

Recycling facilities shall meet the applicable criteria and standards listed in this Chapter, provided that the Director, Chief of the County Fire Department, Commission, or Board may relax the standards or impose stricter standards at their discretion upon a finding that modifications are reasonably necessary in order to implement the general intent of this Chapter and the purposes of this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.19.040 Permit Requirements**

In addition to the permit requirements in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses), recycling facilities may require a Health Permit in compliance with Title 3 (Health and Sanitation and Animal Regulations) of the County Code. Reverse vending machines shall only be allowed as an accessory use.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**84.19.050 Site Clean-Up Required**

The operator and host business of any recycling collection or processing facility shall, on a daily basis, remove any and all recyclable materials or solid wastes that have accumulated or are deposited outside the containers, bins, or enclosures intended as receptacles for these materials. Upon the failure to remove these materials, the County may deem them to be abandoned and may enter the site to remove the materials. The property owner(s) of the premises and the operator of the facility shall be liable for the full cost of cleanup work done by the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.19.060 Standards for Small Collection Facilities**

The standards in this Section shall apply to small collection facilities.

- (a) **Accessory use.** A small collection facility shall be established as an accessory use to a primary commercial, industrial, or institutional use that is in compliance with this Development Code, the California Building Code, and the Uniform Fire Code.
- (b) **Maximum floor space.** A small collection facility shall not occupy more than 500 square feet of floor space.
- (c) **Containers.**
  - (1) Containers shall be constructed and maintained with durable, waterproof, and rustproof material and shall be covered.
  - (2) Containers shall be clearly marked to identify the:
    - (A) Type(s) of recyclable(s) that may be deposited.
    - (B) Name and telephone number of the facility operator.
- (d) **Daily cleaning and maintenance.** The site shall be swept and maintained in a dust-free, litter-free condition on a daily basis.
- (e) **Setback.** The small collection facility shall be set back at least 10 feet from any street right-of-way and shall not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular circulation.
- (f) **Landscaping.** The small collection facility shall not impair the landscaping required by this Development Code for a concurrent use nor conflict with a permit issued in compliance with this Development Code.
- (g) **Noise.** Noise level shall not at any time exceed 65 dB(A) as measured at the property line of residentially zoned or occupied property; and shall not exceed 70 dB(A) at any point.



- (h) **Prohibited equipment.** Small collection facilities shall not include power-driven sorting and/or consolidation equipment (e.g., crushers, bailers, etc.) except reverse vending machines.
- (i) **Signs.** In addition to the signs and certificates issued by the Department of Conservation and Division of Recycling, which shall be displayed by the operator/processor, and the informational signs required by this Chapter, signs may be provided as follows:
- (1) An unattended container not over 50 cubic feet in bulk and not over nine feet in height may have a maximum sign area of four square feet;
  - (2) Other containers or units may have one flat-mounted sign per side of container or wall of enclosure of 20 percent of the surface of the side up to a maximum of 16 square feet.
- (l) **Prohibited materials.** Use of the small collection facility for collection of solid wastes or hazardous wastes (as defined under “Hazardous Waste” in Division 10) shall be prohibited.
- (m) **Removal after permit expiration.** If the Special Use Permit expires without renewal, the small collection facility shall be removed from the site on the day following permit expiration.
- (n) **Location and hours of operation.** Attended facilities located within 100 feet of a property zoned or occupied for residential use shall be in operation during the hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., and otherwise during the hours of operation of the host business. Containers for the 24-hour donation of materials shall be at least 30 feet from any property zoned or occupied for residential use unless there is a recognized service corridor and acoustical shielding between the containers and the residential use.
- (o) **Applicable development standards.** The small collection facility shall conform to the development standards for the land use zoning district in which it is located.
- (p) **Parking.**
- (1) Occupation of parking spaces by the small collection facility and by the attendant shall not reduce available parking spaces below the minimum number required for the primary host use in Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards) unless all of the following conditions exist:
    - (A) The facility is located in a convenience zone or a potential convenience zone as designated by the California Department of Conservation in compliance with the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act (Public Resources Code Section 14500 et seq.)

- (B) A parking study shows that existing parking capacity is not already fully utilized during the time the recycling facility will be on the site.
- (C) The Special Use Permit shall be reconsidered at the end of 12 months. Parking credits in an established parking facility may then be granted as follows:

Host Use	Number of Available Parking Spaces	Maximum Reduction
Commercial host use	0-25	0
	26-35	2
	36-49	3
	50-99	4
	100+	5
Community facility host use	A maximum five spaces reduction will be allowed when not in conflict with parking needs of the host use.	

- (2) Mobile recycling units shall have an area clearly marked to prohibit other vehicular parking during the hours when the mobile unit is scheduled to be present.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.19.070 Standards for Large Collection Facilities**

The standards in this Section shall apply to large collection facilities.

**(a) Size and location.** A large collection facility:

- (1) Shall be larger than 500 square feet or shall be located on a separate property not related to a host use; and
- (2) May have a permanent structure.

**(b) Setback from residential use.** A large collection facility shall be located at least 150 feet from the property line of any residential use or land use zoning district that allows residential land uses.

**(c) Screening.** A large collection facility shall be screened from the public right-of-way by operating in an enclosed building or within an area enclosed by an opaque fence at least six feet in height with landscaping

**(d) Setbacks and landscaping requirements.** Setbacks and landscape requirements shall be those provided for the land use zoning district in which the facility is located.

- (e) **Outdoor storage.** Exterior storage of material shall be in sturdy containers that are covered, secured, and maintained in good condition, or may be baled or placed on pallets. Storage containers for flammable material shall be constructed of non-flammable material. Oil storage shall be in containers approved by the County Fire Department. No storage, excluding truck trailers and overseas containers, shall be visible above the height of the fencing, screening, or landscaping.
- (f) **Daily cleaning and maintenance.** The site shall be maintained free of litter, dust, flies, and any other undesirable materials, and shall be cleaned of loose debris on a daily basis.
- (g) **Parking.**
  - (1) Space shall be provided on site for six vehicles or the anticipated peak customer load, whichever is higher, to circulate and to deposit recyclable materials, except where the review authority determines that allowing overflow traffic above six vehicles is compatible with surrounding businesses and public safety.
  - (2) One parking space shall be provided for each commercial vehicle operated by the recycling facility. Parking requirements for customers shall be as provided for in the land use zoning district in which the facility is located, except that parking requirements for employees may be reduced when it can be shown that parking spaces are not necessary such as when employees are transported in a company vehicle to a work facility.
- (h) **Noise.** Noise levels shall not exceed 65 dB(A) as measured at the property line of residentially zoned or occupied property, and shall not exceed 70 dB(A) at any point.
- (i) **Hours of operation.** If the facility is located within 500 feet of property zoned, planned, or occupied for residential use, it shall not be in operation between 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- (j) **Containers for after-hours donations.** Containers or enclosures provided for after-hours donation of recyclable materials shall be:
  - (1) Located at least 50 feet from any property zoned, planned, or occupied for residential use.
  - (2) Constructed of sturdy, rustproof material.
  - (3) Of sufficient capacity to accommodate materials collected.
  - (4) Secured from unauthorized entry or removal of materials.
- (k) **Donation areas.** Donation areas shall be kept free of litter and any other undesirable material and the containers shall be clearly marked to identify the type of material that may be deposited. A large collection facility shall display a notice stating that no material shall be left outside the recycling containers.

- (l) **Signs.** A large collection facility shall be clearly marked with the name and phone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation. Identification and informational signs shall meet the standards of the land use zoning district in which the facility is located. Directional signs may be installed with the approval of the Director, if necessary, to facilitate traffic circulation or if the facility is not visible from the public right-of-way.
- (m) **Power-driven processing.** Power-driven processing (e.g., aluminum foil and can compacting, baling, plastic shredding, light processing activities necessary for efficient temporary storage and shipment of material, etc.) may be approved at the discretion of the Commission if noise restrictions and other conditions are met.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.19.080 Light Processing Facilities

- (a) **Maximum size.** A light processing facility shall be no larger than 45,000 square feet.
- (b) **Truck traffic.** No more than an average of two outbound truck shipments of material per day shall be allowed.
- (c) **Allowed materials.** A light processing facility may not shred, compact, or bale ferrous metals other than food and beverage containers.
- (d) **Compliance with other standards.** A light processing facility shall comply with the standards in Section 84.19.090 (Heavy Processing Facilities).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### 84.19.090 Heavy Processing Facilities

The standards in this Section shall apply to heavy recyclable materials processing facilities.

- (a) **Setback from residential use.** A processing facility shall be located at least 150 feet from property planned, zoned, or occupied for residential use and operations shall take place within a fully enclosed building or within an area enclosed by a solid wood or masonry fence at least six feet in height.
- (b) **Setbacks and landscaping.** Setbacks from property lines shall be those provided for the land use zoning district in which the facility is located. If the setback is less than 25 feet, the facility shall be buffered by a landscape strip at least 10 feet wide along each property line;
- (c) **Hours of operation.** If the processing facility is located within 500 feet of property zoned, planned, or occupied for residential use, it shall not operate between 7:00 P.M. and 7:00 A.M.

- (d) **On-site personnel.** On-site personnel shall administer the processing facility during the hours the facility is open.
- (e) **Noise.** Noise level shall not exceed 65 dB(A), as measured at the property line of an existing residence or land use zoning district allowing residential land uses, and shall not exceed 70 dB(A) at any point;
- (f) **Signs.** Sign criteria shall be those specified in Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations). In addition, the facility shall be clearly marked with the name and phone number of the facility operator and the hours of operation;
- (g) **Containers for after-hours donations.** Containers or enclosures provided for after-hours donation of recyclable materials shall be:
  - (1) Located at least 50 feet from any property zoned, planned, or occupied for residential use.
  - (2) Constructed of sturdy, rustproof material.
  - (3) Of sufficient capacity to accommodate materials collected.
  - (4) Secured from unauthorized entry or removal of materials.
- (h) **Donation areas.** Donation areas shall be kept free of litter and any other undesirable material. The containers shall be clearly marked to identify the type of material that may be deposited. A processing facility shall display a notice stating that no material shall be left outside the recycling containers.
- (i) **Dust.** No dust, fumes, odor, smoke, or vibration above ambient level shall be detectable on neighboring properties.
- (j) **Power-driven processing.** Power-driven processing shall be allowed, provided noise level requirements are met. Light processing facilities shall be limited to baling, briquetting, crushing, compacting, grinding, shredding and sorting of source-separated recyclable materials, and repairing of reusable materials.
- (k) **Used motor oil.** A processing facility may accept used motor oil for recycling from the generator in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 25250.11 (Management of Used Oil).
- (l) **Outdoor storage.** Exterior storage of material shall be in sturdy containers or enclosures that are covered, secured, and maintained in good condition or may be baled or placed on pallets. Storage containers for flammable material shall be constructed of non-flammable material. Oil storage shall be in containers approved by the Chief of the County Fire Department. No storage, excluding truck trailers and overseas containers, shall be visible above the height of the fencing, screening or landscaping.

- (m) **Daily cleaning and maintenance.** The site shall be maintained free of litter and any other undesirable materials and shall be cleaned of loose debris on a daily basis.
- (n) **Site security.** The site shall be secured from unauthorized entry and removal of materials when attendants are not present.
- (o) **Parking.**
  - (1) Space shall be provided on-site for the anticipated peak load of customers to circulate, park and deposit recyclable materials. A minimum of six parking spaces or on-site drive-through stacking capacity for 10 vehicles shall be provided.
  - (2) One parking space shall be provided for each commercial vehicle operated by the processing center. Parking requirements shall otherwise be as mandated by the land use zoning district in which the facility is located.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84.20 SERVICE STATIONS

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### Sections:

- 84.20.010 Purpose
- 84.20.020 Applicability
- 84.20.030 Development Standards

### 84.20.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides site planning and development standards for service stations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.20.020 Applicability

The development standards provided in this Chapter shall apply to service stations where allowed in compliance with the provisions of Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.20.030 Development Standards

- (a) **Canopies.** Protective pump island canopies shall maintain a setback of five feet from the right-of-way shown on the adopted Master Plan of Highways.
- (b) **Pump islands.**
  - (1) Pump islands, when designed parallel or up to an angle of 30 degrees to the nearest right-of-way, shall maintain a setback of 15 feet from the nearest right-of-way shown on the Circulation Element of the General Plan, adopted Specific Plan, or community plan area.
  - (2) Pump islands, when designed at an angle of 31 degrees or more to the nearest right-of-way, shall maintain a setback of 25 feet from the right-of-way shown on the Circulation Element of the General Plan, specific plan, or community plan area.
- (d) **Lighting standards.** Light standards shall maintain a setback of one foot from the right-of-way shown on the Circulation Element of the General Plan.
- (e) **Other structures.** Other structures over four feet in height shall maintain setbacks as required for the land use zoning district in which they are located or as required by the applicable Specific Plan or community plan area.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



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## CHAPTER 84.21 SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS

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### Sections:

- 84.21.010 Purpose
- 84.21.020 Applicability
- 84.21.030 Minimum Residential Construction Standards

#### 84.21.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide standards for the installation of single-family dwellings.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.21.020 Applicability

The standards in this Chapter apply to the construction or installation of detached single-family residential structures where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). However, nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to allow housing designs or construction standards that do not meet the standards of a historic district or of a historic landmark. **The road dedication and street improvement standards provided in this Chapter do not apply to: (1) the alteration or enlargement of an existing building or structure on a lot or parcel of land if the total square footage of such alteration or enlargement, and all other alterations or enlargements completed three (3) years prior to the date of the application for a permit for such alteration or enlargement, does not exceed one-half (1/2) of the original square footage of all buildings and structures on such lot or parcel of land, or (2) the erection of one or more accessory structures (not including accessory dwellings) as defined in Subsection 810.01.030(g) of the County Code. For purposes of this section, "original square footage" means the square footage of all buildings and structures that existed on such lot or parcel of land three (3) years prior to the date of the application for such permit.**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4181 (2012)**

#### 84.21.030 Minimum Residential Construction Standards

- (a) **Manufactured home foundation systems.** Manufactured home foundation systems shall comply with either Health and Safety Code Section 18551 or Title 25, Chapter 2, Sections 1333 and 1334 of the California Code of Regulations, and shall include tie down, clip, or anchoring systems approved by an engineer to resist lateral forces for the subject manufactured home.
- (b) **Siding.** Siding material shall consist of stucco, wood, brick, stone, or decorative concrete block. Synthetic products of a similar appearance and equivalent durability shall be allowed. Metal siding, if utilized, shall be nonreflective. The exterior covering material shall extend to a point at or near grade, except if an approved solid wood, metal, concrete, or masonry perimeter foundation is used, the exterior covering material need not extend below the top of the foundation.

- (c) **Roofing material.** The roofing material shall be tile, composite shingles, wood shakes, and shingles (if allowed by the Fire Safety (FS) overlay or other applicable overlay(s) , or other material customarily used in the surrounding community.
- (d) **Entries and exits.** Entries and exits shall be completed in compliance with Chapter 10 of the California Building Code.
- (e) **Parcels greater than 30 feet in width and 5,000 square feet in area.** Residential structures located on parcels greater than 30 feet in width and greater than 5,000 square feet in area shall comply with the provisions in Subsections A through D, above, and the following:
  - (1) Minimum floor area shall be 725 square feet measured from the exterior of the structure.
  - (2) Minimum floor width and depth shall each average 20 feet measured from the exterior of the structure, excluding garages, porches, patios, eaves, cabanas, and popouts.
  - (3) In the Valley Region and Desert Region, residential structures located in a Single Residential (RS) land use zoning district, except for those parcels that are located in the AH (Alternate Housing Standards) overlay, shall have an enclosed garage or carport with minimum interior dimensions of 10 feet by 20 feet constructed in compliance with the California Building Code. In compliance with Section 83.11.040 (Number of Parking Spaces Required), a second parking space shall be provided that may be uncovered and with the minimum dimensions of nine by 19 feet.
  - (4) Utility hookups and an area suitable to accommodate the installation of a clothes washer and dryer shall be provided within the primary structure or within an enclosed accessory structure.
- (f) **Parcels less than 30 feet in width or 5,000 square feet in area.** Residential structures located on parcels of 30 feet or less in width or 5,000 square feet or less in area shall comply with the provisions as specified in Subsections A through D, above, and the following:
  - (1) Minimum floor area shall be 600 square feet measured from the exterior of the structure.
  - (2) Minimum floor width shall be 15 feet measured from the exterior of the structure.
- (g) **Compliance with AH (Alternate Housing Standards) overlay requirements.** A home installed on a parcel located in an AH (Alternate Housing Standards) overlay shall comply with the provisions in Section 82.10.030 (Development Standards).

- (h) **Where manufactured homes allowed.** Manufactured homes installed or constructed in compliance with this Section shall be allowed in land use zoning districts where detached single-family residential structures are allowed.
- (i) **Certification tag or label required.** A permit from the Building and Safety Division for the installation of a manufactured home not within an approved and properly licensed mobile home park shall not be issued, if more than ten years have elapsed between the date of manufacture and the date of the application for the issuance of the permit to install such manufactured home except as provided below. Also, the manufacturer shall permanently affixed a label or tag to the manufactured home certifying that the manufactured home complies with Federal construction and safety standards applicable to the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974 (42 U.S.C. Section 5401, et. Seq., Section 5415).

The ten-year standard provided above shall apply to all manufactured homes except when the following findings can be made:

- (1) The site for the proposed location of the manufactured home is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the use and all parking areas, setbacks, structure coverage, yards, and other applicable requirements of this Development Code;
  - (2) The Building and Safety Division has investigated, inspected and reported on the manufactured home and has determined that the manufactured home proposed for installation substantially conforms to the construction standards regarding health, accessibility, life and fire safety and structural requirements applicable to manufactured homes less than ten years old; and
  - (3) The appearance of the manufactured home and the method of siting are compatible with the appearance of the primary structure and the structures in the surrounding neighborhood.
- (j) **Infrastructure requirements.** A building permit shall not be issued for the construction of single-family residential dwelling unless all of the following infrastructure requirements are satisfied for an existing lot of record:

- (1) Proof of legal and physical access.

(A) Physical access is a route which is traversable in a standard (two-wheel drive) sedan. Proof shall consist of an Engineer or Surveyor's signed and sealed letter, certifying that physical access has been completed.

(B) Legal access is:

(I) A dedicated right-of-way;

- (II) A dedication to the County of San Bernardino and to the public in general, an easement for public road, County highway and public utility purposes of a width as established by the Circulation Element of the General Plan. The easement or road constructed on the dedicated land shall not become a County highway until and unless the Board of Supervisors, by appropriate resolution, has caused the road to be accepted into the County maintained road system.
  - (III) An existing traveled way that is substantially in compliance with County road standards, where a prescriptive right by the user has been established for the public use by court decree.
  - (IV) Private road easement
- (C) When all feasible efforts to establish legal access in accordance with 84.21.030 (j) (1) (B) have been exhausted, the lot is an existing legally created parcel, and the property owner has physical access, the Director, in his/ her discretion, may waive the requirement for legal access on the condition that the property owner enters into an agreement in the form required by the County which includes the property owner's: (1) representation that the owner has a right to physical access; (2) acknowledgement that proof of legal access has not been provided to the County's satisfaction; and, (3) agreement to disclose to any subsequent owners that legal access has not been established to the satisfaction of the County. Notation of said agreement and conditions of waiver shall also be included on the building permit.
- (2) Infrastructure as determined by the Land Development Division of the Public Works Department depending on the location of the parcel to be developed. This may include, but not limited to, any of the following: paved access, curbs and gutters, sidewalk, and/or appropriate drainage improvements.
  - (3) Water.
    - (A) Water purveyor. Required when in the service area of a water purveyor and the purveyor can supply the water.
    - (B) Substantiated well water. If the subject parcel is not within the service area of a water purveyor, well water may be allowed if all required setbacks are met.
    - (C) Hauled water. No hauled water will be allowed without approval from the Division of Environmental Health Services.
  - (4) Sanitation.
    - (A) Sewer. Required when in the service area of a sewer provider and the subject parcel is within 200 feet of the sewer line.

(B) Septic systems/holding tanks: Allowed in compliance with the local Regional Water Quality Control Board regulations.

(5) Fireflow. Adequate fireflow in compliance the Uniform Fire Code and with Section 23.018 (Amendments to the Uniform Fire Code) of the County Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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## CHAPTER 84.22 SMALL LOT STANDARDS

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### Sections:

- 84.22.010 Purpose
- 84.22.020 Applicability
- 84.22.030 Development Requirements

### 84.22.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide development standards for residential development on small lots in order to minimize adverse impacts on County water, sewage treatment, road, and fire protection resources.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.22.020 Applicability

The standards in this Chapter shall apply to parcels that are 5,000 square feet or less in area or that are less than 60 feet in width. This Chapter shall not apply to parcels that are a part of an approved subdivision recorded after July 1, 1984 or an approved Planned Development.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.22.030 Development Requirements

New dwellings and accessory structures on small lots shall be subject to the following requirements.

- (a) **Parcel merger requirements and exemption.** An application for a development permit for a dwelling or accessory structure on a small lot shall be accompanied by one of the following:
  - (1) A recorded Notice of Merger of the subject parcel with an abutting parcel in common contiguous ownership; or
  - (2) Documentation showing the record ownership of the subject parcel, and all parcels sharing a common side lot line with the subject parcel. If adjoining parcels are under the same ownership, the parcels shall be merged to bring them closer to, or fully into, conformance with minimum parcel sizes, thus enhancing the public health and safety of the area. If the Record of Ownership shows that adjoining parcels are not under the same ownership, merger of the parcels shall not be required.

- (b) **Dedication requirement.** An offer of dedication or grant of road easement shall be required before the issuance of a development permit. The offer of dedication or grant of road easement shall provide a minimum 40-foot right-of-way width on all roads or streets or other width as deemed necessary by the Director of the Department of Public Works.
- (c) **Setback requirements.**
- (1) The front setback of a small lot may be reduced to no less than 15 feet.
  - (2) Each interior side setback of each small lot may be reduced to no less than five feet provided there is at least 10 feet between structures.
- (d) **Water requirement.**
- (1) A form provided by the Environmental Health Services Division and signed by the water-serving entity, or a letter from the water-serving entity, shall be submitted to the Building Official. The form or letter shall certify that adequate line and storage capacity exists or will exist to serve the proposed dwelling and that arrangements have been made to serve each dwelling with a potable water system at the time of occupancy or final building inspection. This requires that the water main will be in place to serve the property or that financial arrangements have been made with the water-serving entity for installation of the water main.
  - (2) In the absence of a water serving entity, an approved domestic water system under pressure shall be installed to serve each proposed dwelling. The Environmental Health Services Division shall certify the domestic water system, and a copy of the certification shall be submitted to the Building Official.
- (e) **Sewer requirement.**
- (1) A form provided by the Environmental Health Services Division and signed by the sewer-serving entity, or a letter from the sewer-serving entity, shall be submitted to the Building Official. The form or letter shall certify that an adequate collection system and treatment plant capacity exists or will exist to serve the proposed dwelling, and that sewage hookup arrangements have been made to serve each dwelling at the time of occupancy or final building inspection.
  - (2) In the absence of a sewer-serving entity, a letter from the Environmental Health Services Division, indicating that an individual sewage system with subsurface disposal is allowed, shall be submitted to the Building Official.



- (f) **Survey requirement.** Evidence shall be submitted to and approved by the County Surveyor that each parcel has been surveyed and staked in compliance with the provisions of the Professional Land Surveyors' Act (Business and Professions Code Section 8700 et seq.) by a registered civil engineer or licensed land surveyor, or evidence of a past survey shall be submitted to and approved by the County Surveyor as being in conformance with the Professional Land Surveyors' Act.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 84.23 SOCIAL CARE FACILITIES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.23.010 Purpose
- 84.23.020 Applicability
- 84.23.030 Development Standards

**84.23.010 Purpose**

This Chapter provides standards for the establishment and operation of social care facilities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.23.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter apply to social care facilities where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.23.030 Development Standards**

- (a) **Social care facilities serving 6 or fewer persons.** Each social care facility shall conform to the property development standards for the land use zoning district in which it is located.
- (b) **Social care facilities serving 7 or more persons.**
  - (1) **Applicable land use zoning district development standards.** Each social care facility shall conform to the property development standards for the land use zoning district in which it is located.
  - (2) **Separation.** Social care facilities shall not be located within 300 feet of another similar facility.
  - (3) **Walls.** Social care facilities shall provide a 6-foot high solid decorative block wall along all property lines, except in the front yard. Walls shall provide for safety with controlled points of entry and shall incorporate decorative materials and features.
  - (4) **Landscaping.** On-site landscaping shall comply with Chapter 83.10 (Landscaping Standards) and shall be regularly maintained, including providing irrigation.

- (5) **Outdoor lighting.** Outdoor lighting shall comply with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
- (6) **Signs.** No signs shall be allowed within a residential land use zoning district. Signs for social care facilities within nonresidential land use zoning districts shall comply with Chapter 83.13 (Signs).
- (7) **Fire Department requirements.** Each social care facility shall provide fire extinguishers and smoke detector devices and shall meet all standards established by the Fire Chief.
- (8) **Noise.** Outdoor activities shall be conducted only between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m.
- (9) **Applicable health and safety regulations.** Social care facilities shall be operated in compliance with applicable State and local health and safety regulations.
- (10) **Required permits and licenses.**

Social care facilities shall be in conformance with the California Building Code. A certificate of occupancy shall be obtained from the Building and Safety Division before occupancy of social care facilities.

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## CHAPTER 84.24 SOLID WASTE/RECYCLABLE MATERIALS STORAGE

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### Sections:

- 84.24.010 Purpose
- 84.24.020 Applicability
- 84.24.030 Storage Areas for Multi-Family Uses
- 84.24.040 Storage Areas for Nonresidential Uses
- 84.24.050 Location Standards
- 84.24.060 Design and Construction Standards

### **84.24.010 Purpose**

This Chapter provides standards for the provision of solid waste (refuse) and recyclable material storage areas in compliance with State law.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.24.020 Applicability**

The standards in this Chapter apply to residential multi-family uses and nonresidential uses where allowed in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **84.24.030 Storage Areas for Multi-Family Uses**

- (a) **Multi-family uses.** Table 84-10 indicates the minimum requirements for common refuse and recyclable material storage areas for multi-family developments with five or more units. Storage areas may be located indoors or outdoors as long as they are readily accessible to residents. Areas are measured in square feet.

**TABLE 84-12**  
**MULTI-FAMILY DEVELOPMENT**  
**MINIMUM COMMON STORAGE AREAS REQUIRED**  
**(SQ. FT.)**

<b>Dwellings</b>	<b>Refuse</b>	<b>Recycling</b>	<b>Total Area</b>
4 or more	12	12	24
10-15	24	24	48
16-25	48	48	96
26-50	96	96	192
51-75	144	144	288
76-100	192	192	384
101-125	240	240	480
126-150	288	288	576
151-175	316	316	672
176-200	384	384	768
201+	Every additional 25 dwellings shall require an additional 100 sq. ft. for solid waste and 100 sq. ft. for recyclables.		

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **84.24.040 Storage Areas for Nonresidential Uses**

Nonresidential uses shall provide refuse and recyclable material storage areas in compliance with the following requirements. Requirements apply to each individual structure. Areas are measured in square feet.

**TABLE 84-13**  
**NONRESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES**  
**MINIMUM STORAGE AREAS REQUIRED (SQ. FT)**

<b>Building Floor Area</b>	<b>Refuse</b>	<b>Recycling</b>	<b>Total Area*</b>
Up to 5,000	12	12	24
5,001-10,000	24	24	48
10,001-25,000	48	48	96
25,001-50,000	96	96	192
50,001-75,000	144	144	288
75,001-100,000	192	192	384
100,001+	Every additional 25,000 sq. ft. shall require an additional 48 sq. ft. for solid waste and 48 sq. ft. for recyclables.		

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.24.050 Location Standards**

- (a) **Adjacent/combined areas.** Refuse and recyclable materials storage areas shall be adjacent/combined with one another.
- (b) **Accessibility.** Refuse and recyclable materials storage areas shall be accessible to residents, employees, and haulers at all times. Storage areas within multi-family residential developments shall be located within 150 feet of an access doorway to the dwellings that they are intended to serve.
- (c) **Distance from doors and windows.** Refuse and recyclable materials storage areas shall not be closer than 20 feet from doors or operable windows of adjoining structures.
- (d) **Exterior storage space.** Exterior storage area(s) shall not be located in a required front yard, street side yard, parking space, landscaped, or open space area, and any other area required to be maintained unencumbered in compliance with fire and other applicable building and public safety codes.

- (e) **Driveways or aisles.** Driveways or aisles shall provide unobstructed access for collection vehicles and personnel and provide at least the minimum clearance required by the collection methods and vehicles utilized by the designated collector.
- (f) **Alley.** In cases where a parcel is served by an alley, all storage areas shall be directly accessible to the alley.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.24.060 Design and Construction Standards**

The design and construction of the storage areas shall be in compliance with current County standards and the following:

- (a) **Architectural compatibility.** If the storage area is located outside or on the exterior of a structure, it shall be architecturally compatible with the materials and colors of other structures on the property.
- (b) **Architectural features.** Exterior storage areas shall be enclosed by six-foot high masonry walls with steel gates. A concrete apron equal to the width of the gate and outward from the enclosure a minimum of six feet shall be provided. The Director may require the provision of a roof structure over the enclosure to obstruct visibility of the enclosure from above.
- (c) **Landscaping.** The exterior perimeter of the storage areas shall be planted, if feasible, with drought resistant landscaping, including a combination of shrubs and/or climbing evergreen vines.
- (d) **Lighting.** The storage areas shall be well lit with a minimum one foot-candle.
- (e) **Signs.** Signs shall be conspicuously posted on each storage area giving instructions on the use of the recycling bins and containers. Each sign shall not exceed four square feet in area and shall be posted on the exterior of the storage area, adjacent to the access point.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



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**CHAPTER 84.25 TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.25.010 Purpose
- 84.25.020 Applicability
- 84.25.030 Exempt Temporary Structures and Uses
- 84.25.040 Structures and Uses Allowed with Temporary Use Permit
- 84.25.050 Additional Development Standards
- 84.25.060 Interim Operation of Activities Requiring a Conditional Use Permit
- 84.25.070 **Camping or Occupancy of Temporary Structure Prohibited**

**84.25.010 Purpose**

This purpose of this Chapter is to provide development and use standards for temporary structures and uses that might not meet the normal development or use standards of the applicable land use zoning district, but may otherwise be acceptable because of their temporary nature, **and to prohibit the use of vehicles as substitutes for structures unless otherwise allowed, permitted, or exempted.** The intent of these standards is to minimize the potential incompatibility of a temporary structure or use **or use of a vehicle in lieu of such structures** and to regulate the location, operation, and/or duration to protect the public convenience, health, interest, safety, and general welfare.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**84.25.020 Applicability**

This Chapter provides development and use standards for structures and uses that fall within the categories in Section 85.15.020 (Types of Temporary Use Permits and Review Authorities). Regulations for temporary special events are provided in Chapter 84.25 (Temporary Structures and Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.25.030 Exempt Temporary Structures and Uses**

The temporary structures and uses listed in this Section shall be exempt from obtaining a Temporary Use Permit. Temporary structures and uses that do not fall within the following categories shall comply with Section 85.15.020 (Types of Temporary Use Permits and Review Authorities)

- (a) **Construction yards - On-site.** On-site contractors' construction yards, for an approved construction project. The construction yard shall be removed immediately upon completion of the construction project, or the expiration of the Building Permit authorizing the construction project, whichever first occurs.

- (b) **Emergency facilities.** Emergency public health and safety needs/land use activities, as determined by the Board.
- (c) **Events on sites approved for public assembly.** An event on the site of, or within, a golf course, meeting hall, religious facility, school, theater, or other similar facility designed, and approved by the County for public assembly.
- (d) **Fund-raising car washes.**
  - (1) Car washes on property within a commercial, industrial, or institutional land use zoning district, limited to a maximum of two days per month for each sponsoring organization.
  - (2) Sponsorship shall be limited to educational, fraternal, religious, or service organizations directly engaged in civic or charitable efforts, or to tax exempt organizations in compliance with 501(c) of the Federal Revenue and Taxation Code.
  - (3) Even though fund-raising car washes are exempt from obtaining a Temporary Use Permit, they shall still be conducted in compliance with applicable stormwater regulations to minimize potential water quality impacts.
- (e) **Garage sales.** Garage sales, not to exceed four per year, each of which may not exceed three consecutive days. For multi-family dwellings, a maximum of two garage sales per calendar year per legal dwelling unit shall be allowed. All other provisions of Chapter 84.10 shall apply.
- (f) **Location filming.** The temporary use of a specific site for the location filming of commercials, movies, videos, etc., for the time specified by the Director. Even though this use is exempt from a Temporary Use Permit, it does require a Film Permit issued by the Inland Empire Film Commission and processed in compliance with County Code Section 41.2201 et seq. (Issuance of Filming Permits and Fees).
- (g) **Public property or public right-of-way.** Construction and maintenance activities conducted on public properties that are authorized by an Encroachment Permit issued by the Department of Public Works.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.25.040 Structures and Uses Allowed with Temporary Use Permit**

The temporary structures and uses identified in this Section shall be allowed in any land use zoning district subject to the standards in this Section and a Temporary Use Permit issued in compliance with Section 85.15 (Temporary Use Permits).

- (a) **Batch Plants.** Batch plants necessary for the construction of major public infrastructure improvements provided proper review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is completed.

- (b) **Construction yards - Off-site.** Off-site contractors' construction yards, for an approved construction project. The construction yard shall be removed immediately upon completion of the construction project, or the expiration of the Building Permit authorizing the construction project, whichever first occurs.
- (c) **Events.** Art and craft exhibits, auctions, carnivals, circuses, concerts, fairs, farmer's markets, festivals, flea markets, food events, open-air theaters, outdoor entertainment/sporting events, religious revivals, rummage sales, second hand sales, swap meets, and other special events for up to five days, or four two-day weekends, within a 12-month period, allowed only on nonresidential properties. Refer to Chapter 85.16 (Temporary Special Event Permits) for specific requirements for a Temporary Special Event Permit.
- (d) **Seasonal holiday sales facilities.** Seasonal holiday sales activities (e.g., Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.) including temporary residence/security trailers, on nonresidential properties, for up to 45 days.
- (1) **Date of opening.** A Christmas tree sales facility shall not be open for business during any calendar day before Thanksgiving. Other holiday sales facilities shall not be open more than 30 days before the holiday.
  - (2) **Additional permits.** The applicant shall secure an electrical permit if the facility is to be energized and the proper permits from the Building Division for any temporary structure or shelter.
  - (3) **Fire prevention.** Each Christmas tree/holiday sales facility shall comply with fire prevention standards as approved and enforced by the Fire Chief, including any burning or open fires or flocking or painting.
  - (4) **Maintenance.** Seasonal holiday sales facilities shall be kept clean and free of debris at all times during use of the property.
  - (5) **Merchandise.** A seasonal holiday sales facility shall not engage in the sale of any merchandise not directly associated with the holiday identified by the applicant as the basis for the seasonal holiday facility.
  - (6) **Off-street parking.** Public Works shall approve all public access and surfacing of the parking area.
  - (7) **Removal of facility.** The seasonal holiday facility shall be removed within 14 days after Christmas or other holiday.
- (e) **Temporary occupancy.** A temporary occupancy use shall be located on the same parcel or on a contiguous parcel under the same ownership or control as the primary construction project, property being protected, or other primary use for which the Temporary Use Permit was requested and approved.

**(1) During construction.**

- (A) **Major development projects.** Temporary structures and property may be used during the construction phase of an approved major development project (e.g., residential projects with five or more dwelling units or any commercial or industrial project). The structures or property may be used as offices or for the storage of equipment and/or tools.
- (B) **Minor development projects.** An existing dwelling unit or a temporary structure and property may be used during the construction phase of an approved minor development project (e.g., residential projects with four or fewer dwelling units). The structure or property may be used as a temporary residence, an office, or for the storage of equipment and/or tools.
- (C) **Appropriate conditions.** The permit shall contain reasonable and necessary conditions regarding the following matters:
- (I) Provisions for adequate ingress and egress.
  - (II) Provisions for the work to be performed on-site.
  - (III) Provisions for the storage of asphalt, concrete, and dirt at designated sites within the subject property; provided, the applicant furnishes a schedule, acceptable to the Director, for the periodic disposal or recycling of these materials.
  - (IV) Provisions designed to minimize potential conflicts between the work to be performed on-site and the ordinary business and uses conducted within the County.
- (D) **Length of permit.** The permit may be approved for up to 12 months following the issuance of the companion Building Permit, or upon completion of the subject development project, whichever first occurs.
- (E) **Extension of permit.** The permit may be extended by the Director if a written request for extension is submitted at least 14 days before expiration of the permit and reasonable reasons are provided by the applicant to justify the requested extension (e.g., the delay was caused by reasons beyond the control of the applicant). The permit may be extended for up to an additional 12 months.
- (F) **Validity of permit.** A Temporary Use Permit issued in conjunction with a construction project shall become invalid upon the occurrence of one of the following:
- (I) Cancellation of the Building Permit for the approved temporary structure or use; or

(II) Completion of the Building Permit for the approved temporary structure or use; or

(III) Expiration of the time for which the approval has been granted.

**(G) Condition of site following completion.** All temporary structures and related improvements shall be completely removed from the subject site following expiration of the Temporary Use Permit or within 30 days of completion of the development project, whichever first occurs.

**(2) Property protection by security personnel.**

(A) Temporary residential structures shall be allowed for security personnel engaged in the short-term protection of:

(I) Legally established and permitted commercial, commercial agricultural, industrial or institutional uses; or

(II) Construction projects that have current and valid permits issued by the Building and Safety Division.

(B) A Temporary Use Permit for a temporary residential structure for security personnel shall not be granted or extended for a period of time to exceed five years after the date the Temporary Use Permit was first issued. If a structure is needed for a longer term than three years, a caretaker's residence shall be established in compliance with the applicable land use zoning district and Section 84.01.040 (Commercial and Industrial Accessory Structures and Uses).

**(f) Temporary outdoor storage or sales.** Interim operation of an exterior storage area or short-term exterior sales display area. Provisions regulating seasonal sales lots are in Section 84.25.040 (d) (Seasonal Sales Lots.)

**(g) Temporary sale offices/model homes.**

**(1) Model homes.** A model home or model home complex may be authorized before the completion of subdivision improvements in compliance with the following standards.

(A) The sales office and any off-street parking shall be converted back to residential use and/or removed before the issuance of the Final Occupancy Permit or within 14 days from the close of escrow of the last parcel in the subdivision, whichever first occurs.

(B) The model home complex shall be used to sell only units within the development within which the complex is located.

- (C) Model home permits and model home sign permits will be finalized and the model homes will be allowed to be open to the public only after all required bonding has been accomplished and accepted by the County and a Temporary Use Permit has been issued.
  - (D) At least one model home shall be fully landscaped with drought tolerant xeriscape materials.
  - (E) The review authority may require other conditions of approval deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood.
- (2) **Real estate sales offices.** A temporary real estate sales office (modular structure) may be established within the area of an approved subdivision, solely for the first sale of homes. An application for a temporary real estate office may be approved for a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval.
- (3) **Temporary on-your-lot builder model home/sales office.** Single-family dwelling unit when used as a temporary sales office and model home for the sale of construction services to build single-family residential units on vacant lots, subject to the following:
- (A) **Activities restricted to construction services and related sales of vacant lots.** The on-your-lot builder model home/sales office shall be used only for the sale of construction services to build single-family residential dwelling units on vacant lots and related real estate sales. Real estate sales shall be limited to the sale of vacant lots in conjunction with the sale construction services for the same lot. Real estate sales shall be an accessory and subordinate use to the primary use of construction service or sales.
  - (B) **Inspection annually by Fire Department.** An annual inspection shall be made by the Fire Department in order to ensure compliance with conditions of approval of the Temporary Use Permit.
  - (C) **Location of structure.** The on-your-lot builder model home/sales office structure shall be located fronting on a roadway designated by the General Plan in the Circulation and Infrastructure Element as one of the following:
    - (I) Major Arterial Highway.
    - (II) Major Divided Highway.
    - (III) Major Highway.
    - (IV) Secondary Highway.
    - (V) Mountain Major.

(VI) Mountain Secondary.

(D) **Parking.** A minimum of two paved and two other alternate parking spaces shall be provided. The Fire Chief shall approve alternate parking spaces subject to surfacing requirements and possible alternate locations (e.g., on-street parking) where it is deemed necessary and appropriate.

(E) **Pennants, flags, and signs.**

(I) **Freestanding or monument sign.** Only one accessory freestanding or monument sign shall be allowed and it shall neither exceed 32 square feet nor 12 feet in height. The sign shall only be allowed on the same lot as the model home/sales office and shall be kept in good repair. A freestanding sign shall maintain a minimum clearance of eight feet between the bottom edge of the sign and the ground. The leading edge of a freestanding sign shall be no closer than one foot from the planned right-of-way. Signs shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations) that are not in conflict with this Subsection.

(II) **Open house sign and pennants.** One "open house sign" no larger than 24 inches by 18 inches on poles no higher than four feet may be displayed. No more than two pennants shall be displayed. Pennants shall be no greater than two feet by three feet and shall be mounted on poles no higher than four feet. Hours of open house sign and pennant flag displays shall be no earlier than sunrise and no later than sunset.

(III) **Flags.** Also, each site shall be allowed to have a maximum of four flags that are each a maximum 12 square feet in area and a maximum 12 feet in height. Flags shall be maintained in good repair. For the purpose of this Section, this shall mean no weathered, faded or tattered flags are allowed.

(IV) **Prohibited signs.** Other than as allowed by this Section, moveable or portable signs, off-site directional signs, plastic banners, balloons, streamers, propellers, or other similar apparatus that are primarily placed and intended to attract the attention of the general public shall not be allowed.

(F) **Performance bond.** A bond shall be required to ensure removal of any signs or flags and to reconvert, where necessary, any garage conversion.

(G) **Xeriscape.** The model home shall be fully landscaped with drought-tolerant xeriscape materials.

- (H) **Transfer of permit.** A Temporary Use Permit for an on-your-lot builder model home/sales office may be transferred to another party. A transfer shall not entitle the new owner to use the Temporary Use Permit for a longer time period than five years from the issuance of the original permit. The Code Enforcement Division shall be notified of any transfer of ownership.
- (I) **Agreement to terminate a temporary use.** Before the issuance of the Temporary Use Permit for the first year and as a condition of the permit approval, the permittee shall enter into an agreement with the County, which shall be recorded in the Official Records of the County by the County Recorder. The agreement shall establish the responsibility of the permittee to comply with the provisions of this Chapter. This will include acknowledgement that the permittee shall terminate the model home/sales office no later than five years from the date of the initial permit and shall restore the structure to a use allowed by the current land use zoning district in which the subject property is located.
- (h) **Temporary nonresidential structures.** A temporary structure, including a manufactured or mobile unit, used to provide temporary office, retail, meeting, assembly, wholesale, manufacturing and/or storage space, may be approved for a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval, as an accessory use for commercial, commercial agricultural, industrial, or institutional uses or as the first phase of a development project.
- (1) The Building Official shall determine that the proposed use complies with the development standards in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards) including:
- (A) Adequate access, circulation, and parking.
  - (B) Appropriate buffering from abutting uses.
  - (C) Fencing.
  - (D) Landscaping.
  - (E) Lighting.
  - (F) Signage.
- (2) Under exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, a Temporary Use Permit for temporary nonresidential structures may be extended beyond the 5-year limitation at the discretion of the review authority.
- (i) **Temporary work trailers.** A trailer or mobile home used as a temporary work site for employees of a business; provided, that:



- (1) The use is authorized by a Building Permit for the trailer or mobile home, and the Building Permit for the permanent structure;
  - (2) The use is appropriate because:
    - (A) The trailer or mobile home will be in place during construction or remodeling of a permanent commercial or manufacturing structure for a maximum of 12 months, or upon expiration of the Building Permit for the permanent structure, whichever first occurs; or
    - (B) The applicant has demonstrated that the temporary work site is a short-term necessity for a maximum of 12 months, while a permanent work site is being obtained; and
  - (3) The trailer or mobile home is removed before final building inspection or the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the permanent structure.
  - (4) A Temporary Use Permit issued in conjunction with a construction project shall become invalid upon:
    - (A) Cancellation of the Building Permit for the approved temporary structure or use; or
    - (B) Completion of the Building Permit for the approved temporary structure or use; or
    - (C) Expiration of the time for which the approval has been granted.
- (j) **Temporary signs.** See Section 83.13.070 (Temporary Signs).
- (k) **Temporary transportable treatment units (TTTU).** Temporary Transportable Treatment Units (TTTU) used for treating hazardous waste or groundwater contamination.
- (1) Temporary transportable treatment units shall only be allowed in either of the following instances:
    - (A) The site where a TTTU will be located and operated complies with the siting criteria and procedures identified in the San Bernardino County Hazardous Waste Management Plan; or
    - (B) The Chief of Environmental Health Services Division determines that the proposed TTTU use does not create additional health risks as demonstrated by a site-specific health risk assessment and a Certificate of Land Use Compliance is issued and recorded in compliance with Chapter 85.05 (Certificate of Land Use Compliance).

- (2) A Temporary Use Permit issued in conjunction with a TTTU shall become invalid upon the occurrence of one of the following:
  - (A) Violation of a permitting requirement; or
  - (B) Completion of the project; or
  - (C) Expiration of the time for which the approval has been granted.
- (3) The Environmental Health Services Division shall conduct an annual inspection in order to ensure compliance with any conditions of approval.
- (4) A Temporary Use Permit for a temporary transportable treatment unit shall not be granted or extended for a period of time to exceed five years after the date the Temporary Use Permit was first issued.

**(l) Accessory storage structures.** A detached, accessory storage structure, where the primary use does not yet exist, shall only be allowed with appropriate bonding to remove the accessory structure if the primary use is not completed within two years.

**(m) Similar temporary activities.** A temporary activity that the Director determines is similar to the other activities listed in this Section and compatible with the applicable land use zoning district and surrounding land uses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

#### **84.25.050 Additional Development Standards**

- (a) **Additional standards.** In addition to the standards in Section 85.15.020 (Types of Temporary Use Permits and Review Authority), above, the Director shall establish the following additional standards for a proposed temporary structure or use, using the requirements of the applicable land use zoning district, Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards), and Division 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities) for guidance:
  - (1) **Structure and property development improvements.** Access, floor areas, heights, landscaping, off-street parking, setbacks, signs, utilities, and other structure and property development improvements and features;
  - (2) **Removal of the activity and site restoration.** Measures for removal of the activity and site restoration, to ensure that no changes to the site would limit the range of possible future land uses otherwise allowed by this Development Code. Performance security may be required before installation of the temporary structure or initiation of the temporary use to ensure cleanup after the structure is removed or the use is finished in compliance with Section 86.06.050 (Performance Guarantees); and

- (3) **Time limitation.** Limitation on the duration of an approved "temporary structure," to a maximum of 12 months, so that it shall not become a permanent or long-term structure.
- (b) **Display of permit and approvals.** A valid Temporary Use Permit shall be prominently displayed so that it is visible at all times from the exterior of the permitted structure or use and available for inspection. A permitted temporary structure shall provide evidence of approval by the State Department of Housing and Community Development as required by the Health and Safety Code or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, where applicable.
- (c) **Other regulations.** Installation of a permitted structure or use shall comply with the requirements and regulations of the Department and the following:
- (1) Development Code.
  - (2) Building and Safety Division.
  - (3) Fire Department.
  - (4) Environmental Health Services Division.
  - (5) Applicable State and Federal regulations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.25.060 Interim Operation of Activities Requiring a Conditional Use Permit**

- (a) **Interim operation of activities requiring a Conditional Use Permit.** A Temporary Use Permit may be issued for the interim operation of any use requiring a Conditional Use Permit for a period of time not to exceed 12 months, provided the Temporary Use Permit does not authorize the construction or establishment of new permanent structures and the review authority makes the findings required for approval of a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).
- (b) **Concurrent application filing.** The Temporary Use Permit application shall be filed concurrently with an application for Conditional Use Permit, where appropriate.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.25.070 Camping or Occupancy of Temporary Structure Prohibited**

- (a) **Prohibited use.**

- (1) **Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful to place, install, build, maintain, use, or occupy any temporary structure on any parcel of real property subject to the provisions of this Development Code for the purpose of camping, dwelling, maintaining or establishing temporary or permanent residency unless such placement,

installation, construction, maintenance, use, or occupancy is first authorized by a Temporary Use Permit, Special Event Permit, or other land use approval required by this Development Code or as otherwise made an exception herein.

- (2) **Exception.** It shall not be a violation of this subsection and no permit shall be required to place, maintain, use and/or occupy any temporary structure for no more than four days in an 30-day period when used for recreational camping on a property by the property's owner(s) in the RC (Resource Conservation), AG (Agriculture) or RL-5 (Rural Living-five acre minimum parcel size) or larger land use zoning districts.

(b) **Applicability.** This section shall apply to the following temporary structure:

- (1) Any tent, lean-to, box, or other make-shift building or enclosure constructed of any material for which no building permit has been issued and no Temporary Use Permit, Special Use Permit, or other land use approval has been granted;
- (2) Any vacant building, temporary or permanent, deemed substandard pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 17920.3 and Sections 63.063 or 63.064 of Title 6 of the San Bernardino County Code; and
- (3) Any building under construction and unfinished, regardless of whether or not building, (plumbing, etc.) permits have been issued.

(c) **Camping in Vehicle Prohibited.**

- (1) **Prohibition.** It shall be unlawful to place, maintain, use, or occupy any vehicle on any parcel of real property for the purpose of camping, dwelling, or maintaining or establishing a temporary or permanent residency unless such placement, maintenance, use, or occupancy is authorized pursuant to this chapter.
- (2) **Exception.** It shall not be a violation of this subsection and no permit shall be required to place, maintain, use and/or occupy any temporary structure for no more than four days in an 30-day period when used for recreational camping on a property by the property's owner(s) in the RC (Resource Conservation), AG (Agriculture) or RL-5 (Rural Living-five acre minimum parcel size) or larger land use zoning districts. This exception shall also apply when such vehicles are lawfully used as seasonal labor quarters upon the issuance of the Site Plan Permit and Special Use Permit pursuant to Sections 84.01.030 and 84.01.040.

(d) **Vehicle applicability.** This section shall apply to the following vehicle types:

- (1) All recreational motor vehicles;
- (2) Recreational towed vehicles;
- (3) Mobile homes;
- (4) Commercial coaches;

- (5) Office trailers;
- (6) Park trailers
- (7) Passenger vehicles;
- (8) Trailers;
- (9) Campers; and
- (10) Commercial vehicles.

**(e) Notice to Abate**

- (1) The Director may issue to any person occupying any structure or vehicle prohibited in violation of this Section a notice, including an order to vacate the structure or vehicle after 30 days of the date of the notice.
- (2) If deemed necessary by the Director to prevent or remedy an immediate threat to health and safety of the public or occupants of the structure, the Director may issue any person occupying any structure or vehicle prohibited in violation of this Section an order to vacate the structure or vehicle with less than 30 days notice; or institute any appropriate action or proceeding to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate the violation or nuisance.

Adopted Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 2010

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## CHAPTER 84.26 ACCESSORY WIND ENERGY SYSTEMS

### Sections:

- 84.26.010 Purpose.
- 84.26.020 Applicability.
- 84.26.030 Development standards.

### 84.26.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards for the placement of accessory wind energy systems on parcels in unincorporated areas of the County in order to encourage the generation of electricity for on-site use, thereby reducing the consumption of electrical power supplied by utility companies. These regulations are intended to ensure that accessory wind energy systems are designed and located in a manner that minimizes visual and safety impacts on the surrounding community.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4188 (2012)

### 84.26.020 Applicability

This Chapter provides development standards for accessory wind energy systems.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.26.030 Development Standards

- (a) **Maximum Number of Accessory Wind Energy Systems.** The maximum number of Accessory Wind Energy Systems on a single parcel is determined by the total combined rated kW hours for all the wind turbines in a system. Wind turbines are defined in Subsection 810.010.250(m)(4) of this Title. The maximum number of Accessory Wind Energy Systems is as follows:

**Table 84-14a**  
**Maximum Number of Accessory Wind Energy Systems**

	Type of System	Requirements
Maximum Number of kW	Residential	10 kW
	Non-Residential	50 kW or verified actual energy use
Maximum Number of Turbines in the System	Building-Mounted Turbines	Based on the maximum number of kW
	Tower-Mounted Turbines	Based on the maximum number of kW. Only 1 turbine shall be attached to each tower
	Combined Building Mounted and Tower Turbines	Based on the maximum number of kW. Only 1 turbine shall be attached to a tower

- (b) **Maximum tower height.** The tower height limitations in Table 84-14b (Maximum Tower Heights for Accessory Wind Energy Systems) shall apply to all accessory wind energy systems, provided that the application for a system includes evidence that the proposed height does not exceed the height recommended by the manufacturer or distributor of the system.

**Table 84-14b**  
**Maximum Tower Heights for Accessory Wind Energy Systems**

Land Use Zoning District (parcel size within zoning district)	Region		
	Valley	Mountain	Desert
AG	80'	80'	120'
RC	80'	80'	120'
RL (minimum one-half acre)	65'	65'	80'
RL-5, RL-10, RL-20, RL-40	80'	80'	100'
RM (minimum one-half acre)	52.5'	52.5'	52.5'
RS (minimum one-half acre)	52.5'	52.5'	52.5'
All other land use zoning districts	65' <sup>(1)</sup>	65' <sup>(1)</sup>	80' <sup>(1)</sup>
Note: (1) Or the maximum structure height specified in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) for the land use zoning district in which the system is located, whichever is greater.			

- (c) **System Separation Requirements.** All units located on the same parcel shall be separated from each other in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended distances.
- (d) **Setbacks.** The minimum setback from any property line shall be equal to the system height.
- (e) **Climbing apparatus.** Climbing apparatus shall be located at least 12 feet above the ground, and the tower shall be designed to prevent climbing within the first 12 feet.
- (f) **Lighting.** Tower structure lighting shall be prohibited unless required by another code or regulation.
- (g) **Noise.** The noise performance standards in Section 83.01.080 (Noise) shall apply, except during short-term events (e.g., utility outages, windstorms, etc.).
- (h) **Visual effects.** An accessory wind energy system shall not substantially obstruct views of adjacent property owners.
- (i) **Location.**
- (1) An accessory wind energy system shall be placed or constructed below any major ridgeline when viewed from any designated scenic corridor as identified in the Open Space Element of the General Plan and in Chapter 82.19 (Open Space (OS) Overlay).



- (2) An accessory wind energy system shall not be:
  - (A) Located within a scenic corridor as identified in the Open Space Element of the General Plan and in Chapter 82.19 (Open Space (OS) Overlay).
  - (B) Allowed where otherwise prohibited by any of the following:
    - (I) The Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.
    - (II) The terms of any easement.
    - (III) The listing of the proposed site in the National Register of Historic Places or the California Register of Historical Resources.
- (j) **Turbine certification.** All Wind Turbines in an Accessory Wind Energy System must be approved by the California Energy Commission as eligible in the Emerging Renewables Program or certified by a national program recognized and approved by the Energy Commission including the Clean Energy States Alliance.
- (k) **Engineering analysis.** The application shall include standard drawings and an engineering analysis of the system's tower, showing compliance with the California Building Code (CBC) or the California Residential Code (CRC) and certification by a professional mechanical, structural, or civil engineer licensed by the State. However, a wet stamp shall not be required, provided that the application demonstrates that the system is designed to meet the:
  - (1) CBC or CRC requirements for the applicable wind speed and exposure;
  - (2) CBC or CRC requirements for the applicable seismic design category;
  - (3) Requirements for a soil strength of not more than 1,000 pounds per square foot; or
  - (4) Other relevant conditions normally required by a local agency.
- (l) **Compliance with aviation law.** The system shall comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration requirements and the State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq.).
- (m) **Compliance with electrical code.** The application shall include a line drawing of the electrical components of the system in sufficient detail to allow for a determination that the installation conforms to the California Electric Code (CEC).
- (n) **Reduction in onsite electricity consumption.** The system shall be used primarily to reduce onsite consumption of electricity.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4188 (2012)

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**CHAPTER 84.27 WIRELESS TELECOMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES**

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**Sections:**

84.27.010	Purpose
84.27.020	Applicability
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84.27.040	Separation from Residences
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84.27.110	Interjurisdictional Review

**84.27.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Chapter is to establish guidelines for the siting of towers, antennas and related equipment.
- (b) **Acknowledgment of Federal limitations on local regulations.** The County recognizes that the Telecommunication Act of 1996 (47 USC Section 332(c)(7) states that local regulations shall not:
- (1) Unreasonably discriminate among providers of functionally equivalent services,
  - (2) Prohibit or have the effect of prohibiting the provision of personal wireless services.
  - (3) Regulate the placement, construction, and modification of personal wireless service facilities on the basis of the environmental effects of radio frequency emissions to the extent that the facilities comply with the Commission's regulations of emissions.
- (b) **Goals and intent.** Acknowledging these Federal provisions, the goals of this Chapter are to:
- (1) Encourage the location of wireless telecommunication facilities, to the greatest extent possible, in areas where the adverse impact on the County is minimal.
  - (2) Encourage the design and configuration of wireless telecommunications facilities in a way that minimizes their adverse aesthetic, health, safety and economic impacts.

- (3) Enhance the ability of the providers of telecommunications services to provide such services to the County quickly, effectively, and efficiently, with minimal impact to the aesthetic, health, safety and economic character of the County.
- (4) Encourage the location of towers and other wireless facilities in non-residential areas.
- (5) Encourage where appropriate the joint use of new and existing tower and antenna sites, including existing utility towers.
- (6) Allow for different height limitations for wireless telecommunication towers in the Valley Region, Mountain Region, and the Desert Region due to the different aesthetic, health, safety, and economic impacts of the towers in the different regions of the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.020     Applicability**

This Chapter shall apply to any wireless telecommunication project for which land use approval has not been properly issued by the Department before December 6, 2001. This Chapter shall not apply to the installation of remote units required for fixed wireless telephone and high-speed Internet service. The installation of these types of remote units is exempt from review by the Department, the Commission, or the Board.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.030     Structure Height**

- (a) **Height limitations.** The height limitations in Table 84-13 (Maximum Heights of Wireless Telecommunications Towers) shall apply to all wireless telecommunications towers. Variances to these standards may be issued if approved in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances).

**Table 84-15**  
**Maximum Heights of Wireless Telecommunications Towers**

<b>Land Use Zoning District</b>	<b>Valley Region</b>	<b>Mountain Region <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Desert Region</b>
Rural Living (RL)	45'	55'	120'
Single Residential (RS)	45'	35'	55'
Multiple Residential (RM)	45'	55'	60'
Resource Conservation (RC)	45'	55'	199'

**Table 84-15**  
**Maximum Heights of Wireless Telecommunications Towers**

<b>Land Use Zoning District</b>	<b>Valley Region</b>	<b>Mountain Region <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Desert Region</b>
Agriculture (AG)	60'	60'	75'
Floodway (FW)	60'	70'	75'
Neighborhood Commercial (CN)	60'	70'	75'
Rural Commercial (CR)	60'	70'	120'
Special Development (SD)	75'	75'	120'
Office Commercial (CO)	75'	75'	120'
Highway Commercial (CH)	75'	75'	120'
General Commercial (CG)	75'	75'	120'
Service Commercial (CS)	75'	75'	120'
Community Industrial (IC)	90'	90'	120'
Regional Industrial (IR)	180'	180'	180'
Institutional (IN)	180'	180'	180'
Specific Plan (SP)	Per Specific Plan		

Note:

- (1) The maximum height of towers shall be the height indicated in the above table or, where the site is forested, 20 feet above the predominant height of the trees in the prime direction of signal propagation.

**(b) Height measurement.**

- (1) Ground-mounted antennas.** For ground-mounted antennas, the height of the antenna structure shall be measured from the lowest ground surface at the base of the tower to the top of the tower or to the top of any extension to the tower.
- (2) Antennas mounted on structures other than towers.** For antennas mounted on structures other than towers, the height of the antenna shall be measured from the top of the structure on which the antenna is mounted to the top of the antenna or screening, whichever is higher. The combined height of the structure and the antenna shall not exceed the height limitations indicated in Section 84.27.030 (Structure Height), above, unless a variance is processed and approved in compliance with Chapter 85.17 (Variances).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.27.040 Separation from Residences**

- (a) **Separation distance required.** Telecommunication towers and antennas shall not be located closer than 300 feet or a distance equal to 200 percent of the height of the tower, whichever is greater, from an off-site residence.
- (b) **Antennas and facilities exempt from separation distance standard.** This separation standard shall not apply in the following instances:
  - (1) When wireless telecommunication facilities are totally enclosed within another structure (i.e., steeple, sign, etc.).
  - (2) When a wireless telecommunication facility is added to an existing structure and appears as if it were part of the architectural design of the structure.
  - (3) When antennas are to be mounted on existing utility towers, utility streetlights, and utility poles or their substantially similar replacements and the:
    - (A) Height of the existing structure is not increased; and
    - (B) Antenna does not protrude above the existing structure.

For the purposes of this Section, “utility towers” do not include water tanks.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.27.050 Minimizing Impacts**

Telecommunications facilities shall be located and designed so as to minimize their visibility. To this end, all of the following measures shall be implemented for new telecommunications facilities and antennas.

- (a) **Co-location/stealth facilities.**
  - (1) No new telecommunication facilities or antennas that are visible to the general public shall be installed on a site that is not already developed with telecommunication facilities or other public or quasi-public uses unless they have been designed to minimize or eliminate the visual obtrusiveness of the facility and meet all other requirements of this Chapter. New facilities that cannot meet these requirements may be approved when all of the following are provided:
    - (A) Evidence of infeasibility of co-location on another facility or joint location in an existing antenna farm, or clear evidence that co-location on an existing facility would result in a substantial impact; and
    - (B) Evidence of inability to stealth the facility based on technical or design considerations.

- (2) To avoid excessive heights of towers that are associated with co-location of antenna arrays, co-location is not required in the Mountain Region.
  - (3) Towers that are designed to accommodate the co-location of additional providers in the future shall be initially constructed to the lowest possible height. When additional providers are ready to be installed, the additional height needed to accommodate the extra antenna array(s) shall be constructed at that time.
- (b) **Separation from existing facility.** No telecommunications facility or antenna that is visible to the general public from off of the applicant's property shall be installed closer than 2000 feet from another visible telecommunications facility or antenna without a variance, unless it is a co-location or joint location facility. This provision shall not apply to situations where either the existing or the proposed telecommunications facility or antenna within 2000 feet uses a camouflage or stealth design approved by the County. Antennas proposed to be mounted on existing utility towers, utility streetlights and utility poles, or their substantially similar replacements shall also be exempt from this requirement.
- (c) **Ridgeline sites.** Telecommunication facilities in areas of high visibility within sensitive viewsheds shall be sited below the ridgeline as viewed from a distance and designed to minimize their profile (e.g., screened, depressed, or located behind berms, trees, etc.)
- (d) **Non-reflective colors.** Structures, poles, towers, antenna supports, antennas and other components of each telecommunication site shall be treated with non-reflective colors to provide concealment of the facilities.
- (e) **Camouflaging.** For facilities that are not stealthed, telecommunication facilities and antennas and ground equipment shall blend with the predominant viewing background to the maximum extent practical, except when the treatment does not comply with Federal Aviation Authority (FAA) requirements.
- (f) **Support facilities.**
  - (1) Freestanding aboveground telecommunication support facilities (i.e., equipment shelters) shall be no taller than one story in height and shall be constructed to look like a structure or facility typically found in the area.
  - (2) Where there are no structures in the immediate vicinity or for projects where a cabinet is proposed, the support facilities shall be designed and constructed to blend with the predominant viewing background or screened from view by landscaping or other method to the maximum extent practical.
- (g) **Parking.** Parking for service vehicles may be allowed on site. Paving or other surfacing shall be required in compliance with Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards). Screening shall be required where appropriate.

- (h) **Lighting.** Tower structure lighting shall be prohibited unless required by the FAA, FCC or the California Building Code (CBC). External structure and area lighting shall be allowed only where the lighting is activated and controlled by motion sensors.
- (i) **Outside storage.** No outdoor storage of equipment, materials or supplies shall be allowed.
- (j) **Area disturbance.** The applicant shall avoid or minimize disturbance to the natural landscape. Applicant shall repair disturbed areas immediately following construction and shall regularly check to ensure that disturbances to the natural landscape do not occur or are promptly repaired.
- (k) **Power and communication lines.** No aboveground power or communication lines shall be extended to the site, unless clear and convincing evidence demonstrates that undergrounding these lines would result in substantial environmental impacts. Underground utilities shall be installed in a manner to minimize the disturbance of existing vegetation and wildlife habitats.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 84.27.060 Review Procedures

- (a) **Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit required.** All wireless telecommunications facility projects shall be subject to a Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit), with controversial projects requiring a public hearing before the Commission. Projects shall not be considered controversial solely on the basis of radio frequency emissions.
- (b) **Projects exempt from Conditional Use Permit requirement.** The following projects shall be exempt from the Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit requirement and shall be subject to a Site Plan Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.08 (**Site Plan Permits**) provided they do not require a Variance. The limitations of Subsection 85.08.020(b) shall not apply for projects that include any of the following:
  - (1) Any building or roof mounted antenna that does not extend above the top of the parapet wall by more than 12 feet and painted to match the structure, or that is completely screened from public view.
  - (2) Antennas mounted on or contained within other existing or proposed structures (e.g., appurtenances to existing structure, penthouses, elevator structures, parapets, steeples, signs, water tanks, pump stations, utility towers and poles, utility streetlights, ball field lighting, etc.) so as not to be readily identifiable as a wireless communication facility. This may include the replacement of an existing structure to accommodate a wireless telecommunications facility.
  - (3) The co-location of a new antenna to an existing approved support structure, or the replacement of an existing approved support structure in order to co-locate a new antenna, without an increase in height.



- (4) Change of antennas or microwave dishes of similar construction, size, and shape on any existing facility provided that the change of antenna(s) does not result in substantial increased visibility of the structure.
- (c) **Screening required.** Utility or accessory equipment described in Subsection B (Projects exempt from Conditional Use Permit requirement), above, shall be screened from view from any residence or State or County maintained road in a manner that achieves compatibility with the surrounding setting.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

#### **84.27.070 Project Notices**

- (a) **Project requiring Conditional Use Permit approval.** Notice of an application for approval of a wireless telecommunications facility shall be provided to the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) for the area, and to all property owners within cities and the unincorporated area of the County within the following parameters:
  - (1) **Urban areas:** 300 feet of the external boundaries of the parcel of the proposed site.
  - (2) **Rural areas:** 1,000 feet of the external boundaries of the parcel of the proposed site or to the property owners of up to 20 separate surrounding parcels, whichever is more, up to one quarter mile (1,320 ft).
  - (3) **Notification Timing:** Notification shall be accomplished upon application acceptance.
- (b) **Project requiring Land Use Permit approval.** Only the surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the external boundaries of the parcel of the proposed site shall be notified of the application for a Land Use Permit. This notification shall be accomplished upon application acceptance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.080 Review Factors**

- (a) **Factors for consideration of review authority.** The review authority shall consider the following aesthetic, health, safety, and economic factors in determining whether to issue a Conditional Use Permit for a wireless telecommunications facility:
  - (1) Height of the proposed tower or antenna structure.
  - (2) Proximity of the tower to residential structures and residential district boundaries.
  - (3) Nature of uses on adjacent and nearby properties.

- (4) Surrounding tree coverage and foliage or other existing structures.
- (5) Design of the tower, with particular reference to design characteristics that have the effect of reducing or eliminating visual obtrusiveness.
- (6) Proposed ingress and egress.
- (7) Availability of suitable existing towers and other structures.
- (8) Identification of signal coverage area.
- (9) Comments from other agencies and parties in compliance with Section 85.27.110 (Interjurisdictional Review).
- (10) Compliance with State and Federal rules (e.g., radio-frequency emission safety rules etc.).

**(b) Findings required for Conditional Use Permit approvals.** In addition to the consideration of the factors listed in Subsection (a), above, before approving an application for a Conditional Use Permit, the review authority shall find and justify that all of the findings required in Section 85.06.040 (Findings Required) are true.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.090 Abandoned Sites**

- (a) Abandonment.** A wireless telecommunication facility that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned.
- (b) Removal of structures after abandonment.** The owners of an abandoned facility shall remove all structures within 90 days of receipt of notice from the County notifying the owner of the abandonment. The owner shall return the site to its approximate natural condition. If an abandoned facility is not removed within the 90 day time period, the County may remove all such structures at the owner's expense.
- (c) Posting and continuous maintenance of bond required for all users.** A bond to ensure the removal of the abandoned facility and the rehabilitation of the site shall be required with the original project approval. If there are two or more users of a single tower, then the provision concerning abandonment shall not become effective until all users cease using the tower. However, the bond or a cash equivalent shall remain in force at all times and failure to maintain a bond or cash equivalent shall result in an immediate closure of the site with liability for rehabilitation placed upon the original permit holder and all subsequent users and permit holders.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.100 Elevation of Approvals**

Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection 84.27.060 (b) (Projects exempt from Conditional Use Permit requirement) above, any project that may be controversial and/or involves important policy questions may be referred to the Commission for public hearing and action. The Commission may refer these types of projects to the Board for public hearing and action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.27.110 Interjurisdictional Review**

- (a) **Review of project that impacts sphere of influence or city within County.** When a proposed telecommunications facility is located within the sphere of influence or located within one mile of a boundary of any city within the County, the review authority shall refer the project to the affected city for review and comment. The review authority shall consider the requirements of the adopted telecommunications policies of that city and its comments, if any, on the proposed project.
- (b) **Review of project that impacts State or Federal land.** When a proposed telecommunications facility has the potential to impact Federal or State lands, the review authority shall refer the project to the appropriate agency for review and comment, notwithstanding the fulfillment of Section 84.27.070 (Project Notices).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 84.28 SHORT-TERM PRIVATE HOME RENTALS

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### Sections:

- 84.28.010 Purpose
- 84.28.020 Applicability
- 84.28.030 Special Use Permit Requirements
- 84.28.040 Development Standards and Conditions of Operation

### 84.28.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish standards and permit procedures for the establishment and maintenance of short-term private home rentals in the Mountain Region.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.28.020 Applicability

The standards and permit procedures of this Chapter apply to the short term rental of private homes where allowed in the Mountain Region in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses). “Short term” means less than 30 days.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 84.28.030 Special Use Permit Requirements

- (a) **When required.** A short-term private home rental, within the Mountain Region, shall be allowed, provided that a Special Use Permit is first obtained and all of the standards and conditions contained in this Chapter are fulfilled.
- (b) **Biennial renewal.** The Special Use Permit shall be renewed on a biennial basis.
- (c) **Exempt units.** Multi-family condominium units in fee-simple ownership, or owned on a time-share basis, that are located in a multi-family land use zoning district, within the Mountain Region and that have received a previous land use approval from the County, shall be exempt from the requirements of this Chapter and shall not be required to obtain a Special Use Permit in order to rent a unit.
- (d) **Inspections.** In evaluating an initial application to issue a Special Use Permit, the Department shall inspect the subject property to determine maximum parking capacity for the property and to verify compliance with provisions of this Chapter affecting the exterior of the unit. Upon the renewal of the permit, the unit shall be re-inspected to ensure continued compliance with exterior requirements, conditions and standards of this Chapter and with other applicable County codes and ordinances.

- (e) **Notification requirements.** The Department shall notify all contiguous property owners in writing that the specific unit is available as a short-term rental. This notification shall clearly state the following information:
- (1) The name of the managing agency, agent, property manager, or owner of the unit, and a telephone number at which that party may be reached on a 24-hour basis;
  - (2) The maximum number of occupants allowed to stay in the unit;
  - (3) The maximum number of vehicles allowed to be parked on the property; and
  - (4) Whether or not the unit has been approved to allow on-street parking.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **84.28.040 Development Standards**

- (a) **Compliance with fire, building, and health codes.** The short-term private rental home unit shall be in compliance with the California Fire Code, California Building Code, California Health and Safety Code, the National Fire Protection Association Standards or regulations, and other relevant laws and codes.
- (b) **Maximum occupancy.** The maximum occupancy of a short-term private home rental unit shall be one person for each 100 square feet of building area, excluding garages or other accessory structures; provided, that in no case shall the occupancy of a short-term private home rental unit exceed the number of raised sleeping beds, as defined in Division 10 (Definitions), provided for each guest that is two years of age and older.
- (c) **Parking.**
- (1) **Number and type of spaces.** Parking shall be provided on-site to meet the occupancy of each short-term private home rental at a ratio of not less than one parking space for each bedroom in compliance with Section 83.11.040 (Number of Parking Spaces Required). Parking spaces may include garage, carport, and driveway spaces, and may allow for tandem parking.
  - (2) **Paving.** Where the rental property parcel abuts a paved street or road, parking areas shall be surfaced with a minimum of two inches of road-mixed surfacing in compliance with County Public Works Department Specification No. 38.
- (d) **Signage.** The address of the unit shall be legible from the street and shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**84.28.050 Conditions of Operation**

The following requirements for short-term private home rentals shall constitute minimum requirements. The unit shall be brought into compliance with these requirements and any other applicable County codes and ordinances in order for the use to be allowed.

- (a) **Contents of rental agreement.** Information on the allowed occupancy and parking capacity for each unit and trash disposal requirements shall be stated in the rental information and agreement provided to prospective renters before their occupancy of the unit.
- (b) **Posted notice within unit.** Each short-term private home rental unit shall have a clearly visible and legible notice posted within the unit on or adjacent to the front door, containing the following information:
  - (1) The name of the managing agency, agent, property manager, or owner of the unit, and a telephone number at which that party may be reached on a 24-hour basis;
  - (2) The maximum number of occupants allowed to stay in the unit;
  - (3) The maximum number of vehicles allowed to be parked on the property;
  - (4) Notification of the arrangements that the owner has made relative to proper trash and refuse disposal;
  - (5) Notification that failure to conform to the parking and occupancy requirements of the structure is a violation of the County Code; and
  - (6) Whether or not the unit has been approved to allow on-street parking.
- (c) **Property maintenance.** Short-term private home rental units shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and free from hazards, which shall include meeting the following requirements:
  - (1) Permanent use of extension cords for appliances, heaters, lamps, or other fixtures shall be prohibited.
  - (2) Bedroom windows shall be operable to allow for emergency egress.
  - (3) Accumulation of trash and/or debris on the site or within the unit shall be prohibited.
  - (4) Trash collection receptacles shall be “animal-proofed” as defined in Division 10 (Definitions). Trash cans shall be secured in an upright condition to prevent falling over on their side. Trash can lids shall be secured with self-contained locking handles, bungee cords or other suitable methods.

- (5) Trash shall be removed from the premises after each occupancy. Trash storage on site shall not be allowed, unless commercial trash collection is provided.
  - (6) The main entrance to the unit shall be illuminated when the unit is occupied, provided that the exterior lighting shall be designed and located in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting). An operational motion-activated light fixture may satisfy this requirement.
  - (7) Snow removal from driveways and off-street parking areas shall be performed before each occupancy period.
- (d) **Call response availability.** The owner, managing agency, property manager, or agent shall be personally available by telephone on a 24-hour basis to respond to calls regarding the condition and/or operation of the unit. Failure to respond to calls in a timely and appropriate manner may result in revocation of the Special Use Permit in compliance with Section 86.09.070 (Revocation or Modification) For purposes of this section, responding in a timely and appropriate manner shall mean that a response to an initial call shall be made within two hours of the time the call was made, and within 24 hours of the initial call corrective action shall be commenced to address any violation of this Chapter.
- (e) **On-street parking.** No overnight on street parking shall be allowed, except where the street is paved to the full width of the ultimate right-of-way. This provision shall not exempt renters and their guests from compliance with Title 5 (Highways, Traffic), Division 3 (Miscellaneous Regulations), Chapter 3 (Parking Regulations in Mountain Areas), Section 53.033 (Parking in Snow Areas) (i.e., parking, or leaving a vehicle unattended within a snow area, so as to interfere with snow removal operations, shall be unlawful.)

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



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**CHAPTER 84.29 RENEWABLE ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES**

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**Sections:**

- 84.29.010 Purpose
- 84.29.020 Applicability and Land Use Zoning Districts
- 84.29.030 Wind Energy Development Standards
- | **84.29.035 Required Findings for Approvals of a Commercial Solare Energy Facility**
- 84.29.040 Solar Energy Development Standards
- 84.29.050 Special Fencing Standards
- 84.29.060 Additional Wind and Solar Energy Development Standards
- 84.29.070 Decommissioning Requirements

**84.29.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish standards and permit procedures for the establishment, maintenance and decommissioning of renewable energy generation facilities. These regulations are intended to ensure that renewable energy generation facilities are designed and located in a manner that minimizes visual and safety impacts on the surrounding community.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**84.29.020 Applicability and Land Use Zoning Districts**

| This Chapter provides **findings and** development standards for **commercial** wind and solar renewable energy facilities.

| The Land Use Zoning Districts that allow **commercial** renewable energy facilities are limited to the following:

- RC (Resource Conservation)
- AG (Agriculture)
- FW (Floodway)
- RL (Rural Living)
- | **CR (Rural Commercial)**
- | **CN (Neighborhood Commercial)**
- | **CO (Office Commercial)**
- | **CG (General Commercial)**
- | **CS (Service Commercial)**
- | **CH (Highway Commercial)**
- | **IC (Community Industrial)**
- | **IR (Regional Industrial)**
- | **IN (Institutional)**

| Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010); **Amended Ordinance 4213 (2013)**

**84.29.030 Wind Energy Development Standards**

(a) **Height limits.** Wind generator machine and associated meteorological tower overall height shall not exceed 500 feet. For the purposes of this chapter, machine height shall be measured as follows:

- (1) Overall machine height of horizontal axis machines shall be measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blades.
- (2) Machine height of vertical axis or other machine designs shall be measured from grade to the highest point of the structure. Further restrictions may apply to ensure aviation safety.

(b) **Setbacks and Spacing.** Wind generator setbacks shall be as follows:

- (1) **Setback Where Adjacent Parcels Contain Less Than 40 Acres.** A minimum wind generator setback of two times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blades) or 500 feet, whichever is less, shall be maintained from exterior project boundaries where the project site is adjacent to existing parcels of record that contain less than 40 acres and are not zoned as any of the compatible districts, which are as follows.

RC (Resource Conservation)  
AG (Agriculture)  
FW (Floodway)  
RL (Rural Living)  
IR (Regional Industrial)

The Director may allow a reduction in this setback, not to exceed a minimum setback of one times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blades) if a letter of consent from the owner(s) of record of adjacent parcels is filed with the County Advance Planning Division.

- (2) **Setback Where Adjacent Parcels Contain 40 Acres or More.** A minimum wind generator setback of one and one-half times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blades) or 500 feet, whichever is less, shall be maintained from all exterior project boundaries. The Director may allow a reduction or waiver of this setback requirement in accordance with both of the following provisions:
  - (A) The project exterior boundary is a common property line between two (2) or more approved wind energy projects or both properties are located within compatible districts as listed above; and
  - (B) The property owner of each affected property has filed a letter of consent to the proposed setback reduction with the Director.

- (3) **Setback from Off-site Residence(s) On Adjacent Parcels.** In all cases, regardless of parcel area, a minimum wind generator setback of one and one-half times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blades) or 1,500 feet, whichever is greater, shall be maintained from any off-site residence. The Director may allow a reduction in this setback, not to exceed a minimum setback of one times the overall machine height, if a letter of consent from the owner(s) of record of the adjacent parcel is filed with the Director.
  - (4) **Setback from On-site Residences and Accessory Structures Designed for Human Occupancy.** A minimum wind generator setback of one times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blade) shall be maintained from any on-site residence or accessory structure designed for human occupancy.
  - (5) **Setback from Public Highways and Streets, Public Access Easements, Public Trails, and Railroads.** A minimum wind generator setback of one and one-half times the overall machine height (measured from grade to the top of the structure, including the uppermost extension of any blade) shall be maintained from any publicly maintained public highway or street. A minimum wind generator setback of one times the overall machine height shall be maintained from any public access easement or railroad right-of-way. A minimum wind generator setback of 150 feet shall be maintained from the outermost extension of any blade to any public trail, pedestrian easement, or equestrian easement.
  - (6) **Project Interior Wind Generator Spacing.** Wind generator spacing within the project boundary shall be in accordance with accepted industry practices pertaining to the subject machine.
- (c) **Compliance with aviation law and Department of Defense restrictions.** The wind generator machines shall comply with all applicable Federal Aviation Administration requirements and the State Aeronautics Act (Public Utilities Code Section 21001 et seq.). Additionally, the local Department of Defense contact person(s) shall be notified and clearance from the Department of Defense shall be required for all wind generators.
- (d) **Lighting.** Wind energy generation facilities shall be lighted in compliance with FAA (Federal Aviation Administration) regulations.
- (e) **Site Design for Protection of Biological Resources.** Wind energy generation facilities will be designed in such a manner as to protect special-status species and avian and bat species, including the following:
- (1) The design will discourage the use of the site by raptors by including landscaping and ground conditions that are unattractive to raptors;

- (2) The design and siting of these facilities shall avoid the placement of turbines on or immediately adjacent to the upwind side of ridge crests;
- (3) The design may include other design features to minimize impacts to bats and birds; and
- (4) An avian and bat management plan shall be required for all projects to address unanticipated significant adverse impacts on the population of avian or bat species or with any other migratory corridor.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4156 (2011)

#### **84.29.035 Required Findings for Approval of a Commercial Solar Energy Facility**

- (a) In order to approve a commercial solar energy generation facility, the Planning Commission shall, in addition to making the findings required under Section 85.06.040(a) of the San Bernardino County Development Code, determine that the location of the proposed commercial solar energy facility is appropriate in relation to the desirability and future development of communities, neighborhoods, and rural residential uses, and will not lead to loss of the scenic desert qualities that are key to maintaining a vibrant desert tourist economy by making each of the findings of fact in subdivision (c).
- (b) In making these findings of fact, the Planning Commission shall consider: (1) the characteristics of the commercial solar energy facility development site and its physical and environmental setting, as well as the physical layout and design of the proposed development in relation to nearby communities, neighborhoods, and rural residential uses; and (2) the location of other commercial solar energy generation facilities that have been constructed, approved, or applied for in the vicinity, whether within a city or unincorporated territory, or on state or federal land.
- (c) The finding of fact shall include the following:
  - (1) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility is either
    - (A) sufficiently separated from existing communities and existing/developing rural residential areas so as to avoid adverse effects, or
    - (B) of a sufficiently small size, provided with adequate setbacks, designed to be lower profile than otherwise permitted, and sufficiently screened from public view so as to not adversely affect the desirability and future development of communities, neighborhoods, and rural residential use.
  - (2) Proposed fencing, walls, landscaping, and other perimeter features of the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will minimize the visual impact of the project so as to blend with and be subordinate to the environment and character of the area where the facility is to be located.

- (3) The siting and design of the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be either:
  - (A) unobtrusive and not detract from the natural features, open space and visual qualities of the area as viewed from communities, rural residential uses, and major roadways and highways,<sup>1</sup> or
  - (B) located in such proximity to already disturbed lands, such as electrical substations, surface mining operations, landfills, wastewater treatment facilities, etc., that it will not further detract from the natural features, open space and visual qualities of the area as viewed from communities, rural residential uses, and major roadways and highways.
- (4) The siting and design of project site access and maintenance roads have been incorporated in the visual analysis for the project and shall minimize visibility from public view points while providing needed access to the development site.
- (5) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not adversely affect the feasibility of financing infrastructure development in areas planned for infrastructure development or will be located within an area not planned for future infrastructure development (e.g., areas outside of water agency jurisdiction).
- (6) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not adversely affect to a significant degree the availability of groundwater supplies for existing communities and existing and developing rural residential areas.
- (7) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will minimize site grading, excavating, and filling activities by being located on land where the existing grade does not exceed an average of five (5) percent across the developed portion of the project site, and by utilizing construction methods that minimize ground disturbance.
- (8) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be located in proximity to existing electrical infrastructure, such as transmission lines, utility corridors, and roads, so that:
  - (A) minimal ground disturbance and above ground infrastructure will be required to connect to the existing transmission grid, considering the location of the project site and the location and capacity of the transmission grid,
  - (B) new electrical generation tie lines will be co-located on existing power poles whenever possible, and

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<sup>1</sup> To assist in this determination, photo simulations of the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility as viewed from sensitive receptors (i.e. residences, trails, parks) and public roadways in the area may be required as part of the project's application package.

- (C) existing rights-of-way and designated utility corridors will be utilized to the extent practicable.
- (9) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be sited so as to avoid or minimize impacts to the habitat of special status species, including threatened, endangered, or rare species, Critical Habitat Areas as designated by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, important habitat/wildlife linkages or areas of connectivity designated by County, state or federal agencies, areas of Habitat Conservation Plans or Natural Community Conservation Plans that discourage or preclude development.
- (10) Adequate provision has been made to maintain and promote native vegetation and avoid the proliferation of invasive weeds during and following construction.
- (11) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be located so as to avoid or mitigate impacts to significant cultural and historic resources, as well as sacred landscapes.
- (12) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be designed in a manner that does not impede flood flows, avoids substantial modification of natural water courses, and will not result in erosion or substantially affect area water quality.
- (13) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not be located within a floodway designated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), has been evaluated for flood hazard impacts pursuant to Chapter 82.14 of the Development Code, and will not result in increased flood hazards to upstream or downstream properties.
- (14) All on-site solar panels, switches, inverters, transformers, and substations shall be located at least one foot above the base flood elevation as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps.
- (15) For development sites proposed on or adjacent to undeveloped alluvial fans, the commercial solar energy generation facility has been designed to avoid potential channel migration zones as demonstrated by a geomorphic assessment of the risk of existing channels migrating into the proposed development footprint, resulting in erosion impacts.
- (16) For proposed facilities located on prime agricultural soils or land designated by the California Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program as Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance, where use of the land for agricultural purposes is feasible, the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not substantially affect the agricultural viability of surrounding lands.

- (17) If the proposed site is subject to a Williamson Act contract, the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility is consistent with the principals of compatibility set forth in California Government Code Section 51238.1.
- (18) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not preclude access to significant mineral resources.
- (19) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will avoid modification of scenic natural formations.
- (20) The proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will be designed, constructed, and operated so as to minimize dust generation, including provision of sufficient watering of excavated or graded soil during construction to prevent excessive dust. Watering will occur at a minimum of three (3) times daily on disturbed soil areas with active operations, unless dust is otherwise controlled by rainfall or use of a dust palliative, or other approved dust control measure.
- (21) All clearing, grading, earth moving, and excavation activities will cease during period of winds greater than 20 miles per hour (averaged over one hour), or when dust plumes of 20 percent or greater opacity impact public roads, occupied structures, or neighboring property, and in conformance with Air Quality Management District (AQMD) regulations.
- (22) For sites where the boundary of a new commercial solar energy generation facility will be located within one-quarter mile of a primary residential structure, an adequate wind barrier will be provided to reduce potentially blowing dust in the direction of the residence during construction and ongoing operation of the commercial solar energy generation facility.
- (23) Any unpaved roads and access ways will be treated and maintained with a dust palliative or graveled or treated by another approved dust control method to prevent excessive dust, and paving requirements will be applied pursuant to Chapter 83.09 of the Development Code.
- (24) On-site vehicle speed will be limited to 15 miles per hour.
- (25) For proposed commercial solar energy generation facilities within two (2) miles of the Joshua Tree National Park boundaries, the location, design, and operation of the proposed commercial solar energy generation facility will not be a predominant visual feature along the main access roads to the park (Park Boulevard and Utah Trail), nor will it substantially impair views from hiking/nature trails, campgrounds, and backcountry camping areas within the National Park.
- (26) For proposed facilities within two (2) miles of the Mojave National Preserve boundaries, the location, design, and operation of the proposed commercial solar energy facility will not be a predominant visual feature of, nor

substantially impair views from, hiking and backcountry camping areas within the National Preserve.

- (27) For proposed facilities within two (2) miles of Death Valley National Park boundaries, the location, design, and operation of the proposed commercial solar energy facility will not be a predominant visual feature of, nor substantially impair views from, hiking and backcountry camping areas within the National Park.
- (28) For proposed facilities within two (2) miles of the boundaries of a County, state or federal agency designated wilderness area, the location, design, and operation of the proposed commercial solar energy facility will not be a predominant visual feature of, nor substantially impair views from, the designated wilderness area.
- (29) For proposed facilities within two (2) miles of the boundaries of any active military base, the location, design, and operation of the proposed commercial solar energy facility will not substantially impair the mission of the facility.
- (30) When located within a city's sphere of influence, in addition to other County requirements, the proposed commercial solar energy facility will also be consistent with relevant city zoning requirements that would be applied to similar facilities within the city.
- (31) On terms and in an amount acceptable to the Director, adequate surety is provided for reclamation of commercial solar energy generation facility sites should energy production cease for a continuous period of 180 days and/or if the site is abandoned.

#### 84.29.040 Solar Energy Development Standards

- (a) **Setbacks.** Solar energy generating equipment and their mounting structures and devices shall be set back from the property line either pursuant to the standards in the Land Use Zoning District, or 130 percent of the mounted structure height, whichever is greater.
- (b) **Glare.** Solar energy facilities shall be designed to preclude daytime glare on any abutting residential land use zoning district, residential parcel, or public right-of-way.
- (c) **Night Lighting.** Outdoor lighting within a commercial solar energy generation facility shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 83.07 of this Development Code.
- (d) **Public Safety Services Impact Fees.** The developer of an approved commercial solar energy generation facility shall pay a fee on an annual basis according to the following schedule:

Parcel Size	Fee Per Acre
0-4.99 acres	\$580
5-14.99 acres	\$280
15 acres or greater	\$157



Alternatively, the developer of an approved commercial solar energy generation facility shall pay an annual public services impact fee on a per acre basis based on a project-specific study of the project's public safety services impacts, which study shall be paid at the developer's expense, using a consultant approved by the County.

Whether based on the above schedule or on the basis of the project-specific study, the per acre annual impact fee shall be adjusted annually based on the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) for the Los Angeles-Riverside-Orange County, California area.

- (e) **Special Use Permit.** Prior to the start of construction, the developer of an approved commercial solar energy generation facility shall submit for review, and gain approval for, a Special Use Permit (SUP) from County of San Bernardino Code Enforcement. Thereafter, the SUP shall be renewed annually subject to annual inspections and the payment of fees required in paragraph (d) of this section. The annual SUP inspections shall review and confirm continuing compliance with the performance standards included in the Planning Commission's findings of fact and the listed conditions of approval, including all mitigation measures. This comprehensive compliance review shall include evaluation of the operation and maintenance of the entire commercial solar energy generation facility. Failure to comply shall cause enforcement actions against the operator and owner of the facility. Such actions may cause a hearing or an action that could result in revocation of the facility's conditional use permit and imposition of additional sanctions and/or penalties in accordance with established County of San Bernardino land use enforcement procedures. Any additional inspections that are deemed necessary by the County of San Bernardino Code Enforcement Supervisor shall constitute a special inspection and shall be charged at a rate in accordance with the County Fee Schedule, including travel time, not to exceed three (3) hours per inspection.
- (f) **Project Notices.** Notice of an application for approval of a commercial solar energy generation facility shall be provided to the Municipal Advisory Council (MAC) for the area, any Community Service District or water agency serving the project site, and to all property owners, whether located in a city or in the unincorporated area of the County, within the following parameters:
  - (1) **Area to be Notified:** Owners of property located within 1,000 feet of the external boundaries of the parcel of the proposed site, or owners of property located up to 20 separate parcels away but not to exceed one quarter mile (1,320 ft.), whichever is greater.
  - (2) **Notification Timing.** Notification shall be accomplished upon acceptance of a new Conditional Use Permit application or a Revision to an Approved Action application for a commercial solar energy generation facility, with additional notice of public hearings provided as required by law to property owners within the Area to be Notified cited above.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4156 (2011); **Amended Ordinance (2013)**

#### **84.29.050 Special Fencing Standards**

Special fencing standards may be applied without a variance in recognition of the capital costs of renewable energy facilities. Total fence heights allowed are inclusive of any height extension devices such as slanted razor-wire panels.

- (a) **Fencing on street side.** Chainlink fencing up to 8 feet in height may be installed no closer than 15 feet from the right-of-way on streetside boundaries. Security devices such as razor-wire height extensions may only be directed inward to the property, and may not extend beyond the property boundary to overhang the right-of-way.
- (b) **Fencing on interior boundaries.** Chainlink fencing up to 8 feet in height may be installed along the property line on interior (non-streetside) boundaries. Security devices such as razor-wire height extensions may only be directed inward to the property, and may not extend beyond the property boundary to overhang any other property.
- (c) **Electric Fencing.** Electric fencing is not allowed.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010)

#### **84.29.060 Additional Wind and Solar Energy Development Standards.**

- (a) **Facilities adjoining agricultural operations.** Supporting off-site facilities, such as transmission lines, shall be designed and sited in a manner that will allow for continued use of adjoining agricultural operations.
- (b) **Large bird protection.** Transmission lines and all electrical components shall be designed, installed, and maintained to reduce the likelihood of large bird electrocutions and collisions.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4156 (2011)

#### **84.29.070 Decommissioning Requirements**

- (a) **Closure Plan.** Following the operational life of the project, the project owner shall perform site closure activities to meet federal, state and local requirements for the rehabilitation and revegetation of the project site after decommissioning. The project owner shall prepare a Closure, Revegetation, and Rehabilitation Plan and submit it to the Planning Division for review and approval prior to building permit issuance. Under this plan, all aboveground structures and facilities shall be removed to a depth of three feet below grade, and removed offsite for recycling or disposal. Concrete, piping, and other materials existing below three feet in depth may be left in place. Areas that had been graded shall be restored to original contours unless it can be shown that there is a community benefit for the grading to remain as altered. Succulent plant species native to the area shall be salvaged prior to construction, transplanted into windrows, and maintained for later transplanting following decommissioning. Shrubs and other plant species shall be revegetated by the collection of seeds, and re-seeding following decommissioning.

(b) **Compliance with other requirements.** Project decommissioning shall be performed in accordance with all other plans, permits and mitigation measures that would assure the project conforms to applicable requirements and would avoid significant adverse impacts. These plans include the following as applicable:

- Water Quality Management Plan
- Erosion and Sediment Control Plan
- Drainage Report
- Notice of Intent and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
- Air Quality Permits
- Biological Resources Report
- Incidental Take Permit, Section 2081 of the Fish and Game Code
- Cultural Records Report

The County may require a Phase 1 Environmental Site Assessment be performed at the end of decommissioning to verify site conditions.

Adopted Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4156 (2011)

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## **CHAPTER 84.30 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS REDUCTION PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

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### **Sections:**

- 84.30.010 Purpose
- 84.30.020 Applicability and Land Use Zoning Districts
- 84.30.030 GHG Performance Standards

### **84.30.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish a mechanism intended to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in compliance with the County GHG Emissions Reduction Plan, adopted December 6, 2011. These regulations are intended to ensure consistent application of these uniform standards for development within San Bernardino County.

Adopted Ordinance 4156 (2011)

### **84.30.020 Applicability and Land Use Zoning Districts**

This Chapter provides development standards to reduce greenhouse gas emissions that apply to all types of development within the County's land use jurisdictional area.

Adopted Ordinance 4156 (2011)

### **84.30.030 GHG Performance Standards**

All new residential, commercial, industrial and institutional development shall comply with the development standards provided in Appendix F to the GHG Emissions Reduction Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4156 (2011)

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## **CHAPTER 84.30 REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION IN HOUSING DEVELOPMENT FOR DISABLED INDIVIDUALS**

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### **Sections:**

- 84.31.010 Purpose
- 84.31.020 Notice to the Public of Availability of Accommodation Process
- 84.31.030 Requesting Reasonable Accommodation
- 84.31.040 Decision on Application
- 84.31.050 Required Findings
- 84.31.060 Waiver of Time Periods

### **84.31.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter, pursuant to Fair Housing Laws, as defined in Section 801.01.080, is to provide individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodation in the application of the County's rules, policies, practices and procedures, as necessary to ensure equal access to housing. The purpose is also to provide a process for individuals with disabilities to make requests for, and be provided, reasonable accommodation, when reasonable accommodation is warranted under the law based upon sufficient evidence, with respect to the various laws, rules, policies, practices and/or procedures of the County, including land use and zoning regulations.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

### **84.31.020 Notice to the Public of Availability of Accommodation Process**

The department shall prominently display in the public areas of the Land Use Services Department at County offices a notice advising those with disabilities or their representatives that they may request a reasonable accommodation in accordance with the procedures established in this Chapter. County employees shall direct individuals to the display whenever an inquiry regarding reasonable accommodation is made or they reasonably believe that individuals with disabilities or their representatives may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

### **84.31.030 Requesting Reasonable Accommodation**

- (a) In order to make specific housing available to an individual with a disability, a disabled person or representative may request reasonable accommodation, pursuant to this Chapter, relating to the application of various land use, zoning, or building laws, rules, policies, practices and/or procedures of the County.
- (b) If an individual or representative needs assistance in making a request for reasonable accommodation, or appealing a determination regarding reasonable accommodation, the department will endeavor to provide the assistance necessary to ensure that the process is accessible to the applicant or representative. The applicant may be

represented at all stages of the proceeding by a person designated by the applicant as his or her representative.

- (c) A request for reasonable accommodation in laws, rules, policies, practices and/or procedures must be filed on an application form provided by the department. It shall be signed by the owner of the property and shall describe exactly what is being requested and the specific reason the requested accommodation is necessary. All documentation that supports the request shall be submitted along with the application. The housing unit must be the primary residence of the person for whom reasonable accommodation is requested.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

#### **84.31.040 Decision on Application**

- (a) The Director shall have the authority to consider and act on any application for a minor reasonable accommodation as defined in Division 10. The Director shall issue a written determination within 30 days of the date of receipt of a completed application and may
  - (1) grant the accommodation request,
  - (2) grant the accommodation request subject to specified nondiscriminatory conditions,
  - (3) deny the request, or
  - (4) refer the matter to Zoning Administrator or to the Planning Commission, whichever is deemed appropriate, who shall render a decision on the application in the same manner as it considers an appeal. No request for reasonable accommodation may be referred to the Board of Supervisors.
- (b) The Zoning Administrator shall have the authority to consider and act on any application for a major reasonable accommodation as defined in Division 10, or any minor reasonable accommodation request referred to it by the Director. The Zoning Administrator shall consider an application at the next reasonably available public meeting after submission of an application for reasonable accommodation, after the submission of any additional information required to make a determination or after referral from the Director. The Zoning Administrator may
  - (1) grant the accommodation request,
  - (2) grant the accommodation request subject to specified nondiscriminatory conditions,
  - (3) deny the request, or



- (4) refer the matter to the Planning Commission, which shall render a decision on the application in the same manner as it considers an appeal. No request for accommodation may be referred to the Board of Supervisors.
- (c) If necessary to reach a determination on any request for reasonable accommodation, the Director, the Zoning Administrator, or the Planning Commission may request further information from the applicant consistent with this Chapter, specifying in detail what information is required. In the event a request for further information is made, the time period to issue a written determination shall be stayed until the applicant reasonably responds to the request.
- (d) If, based upon all of the evidence presented to the Director, Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission, the findings required in this Chapter may reasonably be made, the Director, Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission, as applicable, shall grant the requested reasonable accommodation.
- (e) A reasonable accommodation that is granted pursuant to this Chapter shall not require the approval of any variance as to the reasonable accommodation.
- (f) The reasonable accommodation shall be subject to any reasonable conditions imposed on the approval that are consistent with the purposes of this Chapter to further fair housing. Such conditions may generally include, but are not limited to the following restrictions:
  - (1) That the reasonable accommodation shall only be applicable to particular individual(s);
  - (2) That the reasonable accommodation shall only be applicable to the specific use for which application is made; and/or
  - (3) That any change in use or circumstances which negates the basis for the granting of the approval shall render the reasonable accommodation null and void and/or revocable by the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

#### **84.31.050 Required Findings**

The following findings must be made in order to approve a request for reasonable accommodation:

- (a) The housing, which is the subject of the request for reasonable accommodation, will be occupied as the primary residence by an individual protected under the Fair Housing Laws.
- (b) The request for reasonable accommodation is necessary to make specific housing available to one or more individuals protected under the Fair Housing Laws.

- (c) The requested reasonable accommodation will not impose an undue financial or administrative burden on the County.
- (d) The requested accommodation will not require a fundamental alteration of the zoning or building laws, policies and/or procedures of the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

**84.31.060 Waiver of Time Periods**

Notwithstanding any provisions in this Chapter regarding the occurrence of any action within a specified period of time, the applicant may request additional time beyond that provided for in this Chapter or may request a continuance regarding any decision or consideration by the County of the pending appeal. Extensions of time sought by applicants shall not be considered delay on the part of the County, shall not constitute failure by the County to provide for prompt decisions on applications and shall not be a violation of any required time period set forth in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4169 (2012)

# DIVISION 5 PERMIT APPLICATION AND REVIEW PROCEDURES

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**CHAPTER 85.01 PERMIT APPLICATION FILING AND PROCESSING**

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**Sections:**

- 85.01.010 Purpose of Division
- 85.01.020 Organization
- 85.01.030 Authority for Land Use and Zoning Decisions

**85.01.010 Purpose of Division**

This Division contains the procedures necessary to process development proposals in any land use zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.01.020 Organization****(a) Types of procedures.**

- (1) This Development Code utilizes the following four basic procedures to review all types of applications:
  - (A) Public hearing;
  - (B) Staff review with notice;
  - (C) Staff review without notice; and
  - (D) Alternate review procedures.
- (2) Chapter 85.02 (Basic Review Procedures) describes each of the six procedures and then follows with the application provisions common to each.

**(b) Division 6 (Development Code Administration).** Division 6 (Development Code Administration) describes each policy development application type and the provisions of this Development Code unique to that application type as well as the review authority for each. The types of policy development applications appear in the following order:

- (1) Agricultural Preserves/Land Conservation Contract Actions;
- (2) Amendments (e.g., Development Code and General Plan); and
- (3) Specific Plan Adoption and Amendment.

(c) **Application types.** Chapters 4 through 18, below describes each land use and design application type and the provisions of this Development Code unique to that application type as well as the review authority for each. The types of land use applications appear in the following order:

- (1) Certificates of Land Use Compliance;
- (2) Planned Development Permits;
- (3) Pre-Construction Inspections;
- (4) Site Plan Permits;
- (5) Special Use Permits;
- (6) Subdivision Sign Location Plans;
- (7) Temporary Use Permits;
- (8) Temporary Special Event Permits;
- (9) Tenant Improvement Permits;
- (10) Use Permits (Conditional and Minor); and
- (11) Variances (Major and Minor).

(d) **Division 7 (Subdivisions).** Division 7 (Subdivisions) describes each division of land application type and the provisions of this Development Code unique to that application type as well as the review authority for each. The types of land use applications appear in the following order:

- (1) Tentative and Final Map;
- (2) Parcel Maps and Minor Subdivisions;
- (3) Vesting Tentative Map;
- (4) Composite Development Plan;
- (5) Lot Line Adjustments;
- (6) Lot Mergers;
- (7) Reversions to Acreage;
- (8) Certificate of Subdivision Compliance;



(9) Official Maps; and

(10) Resident Initiated Mobile Home Park Conversion.

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**85.01.030 Authority for Land Use and Zoning Decisions**

Table 85-1 (Review Authority) identifies the County official or authority responsible for reviewing and making initial decisions on each type of application or land use entitlement required by this Development Code, the nature of the initial decision (i.e. issue, approve, or recommend), and the nature of the response of the subsequent review authority.

**TABLE 85-1  
REVIEW AUTHORITY**

Type of Entitlement or Decision	Applicable Citation	Director (1) (2)	Planning Commission (3)	Board of Supervisors (4)
ABC Licensing	Ch. 85.04	Issue	Appeal <sup>(5)</sup>	Appeal
Amendments (General Plan, Development Code, Community Plan, and Area Plan)	Ch. 86.12	Recommend	Recommend	Approve
Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan and Amendments	Ch. 86.11	Recommend	Recommend	Approve
Certificates of Land Use Compliance	Ch. 85.05	Issue	Appeal	Appeal
Conditional Use Permits	Ch. 85.06	Recommend	Approve / Recommend	Approve/ Appeal
Development Agreements and Amendments	Ch. 86.13	Recommend	Recommend	Approve
Home Occupation Permits	Ch.	Approve	Appeal	—
Housing Incentives Program <sup>(6)</sup>	Ch. 83.03	Recommend	Recommend	Approve
Interpretations	Ch. 81.02	Issue	Appeal	Appeal
Major Variances	Ch. 85.17	Approve	Appeal	—
Minor Use Permits	Ch. 85.06	Approve	Appeal	Appeal
Minor Variances	Ch. 85.17	Approve	Appeal	—
Planned Development Permits	Ch. 85.10	Recommend <sup>(10)</sup>	Recommend	Approve
Revisions to an Approved Actions	Ch. 85.12	Approve	Appeal	Appeal
Sign Permits	Ch. 85.13	Issue	Appeal	Appeal
Sign Registration	Ch. 85.13	Issue <sup>(8)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Site Plan Permits	Ch. 85.08	Issue	Appeal	—
Special Use Permits	Ch. 85.14	Issue <sup>(7 or 8)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Specific Plans and Amendments	Ch. 86.14	Recommend	Recommend	Approve
Subdivision Sign Location Plans	Ch. 85.13	Issue <sup>(8)</sup>	Appeal	—
Surface Mining & Reclamation	Ch. 85.06	Recommend	Approve	Appeal
Temporary Special Event Permits	Ch. 85.15	Approve	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Use Permits	Ch. 85.15	Issue <sup>(7 or 8)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Tenant Improvement Permits	Ch. 85.09	Issue <sup>(7)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Wind Energy Systems Permit	Ch. 85.18	Approve	Appeal	—

**Notes:**

- (1) The Director may defer action and refer any permit or approval application to the Commission for final determination.
- (2) All decisions of the Director are appealable to Commission, and then to the Board, in compliance with Division 11, Article 6 (Appeals), except for those decisions addressed in Note (3).
- (3) The Commission may refer consideration of an appeal to the Board, except for those decisions involving only a Variance, determination as to the completeness of an application, the determination to approve or deny a Home Occupation Permit, an Accessory Wind Energy Permit, a Subdivision Sign Location Plan, or the requirement for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In these instances the Commission's decision shall be

the final and conclusive decision. The Board will not accept nor consider an appeal of these Commission decisions.

- (4) All decisions of the Board are final.
- (5) “Recommend” means that the review authority makes a recommendation to a higher review authority; “Appeal” means that the review authority may consider and decide upon appeals to the decision of an earlier review authority, in compliance with Division 11, Chapter 8 (Appeals).
- (6) The Housing Incentives Program application shall only be filed concurrently with one of the following applications: Conditional Use Permit, Tentative Parcel Map, Tentative Tract, or Planned Development Permit.
- (7) Issued by the Building Official.
- (8) Issued by Code Enforcement.
- (9) Concurrent processing. Multiple applications for the same project shall be processed concurrently, and shall be reviewed, and approved or disapproved by the highest review authority designated by this Development Code for any of the required applications (e.g., a project with applications for both a Zoning Map amendment and a Conditional Use Permit shall have both applications decided by the Board, instead of the Commission acting on the Conditional Use Permit as otherwise provided by Table 85-1 [Review Authority]).
- (10) Initial review by the Development Review Committee is required in compliance with Section 85.10.040(a).

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## CHAPTER 85.02 BASIC REVIEW PROCEDURES

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### Sections:

- 85.02.010 Purpose
- 85.02.020 Public Hearing
- 85.02.030 Staff Review with Notice
- 85.02.040 Staff Review without Notice
- 85.02.050 Alternate Review Procedures

### 85.02.010 Purpose

This Chapter contains the basic review procedures necessary to process development proposals in any land use zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.02.020 Public Hearing

- (a) **Formal open forum for public review.** Public hearing procedures are distinguished by a formal open forum for public review of a proposal. During the course of the public hearing, the applicable review authority invites public testimony for and against the land use proposal, reviews evidence and then renders its decision in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings). A public hearing may be conducted before the Board, the Commission, or the Director (when acting as the Zoning Administrator).
- (b) **Review evidence and state relative positions.** Public hearing procedures shall be used to give all interested parties an opportunity to review the evidence and to state their relative positions in a common public forum before the applicable review authority.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.02.030 Staff Review with Notice

- (a) **Based upon specific findings or conditions.** Staff review with notice procedures are distinguished by land use decisions that are based upon specific findings or conditions that limit the discretion of the applicable review authority.
- (b) **Rendering of a decision with notice.** Staff review with notice procedures shall provide written or published notice given to affected and interested parties followed by a decision by the applicable review authority. The notice shall be designed to ensure that all interested parties are aware of the pending decision and are given a chance to comment before the review authority renders its decision.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.02.040 Staff Review without Notice**

- (a) **Decisions based upon adopted standards.** Staff review without notice procedures are distinguished by land use decisions made by the applicable review authority based upon standards that have been adopted by the County as law or as policy.
- (b) **Rendering of a decision without notice.** Staff review without notice procedures shall be used when sufficient standards have been adopted by the Commission or the Board to allow the applicable review authority to render a decision without giving notice to surrounding property owners and other parties.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.02.050 Alternate Review Procedures**

Unless preempted by State or Federal Law, the specific land uses listed in the land use tables in Chapters 82.03 through 82.22 shall be allowed without a Conditional Use Permit when the following alternate review procedures have been completed to the satisfaction of the Director.

- (a) **Alternate procedures.**
  - (1) The land use has been approved at a public hearing by a State or Federally appointed body or commission empowered to approve or license the land use.
  - (2) Notice has been given to provide an opportunity for those interested or affected by the proposed use to take part in local public hearings conducted by the State or Federal body or commission approving the land use.
  - (3) The review process used by the approving agency has substantially addressed the same issues and concerns that would be addressed in applicable County review and approval process.
  - (4) The approving State or Federal body or commission has made a reasonable effort to respond to concerns expressed by the County of San Bernardino and its citizens.
  - (5) The approval of the land use would not have a substantially detrimental effect on the public health, safety, and welfare.
  - (6) Approval of the land use has complied with all applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
  - (7) The land use is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
- (b) **Acceptable alternate procedures.** Projects approved by the following agencies shall qualify as the alternate review authority:
  - (1) Projects approved by the Bureau of Land Management.

- (2) Projects approved by the State Energy Commission.
- (3) Projects approved by the State Lands Commission.
- (4) Projects approved by the State Department of Education.
- (5) Projects approved by the State Public Utilities Commission.
- (6) State or Federal Water Projects.
- (7) Projects approved by the U.S. Forest Service.
- (8) Projects approved by the U.S. Department of Defense.

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**CHAPTER 85.03 APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

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**Sections:**

- 85.03.010 Purpose
- 85.03.020 Applications for Land Use Decisions
- 85.03.030 Development Review Committee
- 85.03.040 Environmental Review
- 85.03.050 Concurrent Applications
- 85.03.060 Application Forms and Information Packets
- 85.03.070 Pre-application Review
- 85.03.080 Notice of Pending Land Use Decisions
- 85.03.090 Conditions of Approval
- 85.03.100 Automatic Conditions
- 85.03.110 Post Decision Notice

**85.03.010 Purpose**

This Chapter establishes the application requirements and noticing provisions necessary to process development proposals in any land use zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.020 Applications for Land Use Decisions**

Applications for all land use decisions shall be made at the offices of the applicable review authority on forms supplied by the Department. Each application for a land use decision shall be accompanied by the information and materials deemed necessary to render the requested land use decision before the application is deemed complete and accepted for filing. Any application made under the provisions of this Development Code may be initiated by the Board or by any interested party unless otherwise indicated in this Development Code.

The submission of a complete application for land use approval and the participation in and cooperation with the applicable application review process shall not nullify, excuse, or exonerate any violation of the San Bernardino County Code existing on the property or arising from the use of the property for which such application was made. Further, the submission of a complete application for land use approval and the participation in and cooperation with the applicable application review process shall not toll or bar any enforcement action taken by or on behalf of the County to correct or abate any violation of the San Bernardino County Code existing on the property or arising from the use of the property for which such application was made.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

**85.03.030 Development Review Committee**

- (a) **Evaluation of proposals by the Development Review Committee (DRC).** Development review procedures include evaluation of proposals at a scheduled meeting of the DRC.
- (b) **Consideration of design and proposed conditions.** The DRC meeting allows informal discussions between the applicant, County staff, and others regarding the design and proposed conditions for a given proposal. The DRC provides a recommendation to the applicable review authority.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.040 Environmental Review**

- (a) **Applications subject to CEQA.** All land use applications that are subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) shall be reviewed by the Department in compliance with the County Environmental Review Guidelines.
- (b) **Environmental findings required.** Before taking an action to approve a land use application that is subject to CEQA, the Planning Agency shall make one or more environmental findings. The environmental finding(s) is required in addition to the findings specified in this Development Code for each application type.
- (c) **Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions Review.** All land use applications that are subject to CEQA review shall have the potential impacts of the project's GHG emissions evaluated pursuant to the procedures entitled Review of GHG Emissions, Land Use Service Department Standard Policy/Procedures Manual, Section 9 (Environmental Review Guidelines).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4156 (2011)

**85.03.050 Concurrent Applications**

When more than one land use decision is required for a single project, all applications may be filed concurrently.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.060 Application Forms and Information Packets**

- (a) **Forms and Information Packets.** Each land use application Forms and Information Packet shall include a list of the information and materials required for the application to be considered complete.

- (b) **Failure to provide required information.** Any application for a land use decision that does not contain the required information and materials, or that is not accompanied by the appropriate application fee in compliance with the County Fee Ordinance, may be rejected as incomplete by the Planning Agency.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.03.070 Pre-application Review**

When the complexity of a land use application warrants it, the applicable review authority or the office given responsibility for accepting the land use application may require that the applicant submit materials and attend necessary conferences or hearings to conduct a preliminary review of a development proposal before the acceptance of the application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.03.080 Notice of Pending Land Use Decisions**

- (a) **Public hearing or staff review with notice procedures.** Upon receipt of a request for a land use decision that utilizes the public hearing or staff review with notice procedures, the applicable review authority shall give notice specifying the time and place for the decision at least 10 calendar days before the date of the scheduled land use approval/denial by the following applicable methods:
- (1) Notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the respective community of the proposal for the following land use decisions using the public hearing procedure:
    - (A) Amendments to the text of the General Plan or a specific plan.
    - (B) Development Code amendments.
    - (C) General Plan map amendments.
    - (D) Subdivisions, where a tentative and final map are required.
  - (2) Notice shall be given by first class mail to any person who has filed a written request for a specific application.
  - (3) Notice shall be given by first class mail or delivery to all surrounding property owners within a certain distance of the exterior boundaries of the subject site for land use decisions using the public hearing or staff review with notice procedures. The distances shall be in compliance with the Table 85-2 (Distance Requirements of Noticing Purposes), below.

**Table 85-2**  
**Distance Requirements for Noticing Purposes**

Size of Project Parcel(s)	Property owners of parcels located within the following distances of the exterior boundaries of the subject parcel <sup>(1)</sup>
20 acres or less	300 feet
20.1 to 160 acres	700 feet
160.1 acres or greater	1,300 feet
Notes: (1) Refer to Chapter 85.04 (ABC Licensing) for special noticing requirements for ABC Licensing projects.	

- (4) Notice shall be given by first class mail or delivery to all contiguous property owners for land use decisions using the staff review with notice procedures.
- (5) Notice shall also be given, as required by Government Code Section 66451.3, in the case of a conversion of residential real property to a community apartment project, condominium project, or stock cooperative.
- (6) Notice may be given in any other manner as is deemed necessary or desirable by the Director.
- (b) **Required information for notices.** The notice shall include sufficient information to give those receiving the notice a reasonable opportunity to evaluate the implications of the proposal and to participate in the decision making process. Furthermore, notices for land use decisions involving subdivisions for which a tentative and final map are required shall inform the recipient of their right to request, before the noticed land use decision date, that the proposal be reviewed by the County under the public hearing procedures.
- (c) **One-eighth page optional notice.** An one-eighth page legal display advertisement in a newspaper of general circulation may be substituted for individual property owner notice whenever the individual notice would require notification of more than 1,000 property owners.
- (d) **Ownership and addresses of properties.** Ownership and addresses of contiguous and surrounding properties shall be determined from the latest equalized tax assessment role or from other records of the County Assessor or County Tax Collector, whichever contains more recent information.
- (e) **Continued hearings.** During the public hearing, items that are continued by the review authority to a specific date shall not be re-noticed unless specifically requested by the review authority.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.090 Conditions of Approval**

In approving an application for a land use decision, the review authority may establish reasonable conditions to its approval that are found to be necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare that are consistent with the General Plan and this Development Code. Conditions of approval may be changed through the Chapter 85.12 (Revisions to an Approved Action).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.100 Automatic Conditions**

Any development project defined in Government Code Sections 65927 and 65928, which is automatically approved in compliance with Government Code Section 65956, shall be approved subject to all of the following standard conditions:

- (a) **Allowed uses.** The development project shall be an allowed use in the applicable land use zoning district.
- (b) **Compliance with plans and Development Code required.** The development project shall be consistent with the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and this Development Code.
- (c) **Compliance with public health, safety, and welfare requirements.** The development project shall comply with the public health, safety, and welfare requirements of other public agencies. These agencies include the County Department of Public Works, Fire Department, Special Districts Department and Divisions of Environmental Health Services and Building and Safety.
- (d) **Failure to comply.** Any automatic approval of a development project shall become null and void unless all conditions imposed by this Section have been fully complied with, and the occupancy, use of the land, and use of the proposed or existing structure(s) authorized by the automatic approval, has taken place within 36 months after the date of the automatic approval.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.03.110 Post-Decision Notice**

- (a) **Provision of notice.** Within 10 days of a final decision on an application for a permit or other approval required by this Development Code, the County shall provide notice of its final action to the applicant and to any person(s) who specifically requested notice of the County's final action and has provided a self addressed stamped envelope.
- (b) **Contents of notice.** The notice shall contain the final decision by the review authority.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 85.04 ABC LICENSING**

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**Sections:**

- 85.04.010 Purpose
- 85.04.020 ABC Licensing
- 85.04.030 Procedures

**85.04.010 Purpose**

This Chapter contains the County's review procedures for an applicant securing a license from the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.04.020 ABC Licensing**

State law generally requires a local jurisdiction to make a “public convenience or necessity” determination before the ABC will issue a liquor license. (See Division 9 of the State Business and Professions Code for specific State requirements and definitions regarding alcoholic beverage control; Sections 23958, 23958.4 and 23817.7 of that code specifically address State licensing requirements.)

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.04.030 Procedures****(a) Action by the Director or Commission.**

- (1) The Director shall review and act upon a request for a letter of “public convenience or necessity” when it is required from the local jurisdiction by ABC.
- (2) If a request is determined by the Director to be controversial, the request shall be referred to the Commission for action.
- (3) Requests to appeal the Director or Commission actions shall be filed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

**(b) Procedure.** Staff review with notice**(c) Review authority.** Director**(d) Notification of license request.** The applicant for an ABC license who has been required by the ABC to obtain from the County a letter of public convenience or necessity must provide notice to owners and occupants of property located within 500 feet of the exterior boundaries of the proposed establishment. The text of the notice

shall be in compliance with the guidelines provided by the Department. Such notice shall be given by:

- (1) **Sign.** A sign of at least 16 square feet, posted in a conspicuous location on the site of the proposed establishment but not within the clear site triangle of any driveway or intersection. The Department shall take no action until the sign has been in place for 14 consecutive days. The sign must be removed within 14 days of final action by the County
  - (2) **Mail.** Notice of the application may be mailed when the applicant can prove to the Department that surrounding property owners and occupants will be as likely to be notified of the application as if by the posting of a sign. The applicant shall provide proof of mailing, and the Department shall take no action until 19 days after such mailing (14 days extended an additional 5 days for mailing).
- (e) **Finding required.** Before issuing a letter of “public convenience or necessity” for an ABC license, the review authority shall find that the following is true:
- (1) A public convenience or necessity will be served by the granting of the license.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



## **CHAPTER 85.05 CERTIFICATE OF LAND USE COMPLIANCE**

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### **Sections:**

- 85.05.010 Purpose
- 85.05.020 Procedures

### **85.05.010 Purpose**

The Certificate of Land Use Compliance is used to certify the legal use of property, establish termination dates for nonconforming uses, disclose in public record conditions of operation, and any other long term conditions or restrictions that apply to the subject use or property.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **85.05.020 Procedures**

#### **(a) Filing criteria.**

- (1) The Planning Agency may require the filing of a Certificate of Land Use Compliance as a condition of approval of any land use application.
- (2) The Certificate shall reflect the information required by the Director and acknowledged by the applicant.
- (3) The Director shall cause the Certificate to be filed for record with the County Recorder's Office.

#### **(b) Procedure.** Staff review without notice

#### **(c) Review authority.** Director

#### **(d) Content.** The Certificate shall:

- (1) Identify the real property involved;
- (2) Certify that a given use is legally authorized by the County and identify any land use application that was filed to authorize the development; and
- (3) List the conditions for the development and operation of a use on the subject site including any required time limits for the termination of nonconforming uses or structures.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 85.06 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT/MINOR USE PERMIT**

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**Sections:**

- 85.06.010 Purpose
- 85.06.020 Applicability
- 85.06.030 Procedures
- 85.06.040 Findings Required
- 85.06.050 Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit
- 85.06.060 DRC Consideration
- 85.06.070 Agricultural Support Services
- 85.06.080 Alteration to Nonconforming Uses
- 85.06.090 Hazardous Waste Facilities
- 85.06.100 Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan Applications
- 85.06.110 Post Decision Procedures

**85.06.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Conditional Use Permit.** A Conditional Use Permit provides a process for reviewing uses and activities that may be appropriate in the applicable land use zoning district, but whose effects on a site and surroundings cannot be determined before being proposed for a specific site.
- (b) **Minor Use Permit.** A Minor Use Permit is designed to provide discretionary review for minor projects and intermediate discretionary review for projects that do not meet established development standards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.06.020 Applicability**

A Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit, as applicable, shall be required for all new uses allowed in a land use zoning district subject to a Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and for any disturbance of land associated with any use subject to a Conditional Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.06.030 Procedures**

- (a) **Conditional Use Permits.**
  - (1) **Procedure.** Public hearing.
  - (2) **Review authority.** Planning Commission.

- (3) **Review of design, location, and manner of development.** Conditional Use Permits are intended to provide an opportunity to review the design, location, and manner of development of land uses before their implementation.
- (4) **Minor adjustments and expansions.** Once established, minor adjustments and expansions to the uses that are subject to a Conditional Use Permit may be accommodated through Chapter 85.12 (Revisions to an Approved Action).

**(b) Minor Use Permits.**

- (1) **Procedure.** Public Hearing.
- (2) **Review authority.** Director.
- (3) **Review of design, location, and manner of development.** Minor Use Permits are intended to provide an opportunity to review the design, location, and manner of development of land uses before their implementation.
- (4) **Exceptions to review authority.** The Director shall be the review authority for all Minor Use Permit applications except for the following:
  - (A) Where the Director refers the application to the Commission for consideration and final action; or
  - (B) Where the application is filed concurrently with an application that has a higher review authority (e.g., the Commission or Board), in which case the higher review authority shall prevail.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.06.040 Findings Required**

- (a) **General findings for all Use Permits (Conditional and Minor).** The review authority shall first find and justify that all of the following are true before approving a Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit application.
  - (1) The site for the proposed use is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the proposed use and all landscaping, loading areas, open spaces, parking areas, setbacks, walls and fences, yards, and other required features pertaining to the application.
  - (2) The site for the proposed use has adequate access, which means that the site design incorporates appropriate street and highway characteristics to serve the proposed use.

- (3) The proposed use will not have a substantial adverse effect on abutting property or the allowed use of the abutting property, which means that the use will not generate excessive noise, traffic, vibration, or other disturbance. In addition, the use will not substantially interfere with the present or future ability to use solar energy systems.
  - (4) The proposed use and manner of development are consistent with the goals, maps, policies, and standards of the General Plan and any applicable community or specific plan.
  - (5) There is supporting infrastructure, existing or available, consistent with the intensity of development, to accommodate the proposed development without significantly lowering service levels.
  - (6) The lawful conditions stated in the approval are deemed reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.
  - (7) The design of the site has considered the potential for the use of solar energy systems and passive or natural heating and cooling opportunities.
- (b) **Additional findings for Minor Use Permits.** The review authority shall first find and justify that all of the following additional findings are true before approving a Minor Use Permit application.
- (1) There are no circumstances that would result in standards or conditions not being able to adequately mitigate environmental impacts.
  - (2) The project is planned for immediate development and does not include a phased development.
  - (3) The project is not likely to result in controversy.

If the proposed project fails to satisfy any of the findings identified in this Subsection, it shall only be processed as a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.06.050 Projects That Do Not Qualify for a Minor Use Permit**

- (a) **Types of projects.** Projects and/or uses that meet the following criteria shall not qualify for a Minor Use Permit and shall be processed as a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with this Chapter.
- (1) Phased projects.
  - (2) Projects required to be filed concurrently with a Final Development Plan (FDP).

- (3) Projects that require a Health Risk Assessment.
  - (4) Projects on a site with natural slopes of 30 percent or greater on any portion of the sites that are to be developed.
  - (5) Projects greater than 30,000 square feet of structure area in CN (Neighborhood Commercial) and CR (Rural Commercial) land use zoning districts.
  - (6) Projects greater than 40,000 square feet of structure area in CH (Highway Commercial) and CO (Office Commercial) land use zoning districts.
  - (7) Projects greater than 80,000 square feet of structure area in CS (Service Commercial), CG (General Commercial), IC (Community Industrial), IN (Institutional), and IR (Regional Industrial) land use zoning districts.
  - (8) Manufacturing operations less than 80,000 square feet of structure area may also require approval of a Conditional Use Permit if they involve the conversion of raw materials to intermediate or finished products and involve the storage of large amounts of raw materials. These uses include:
    - (A) Chemicals and related products (all similar uses).
    - (B) Clay, glass, and stone products (e.g., brick, concrete, dish, glass, insulation manufacturing, and tile plants).
    - (C) Fabricated metal products (e.g., automobile assembly plants).
    - (D) Food and related products (e.g., flour mills, slaughterhouses).
    - (E) Lumber and wood products (e.g., saw mills).
    - (F) Paper and related products (e.g., paper mills).
    - (G) Petroleum refining and related industries.
    - (H) Primary metal industries (all similar uses).
    - (I) Rubber and miscellaneous plastic products (all similar uses).
    - (J) Textile mill products.
  - (9) Broadcasting antenna or tower with a proposed height that exceeds the maximum allowed height in the subject land use zoning district, not including the extra height allowed by Section 83.02.040.
- (b) **Cumulative impact of successive projects.** When the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type on the same parcel or within the same ownership

over time exceeds the following thresholds, all new projects in that area shall always require approval of a Conditional Use Permit:

- (1) Thresholds for number of required parking spaces for uses indicated by “M/C” in Tables 82-4, 82-7, 82-11, and 82-17 in Division 2 (Land Use Districts and Allowed Land Uses); or
- (2) Thresholds (e.g., square footage of structure area, etc.) indicated in Subsection (a) (Types of projects), above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.06.060 DRC Consideration**

Any Conditional Use Permit submittal that is determined by the Director to warrant more detailed review shall be forwarded to the DRC for review and recommendation before action by the applicable review authority.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.06.070 Agricultural Support Services**

- (a) **Review authority’s action.** The review authority may approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a Conditional Use Permit for agricultural support services, and shall record the decision and the findings upon which the decision is based.
- (b) **Additional required findings.** In addition to the findings required in Section 85.060.040 (Findings Required) above, when agricultural support services are allowed subject to a Conditional Use Permit, the review authority shall also find and justify that all of the following are true before approving the Conditional Use Permit application.
  - (1) The proposed use is of an appropriate scale and size that will not create a conflict with existing or planned uses of adjacent properties.
  - (2) The proposed use is incidental and subordinate to existing agricultural uses located within the general vicinity.
  - (3) The methods of operation are compatible with existing and planned uses of adjacent properties.
  - (4) The methods of sewage, solid waste, and wastewater disposal are practical, safe, and will not adversely affect surrounding properties and underground water supplies.
  - (5) The approval of the proposed use will not serve to detract from the agricultural character of the area.

- (6) The proposed use will not have a substantial adverse effect on the service support capacity of the area's infrastructure including groundwater supply.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.06.080      Alteration to Nonconforming Uses**

- (a) **Accommodation of new structures or accessory uses.** An existing nonconforming use may be altered to accommodate a new structure or accessory use, except where it is an existing nonconforming use of land and contains no structures, in which case the alteration may not be approved.
- (b) **Additional required findings.** In addition to the findings required in Section 85.060.040 (Findings Required) above, before any alteration/modification of a nonconforming use may be granted, the review authority shall also find and justify that all of the following are true before approving the Conditional Use Permit application.
  - (1) The remaining normal life of the existing nonconforming use is determined to be in compliance with provisions specified in this Development Code before consideration of the proposed alteration if located in a residential land use zoning district.
  - (2) The proposed alteration shall not prolong the normal life of the existing nonconforming use.
  - (3) The alteration of the existing nonconforming use shall not be detrimental to, nor prevent the attainment of, general land uses, objectives, policies, and programs specified in the General Plan or any applicable community or specific plan.
  - (4) The granting of permission to alter the nonconforming use shall not be substantially detrimental to the public health, safety, or general welfare, or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and land use zoning district in which the use is located.
  - (5) The alteration shall not change the primary use of the land nor increase the intensity of the use unless such change brings the use into greater compliance with current zoning regulations.
  - (6) The existing nonconforming use shall comply with all other existing County regulations, including those applicable to and enforced by the Director, and County Sheriff's Department.
- (c) **Governmental or court actions exemption.** Any alteration required by governmental or court action shall be exempt from compliance with the above listed findings.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)



### **85.06.090 Hazardous Waste Facilities**

- (a) **Hazardous Waste Overlay District required.** To apply for a Conditional Use Permit for a hazardous waste facility, a General Plan amendment application shall be filed concurrently with the Conditional Use Permit application to ensure that a Hazardous Waste Overlay District is first applied to the subject facility site.
- (b) **County Hazardous Waste Management Plan.** For a complete discussion of the review procedures required for a specified hazardous waste facility, refer to Section 5.3.3 and Table 5-4 of Chapter 5 of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **85.06.100 Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan Applications**

State law requires a public hearing review for the Surface Mining and Reclamation process. The Surface Mining and Reclamation Plan application combines a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan into one application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **85.06.110 Post Decision Procedures**

The procedures and requirements in Chapter 6 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 85.07 FLOOD HAZARD DEVELOPMENT REVIEWS

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### Sections:

- 85.07.010 Purpose
- 85.07.020 Flood Hazard Development Review Procedures
- 85.07.030 Floodplain Development Standards Review Procedures

#### 85.07.010 Purpose

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide processes for the Flood Hazard Development Review and the Floodplain Development Standards Review in compliance with this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### 85.07.020 Flood Hazard Development Review Procedures

- (a) **Procedure.** Staff Review without Notice.
- (b) **Review Authority.** Floodplain Management Administrator.
- (c) **Applicability.** A Flood Hazard Development Review shall be completed before the approval of a land use application or issuance of a development permit in specified areas or where required by the Director, the Division Chief of Environmental Health Services, or the Floodplain Management Administrator.
- (d) **Recommendation by Drainage Section.** The Department of Public Works Land Development Review Division, Drainage Section, shall review and act upon requests for Flood Hazard Development Reviews. The Drainage Section's recommendations from these reviews shall be incorporated into the requirements of the development permit and/or the land use application review.
- (e) **Application requirements.** An application for a Flood Hazard Development Review shall be filed and processed in compliance with Chapter 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall include the information and materials specified in the Department handout for Flood Hazard Development Reviews.
- (f) **Notation of the elevation of the first floor.** Where a Flood Hazard Development Review has been completed, the review authority shall note the elevation of the first floor (including basement) of a proposed structure on the development permit and confirm that it is either:
  - (1) One foot above the base flood elevation when the FEMA map base flood elevations are shown, or two feet or more above the highest adjacent grade when the base flood elevations are not shown in any area designated as an FP1 Overlay; or
  - (2) One foot above the highest adjacent grade in any area designated as an FP2 Overlay.

- (g) **Structure siting.** Any structure within a project requiring a Flood Hazard Development Review shall be sited to modify or maintain the natural drainage way in a manner acceptable to and approved by the Department of Public Works, Drainage Section.
- (h) **Authorization of structural encroachments.** A Flood Hazard Development Review may also authorize structural encroachments on private property into County drainage easements, offers of dedication for drainage purposes, and those structure setback areas established adjacent to drainage courses.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### **85.07.030 Floodplain Development Standards Review Procedures**

- (a) **Procedure.** Staff Review without Notice.
- (b) **Review Authority.** Building Official.
- (c) **Applicability.** A Floodplain Development Standards Review shall be completed before the approval of a land use application or issuance of a development permit in specified areas or where required by the Director or the Building Official.
- (d) **Recommendation.** The Building and Safety Division shall review and act upon requests for Floodplain Development Standards Reviews. The Building Official's recommendations from these reviews shall be incorporated into the requirements of the development permit and/or the land use application review.
- (e) **Application requirements.** An application for a Floodplain Development Standards Review shall be filed and processed in compliance with Chapter 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall include the information and materials specified in the Department handout for Floodplain Development Standards Reviews.
- (f) **Notation of the elevation of the first floor.** Where a Floodplain Development Standards Review has been completed, the review authority shall note the elevation of the first floor (including basement) of a proposed structure on the development permit and confirm that it is either:
  - (1) One foot above the base flood elevation when the FEMA map base flood elevations are shown, or two feet or more above the highest adjacent grade when the base flood elevations are not shown in any area designated as an FP1 Overlay; or
  - (2) One foot above the highest adjacent grade in any area designated as an FP2 Overlay.
- (g) **Structure siting.** Any structure within a project requiring a Floodplain Development Standards Review shall be sited to modify or maintain the natural drainage way in a manner acceptable to and approved by the Building Official.

Adopted Ordinance 4163 (2012)

## CHAPTER 85.08 SITE PLAN PERMITS

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### Sections:

- 85.08.010 Purpose
- 85.08.020 Applicability
- 85.08.030 Procedures

### 85.08.010 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Chapter to provide an expedited process for the County review and authorization of allowed uses and structures that are in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses) and the other applicable requirements of this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.08.020 Applicability

- (a) **When required.** A Site Plan Permit shall be required to authorize:
- (1) **Compliance with Division 2.** The alteration, construction, or expansion of every legally established use that is allowed by a land use zoning district subject to a Site Plan Permit in compliance with Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses); provided, the use complies with all applicable development standards identified in this Development Code, an adopted specific plan or adopted by the Board;
  - (2) **Provision of additional parking.** A change or expansion of any use that would require the provision of additional parking in compliance with Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards); and
  - (3) **Publicly owned institutional structures.** The alteration, disturbance, or expansion of an existing publicly owned institutional structure that is less than 10,000 square feet in area and is proposed to be expanded by no more than 5,000 square feet.
- (b) **Exceptions.** A Site Plan Permit will not be allowed for any project that is located within a City Sphere of Influence, a designated redevelopment area or along a designated State highway. In such cases, the review and approval of a Minor Use Permit, in compliance with Chapter 85.06 will be required.
- (c) **Exempt from CEQA.** A Site Plan Permit application shall be determined exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in compliance with State law and the *County's Environmental Review Guidelines* or it shall be processed as a Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.08.030 Procedures**

- (a) **Compliance with Division 5 (Permit Application and Review Procedures).** The Site Plan Permit procedure is intended to provide a less complex and more streamlined review than that required for a Conditional Use Permit or Minor Use Permit. The project planner shall review the application in compliance with Division 5 (Permit Application and Review Procedures).
- (b) **Procedure.** Staff review with notice.
- (c) **Review authority.** Director.
- (d) **New construction.** In issuing a Site Plan Permit for new construction the Director shall first confirm that the request satisfies all of the following criteria:
  - (1) The structure and use is in compliance with the applicable provisions of this Development Code; and
  - (2) The proposed site and any land use(s) or structure(s) existing on the site shall not be in violation of any applicable provision of this Development Code, except for nonconforming uses and structures in compliance with Chapter 84.17 (Nonconforming Uses and Structures).
- (e) **Reuse of existing structure(s).** In issuing a Site Plan Permit that proposes to establish a different use in an existing structure, the Director shall first confirm that the request satisfies all of the following criteria in addition to those identified in Subsection E., above:
  - (1) The required number of parking spaces and driveway and parking lot improvements shall be provided and maintained in compliance with Chapter 83.11 (Parking and Loading Standards);
  - (2) All on-site signs shall be in compliance with Chapter 83.13 (Sign Regulations); and
  - (3) The proposed use and all existing structures are in compliance with all requirements of previously approved entitlements (e.g., Minor Use Permits, Conditional Use Permits, or Variances, etc.) including conditions of approvals.
- (f) **On-site inspection.** An application for a Site Plan Permit may require that the Director perform an on-site inspection of the subject parcel before confirming that the request complies with all of the applicable criteria and provisions identified in this Section.

- (g) **Findings.** Before granting an application for a Site Plan Permit, the review authority shall make the following findings:
- (1) The project complies with all applicable development standards identified in this Development Code or adopted by the Board.
  - (2) There is supporting infrastructure, existing or available, consistent with the intensity of development, to accommodate the proposed development without significantly lowering service levels.
  - (3) The proposed use and manner of development are in compliance with the goals, maps, policies, and standards of the General Plan, any applicable community plan or specific plan.
  - (4) The proposed use and manner of development are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- (h) **Rejection or alternative processing required.** If the review authority cannot make the required findings listed in Subsection (g), above, the project will be either rejected or elevated to a Minor Use Permit, as determined appropriate by the Director.
- (i) **Appeal.** Appeal of a Site Plan Permit shall be limited to the determination that the land use being requested qualifies for the Site Plan Permit application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 85.09 TENANT REVIEW

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### Sections:

- 85.09.010 Purpose
- 85.09.020 Applicability
- 85.09.030 Procedures

#### 85.09.010 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Chapter to provide an expedited process for the County review and authorization of allowed uses and **changes to existing structures** to accommodate the same or a different use. Adjustment of the existing tenant space may be allowed, but not a change in the existing structure footprint **or floor area. It is intended that a Tenant Review shall meet all standards of this Code without the necessity of discretionary processes, environmental review or public hearings.**

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### 85.09.020 Applicability

- (a) A **Tenant Review** is required for the first use of a structure that was constructed when the occupant was undetermined or when remodeling an existing structure to meet the needs of a new or existing tenant. However, a Tenant Review shall not be required for an existing structure when all of the following criteria are true:
  - (1) An approved plot plan is on file in the Land Use Services Department.
  - (2) The proposed use is consistent with the current land use zoning district regulations.
  - (3) Parking and design standards are not affected.
  - (4) Planning approval is not required for the proposed use nor has the project been conditioned to require a Tenant Review.
- (b) The addition of an on-site sign to an approved project may also be approved with a Tenant Review.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### 85.09.030 Procedures

- (a) **Procedure.** Staff review without notice.
- (b) **Review Authority.** Building Official.

(c) **Compliance with criteria.** The project shall meet one or more of the following criteria:

- (1) An application shall be reviewed and approved prior to issuance of building permits for any improvements that require building permits.
- (2) The structure and use shall conform to an approved plot plan on file in the Land Use Services Department, or if an approved plot plan is not on file, the criteria for acceptance of all Tenant Review applications shall be as determined by the Director.
- (3) Interior or exterior alterations (e.g., electrical conveyances, interior partitions, or plumbing) shall not result in an increase in the square footage of the structure.

Tenant Review applications that do not meet the criteria of this Section shall be referred to the Current Planning Division for the appropriate action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 85.10 PLANNED DEVELOPMENT PERMITS

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### Sections:

85.10.010	Purpose
85.10.020	Applicability
85.10.030	Procedures
85.10.040	Review Authority
85.10.050	Findings
85.10.060	Concurrent Subdivision Applications
85.10.070	Development Plans
85.10.080	Time Limits and Expiration
85.10.090	Planned Development Permit Amendments
85.10.100	Post Decision Procedures

### 85.10.010 Purpose

The Planned Development Permit is intended to provide for flexibility in the application of Development Code standards to proposed development under limited and unique circumstances. The purpose is to allow consideration of innovation in site planning and other aspects of project design, and more effective design responses to site features, uses on adjoining properties, and environmental impacts than the Development Code standards would produce without adjustment. The County expects each Planned Development Permit project to be of obvious, significantly higher quality than would be achieved through conventional design practices and development standards.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.10.020 Applicability

A Planned Development Permit application may be filed and processed only under the following circumstances.

- (a) **Minimum site area.** A Planned Development Permit may be requested for a residential, commercial, industrial, and/or mixed-use development on a site(s) with a minimum of five acres. The Director may also accept applications for a Planned Development Permit for residential, commercial, industrial, and/or mixed-use development on a site(s) with a minimum of one acre, provided the development involves construction of multiple buildings and the Director determines that the Planned Development process would provide a more effective tool to address development on the site than other available procedures.
- (b) **Timing of permit.** No Building or Grading Permit shall be issued on a site for which a Planned Development Permit is proposed until the Planned Development Permit has been approved in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.030      Procedures**

- (a) **Application review.** Each Planned Development Permit application shall be analyzed by the Director to ensure that the application is consistent with the purpose and intent of this Chapter.
- (b) **Public hearing.** The review authority shall conduct a public hearing on an application for a Planned Development Permit before the approval or disapproval of the Permit. Notice of the public hearing shall be provided, and the hearing shall be conducted in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
- (c) **Scope of approval.** Planned Development Permit approval may adjust or modify, where determined by the review authority to be necessary and justifiable, any applicable standard of this Development Code (e.g., **size, density**, height, parking, setbacks, street layout, etc.); provided, the approval shall not authorize a land use that is not allowed in the applicable land use zoning district by Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); **Amended Ordinance 4205 (2013)**

#### **85.10.040      Review Authority**

- (a) **Initial review by the Development Review Committee (DRC).** The DRC shall review all applications for preliminary or final development plans before their review by the Director, Commission, and Board.
- (b) **Commission and Board action required.** The Commission shall review and recommend and the Board shall act upon all initial applications for preliminary development plans and significant revisions to previously approved preliminary development plans for Planned Development Permits.
- (c) **Recommendation for disapproval.** A disapproval action by the Commission shall terminate any application for a Planned Development Permit, unless it is appealed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (d) **Preliminary and final development plans required.** When an applicant chooses to file a final development plan for a project that has not had a preliminary development plan previously approved, the applicant shall file the preliminary and final development plans concurrently.
- (e) **Director to review and act upon all final development plans.** The Director shall review and act upon all applications for final development plans for a Planned Development Permit; provided, the plans have been determined to be non-controversial and are consistent with the approved preliminary development plans.

- (f) **Non-controversial defined.** A final development plan shall be determined to be non-controversial when no member of the DRC objects to the proposed development plan or any portion of the plan, the applicant is in agreement with the requirements and conditions as proposed, and there has been no objection voiced regarding the proposed project.
- (g) **Controversial projects shall be referred to the Commission.** If the Director determines the project to be controversial the project shall be referred to the Commission for a recommendation to the Board.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.050 Findings**

- (a) **Review authority's action.** Following a public hearing, the review authority may approve, approve with conditions, or disapprove a Planned Development Permit, and shall record the decision and the findings upon which the decision is based.
- (b) **Required findings.** Before approving a request for a Planned Development Permit, the review authority shall first find that all of the following are true:
  - (1) The proposed development is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable plan.
  - (2) The physical characteristics of the site have been adequately assessed and the site for the proposed development is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the use and all landscaping, loading areas, open spaces, parking areas, setbacks, walls and fences, yards, and other required features.
  - (3) The site for the proposed development has adequate access, in that the site design and development plan conditions consider the limitations of existing streets and highways and provides improvements to accommodate the anticipated requirements of the proposed development.
  - (4) Adequate public services and facilities exist, or will be provided, in compliance with the conditions of development plan approval, to serve the proposed development and the approval of the proposed development will not result in a reduction of public services to properties in the vicinity to be a detriment to public health, safety, and general welfare.
  - (5) The proposed development, as conditioned, will not have a substantial adverse effect on surrounding property or their allowed use, and will be compatible with the existing and planned land use character of the surrounding area.
  - (6) The improvements required by the proposed conditions of development plan approval, and the manner of development adequately address all natural and manmade hazards associated with the proposed development and the project site including fire, flood, seismic, and slope hazards.

- (7) The proposed development carries out the intent of the Planned Development Permit provisions by providing a more efficient use of the land and an excellence of design greater than that which would be achieved through the application of conventional development standards.
- (8) If the development proposes to mix residential and commercial uses whether done in a vertical or horizontal manner, the residential use is designed in a manner that it is buffered from the commercial use and is provided sufficient amenities to create a comfortable and healthy residential environment and to provide a positive quality of life for the residents. The amenities may include landscaping, private open space, private or separated entrances, etc.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.060 Concurrent Subdivision Applications**

- (a) **Subdivision applications.** Applications for a Planned Development Permit shall not constitute an application for subdivision. If a subdivision of land is proposed in conjunction with a Planned Development Permit project, separate application, review, and findings shall be made in compliance with the applicable provisions of Division 7 (Subdivisions).
- (b) **Expiration of Planned Development Permit shall terminate subdivision application.** In the event a tentative subdivision map application is concurrently filed with a Planned Development Permit application, expiration of an approved or conditionally approved Planned Development Permit shall terminate all proceedings or any associated land use application. No final subdivision map or parcel map of all or any portion of the real property included within a Planned Development Permit shall be filed for record without first processing a new Planned Development Permit application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.070 Development Plans**

- (a) **Detailed development plan required.** A detailed site plan or development plan shall be submitted with all Planned Development Permit proposals. All development plans shall contain sufficient detail to depict the manner in which the proposed development complies with the purpose and provisions of this Chapter.
- (b) **Planned Development Permit requests for large projects.** Planned Development Permit requests for mixed-use projects or projects with more than 500 dwelling units may be submitted in two stages.
  - (1) **Preliminary Development Plan (PDP).** The first stage shall be referred to as a Preliminary Development Plan.

- (2) **Final Development Plan (FDP).** The second stage shall be referred to as a Final Development Plan.
- (3) **Definition of plans.** Preliminary Development Plans and Final Development Plans are defined in the following manner:
  - (A) **Preliminary Development Plans.** A Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) functions as a development suitability analysis and a comprehensive plan of the proposed developments. The PDP:
    - (I) Identifies and quantifies the constraints and opportunities for development in the following manner:
      - (i) The physical characteristics of the site;
      - (ii) Available public services and facilities;
      - (iii) The capacity of the existing circulation system; and
      - (iv) The existing and planned land use of adjacent properties.
    - (II) Establishes a list of specific limits, parameters, and planning objectives to guide development based on the identified development constraints and opportunities.
    - (III) Describes one or more potential development schemes derived from the limits, parameters, and planning objectives controlling the development. Each proposed development scheme shall describe in detail the:
      - (i) Proposed land uses and approximate distribution of the land uses;
      - (ii) Proposed density of residential uses;
      - (iii) Estimated population;
      - (iv) Estimated service demands;
      - (v) Anticipated impact on the existing circulation system;
      - (vi) Anticipated impact on adjacent properties;
      - (vii) Anticipated types of commercial and industrial uses; and
      - (viii) Relationship of the plan to the various elements of the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.

(IV) Identifies in the form of diagrams, maps, and/or written text a detailed plan of development based upon the application of the established limits, parameters, and planning objectives controlling development. The plan shall describe in detail the following:

- (i) Proposed land uses and structure types, the functional arrangement of the uses and structure types and the relationship to circulation, lighting, parking, paving, recreation and open space areas, screening, setbacks, site, site grading, and adjacent properties;
- (ii) How the established limits, parameters, and planning objectives have been adhered to;
- (iii) The level of public services and facilities required by the proposed development and the program for providing, operating, and maintaining the services and facilities;
- (iv) Access and circulation requirements;
- (v) Known manmade and natural hazards and methods for mitigation of the hazards;
- (vi) Significant natural features and areas to be retained for common open space, and provisions for the conservation, preservation, utilization, and maintenance of the areas; and
- (vii) How the plan conforms to the objectives of the General Plan, any applicable specific plan, and the applicable provisions of this Development Code.

**(B) Final Development Plans (FDP).** The FDP:

- (I) Is a detailed site plan that identifies the dimensions and location of all uses and structures in sufficient detail to permit the preparation and recordation of construction drawings; and
- (II) Shall comply with all approved Preliminary Development Plans (PDP).

**(C) Planned Residential Developments.**

- (I) Planned Residential Developments are residential projects consisting of 500 dwelling units or fewer. Planned Residential Developments are compatible with, and not a significant departure from surrounding land uses, and will be so located in relation to public utility systems and installations that neither the extension nor enlargement of the systems will be required that results in public capital expenditures greater than



would develop in a form generally allowed in the area. Planned Residential Developments shall be so located with respect to parks, schools, and other public services and facilities required as to have access in the same degree as would develop in a form generally allowed in the area.

- (II) Planned Residential Developments not meeting the above criteria shall **not** be processed under the regulations of this Chapter. Exception, however, residential projects greater than 500 units may be processed as a Planned Residential Development when the Development Review Committee (DRC) determines at the pre-application conference meeting that the project though greater in number of units:
  - (i) Is compatible with, and not a significant departure from, surrounding land uses;
  - (ii) Will not require public capital expenditures for the public utility systems greater than that required for the type of development generally allowed in the area;
  - (iii) Has reasonable access to parks, schools, and other public services and facilities in the same degree as would the type of development generally allowed in the area; and
  - (iv) Otherwise complies with the provisions of this Chapter.
- (III) The records of the pre-application conference shall specify those findings determining the above criteria have been **met**.
- (IV) The provisions of this Chapter shall modify the development standards of any land use zoning district designated for residential uses subject to the review and approval a Planned Residential Development application, in compliance with this Chapter.
- (V) All land uses within a Planned Residential Development shall conform to the allowed uses of the underlying land use zoning district, except as follows:
  - (i) Residential dwelling units, as defined in Division 12 may be attached or detached.
  - (ii) Certain internally oriented, incidental service uses including civic, community or country clubs, conference centers, or convenience shops designed and intended to provide goods and services to residents of the Planned Residential Development project may be allowed. These incidental service uses shall not be located on the periphery of the project, nor shall the use encompass more than 10 percent of the total project area.

(VI) The conditions of approval of a Planned Residential Development project shall specifically designate those uses, including types of dwelling units, allowed within the project.

- (d) **Application procedures for staged developments.** An application for a Preliminary Development Plan (PDP) shall encompass all of the land included within the Planned Development Permit. A Final Development Plan (FDP) may be for a portion of the land included within the Planned Development Permit or a phase of the Permit; provided:
- (1) Each phase shall function as a complete and separate development from the remaining phases; and
  - (2) Any densities proposed or open space areas provided within the subject phase shall not result from a transfer of density from adjoining phases.
- (e) **Pre-application conference.** A pre-application conference shall be required for all Planned Development Permit applications. This pre-application conference will acquaint the applicant with the procedural requirements of the Planned Development Permit provisions of this Development Code and the general acceptability of the plan and its compatibility with applicable policies, issues, and development regulations. *The conference may be with the Development Review Committee or with selected staff based upon the complexity of the project.*
- (f) **Conformance of plans.** Each Final Development Plan (FDP) shall substantially conform to the approved Preliminary Development Plan (PDP).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **85.10.080 Time Limits and Expiration**

The time limit and expiration of Planned Development Permit applications shall be in compliance with Section 86.06.060 (Time Limits and Extensions).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.090 Planned Development Permit Amendments**

- (a) **Review authority action on requested changes.** Any requested change in the Planned Development Permit, other than those allowed by Subsection (c)., below, shall be submitted to the review authority that originally approved the permit for review and approval following the same review notice and hearing procedures as required for the original approval.
- (b) **Added conditions.** The review authority may, as a condition of approval, impose added changes or conditions to the Planned Development Permit amendment as it deems reasonable and necessary to carry out the purpose and intent of the original Planned Development Permit and this Chapter.

- (c) **Minor changes by Director.** Minor changes in the Planned Development Permit that do not involve an increase in structure area, an increase in the number of dwelling units, or a change of use may be approved by the Director in compliance with Section 86.06.070 (Changes to an Approved Project).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.10.100 Post Decision Procedures**

The procedures and requirements in Chapter 86.06 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Planned Development Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 85.11 PRE-CONSTRUCTION FLOOD HAZARD AND SOIL EROSION POLLUTION PREVENTION INSPECTION

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### Sections:

- 85.11.010 Purpose
- 85.11.015 Scope
- 85.11.020 Flood Hazard Inspection Required
- 85.11.030 Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan and Inspection Required

### 85.11.010 Purpose

The provisions of this Chapter are enacted to control soil erosion pollution and regulate construction of proposed structures that are subject to flood hazards due to storm events within local flood hazard areas that are not within a designated Flood Plain Safety (FP) Overlay District or Floodway (FW) Land Use Zoning District.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

### 85.11.015 Scope

The provisions of this Chapter apply to all unincorporated areas of the County except that Section 85.11.020 shall only apply to areas not within a designated Flood Plain (FP) Overlay District or Floodway (FW) Land Use Zoning District.

Adopted Ordinance 4085 (2009)

### 85.11.020 Flood Hazard Inspection Required

- (a) **No disturbance of land and/or construction without prior approval.** No person, except as provided in this Chapter, shall commence with a disturbance of land (e.g., grading or land clearing) and/or construction activity that has the potential to affect a discernible water course without first obtaining approval to ensure that the disturbance and/or construction activity will not increase the velocity or alter the direction or point of discharge of a local drainage course in a manner that it negatively effects the proposed structure(s) or other adjacent properties.
- (b) **Flood Hazard Inspection required.** A pre-construction Flood Hazard Inspection shall be conducted by the Building Official before approval of any development permit, except where a land use application has previously been approved authorizing the land disturbing or construction activity.

- (c) **Determination by the Building Official.** The Building Official shall determine, upon visual inspection of the site and review of any pertinent available resources, whether there is evidence of a discernible watercourse that could affect or could be affected by the proposed improvements or land disturbing activity.
- (1) If the Building Official determines no evidence exists, it shall be indicated in writing that the site has passed the pre-construction Flood Hazard Inspection and review.
- (2) If evidence of a discernible watercourse exists, the Building Official **may** require a **Floodplain Development Standards Review conducted by the Building and Safety Division and a Flood Hazard Development Review conducted by the Public Works Department, Land Development Division**, that will provide further review of the site and proposed improvements. **A review fee shall be required.**
- (d) **Flood Hazard Development Review required.** All pre-construction Flood Hazard Inspections referred to the Public Works Department, Land Development Division, shall be subject to the provisions of the Flood Hazard Development Review before issuance of any development permit or approval of a land disturbing activity.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

#### 85.11.030 Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan and Inspection Required

- (a) **No land disturbance or construction activity without prior approval.** No person except as provided in this chapter, shall commence with a disturbance of land (e.g. grading or land clearing) or construction activity that has that potential to cause erosion without first obtaining approval of erosion control measures to ensure that erosion would not reasonably be expected to occur. Best Management Practices (BMP's) shall be implemented at all land disturbance sites, regardless of the area of disturbance.
- (b) **Inspections required.** Site inspections shall be conducted as needed to verify compliance with this Chapter. Project proponents must also recognize that their project is subject to inspection by the Public Works Department, Environmental Management Division and Regional Water Quality Control Board staff as part of their General Construction Permit obligations.
- (c) **Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan.** A Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan shall be approved by the Building Official prior to issuance of any development permit or authorization of any land disturbing activity of more than one acre. Projects disturbing more than one acre are also required to have coverage under the State General Construction Permit issued by the State Water Resources Control Board and develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The property owner is required to abide by all provisions of the State General Construction Permit and obtain a Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) number prior to the issuance of building or grading permits when the disturbance is more than one acre.

- (d) **Review requirements of plan.** The Building Official, with the concurrence of the Current/Advance Planning Division and the Public Works Department, Land Development Division, when appropriate, shall review the plan and determine that the proposed erosion control measures will be adequate to meet the requirements of Subsection 82.13.080(c), (e) and (f) whether or not an erosion control permit is specifically required.
- (e) **Maintenance of features.** The required features of the approved Soil Erosion Pollution Prevention Plan shall be implemented during the land disturbing activity and maintained thereafter in accordance with the approved plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4085 (2009)

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**CHAPTER 85.12 REVISIONS TO AN APPROVED ACTION**

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**Sections:**

- 85.12.010 Purpose
- 85.12.020 Procedures

**85.12.010 Purpose**

Modifications of the conditions of approval or project design for an approved development project and for the alteration, expansion, or any disturbance of land associated with any use subject to a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, or Site Plan Permit may be revised (e.g., modified or expanded) through the approval of a Revision to an Approved Action application in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.12.020 Procedures****(a) Action by the Director or Commission.**

- (1) The Director shall review and act upon a request for a Revision to an Approved Action.
- (2) If the Director determines that the request requires a public hearing, the Director shall refer the request to the Commission for action.
- (3) Requests to appeal the Director's or Commission's actions shall be filed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

**(b) Review procedure. .**

- (1) Any revision that includes an expansion of the use of up to 10,000 sq. ft. or 25 percent of the ground area covered by the use or square footage of the structure, whichever is greater, shall be processed using the Staff Review with Notice procedures. The procedures and appeal rights of Section 85.08.030 shall apply.
- (2) Any revision that includes an expansion of the use greater than 25 percent of the ground area covered by the use or square footage of the structure and such expansion is greater than 10,000 sq. ft. shall be processed using the review procedures outlined in Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit).

**(c) Review authority. Director**

- (d) **Notification of request.** Notice shall be given in compliance with the same notice requirement of the original application type. However, an expansion of the use beyond 25 percent would require notice in compliance with the Minor Use Permit requirements.
- (e) **Findings required.** Before approving the requested revision, the review authority shall find that the findings for the original application type can still be made.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 85.13 SIGN LOCATION PLANS

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### Sections:

- 85.13.010 Purpose
- 85.13.020 Procedures

### 85.13.010 Purpose

It is the purpose of this Chapter to provide an expedited process for the County review and authorization of a Sign Location Plans in compliance with this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.13.020 Procedures

- (a) **Procedure.** Staff review without notice.
- (b) **Review Authority.** Director.
- (c) **Findings.** Before acting upon a request for a Sign Location Plan, the review authority shall first find all of the following to be true. The construction of the sign structures in compliance with the proposed Sign Location Plan will:
  - (1) Be compatible with the character of the community(ies) in which the sign structures are to be located;
  - (2) Not have an adverse affect upon properties adjoining the proposed sign location; and
  - (3) Be consistent with the policies contained within the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 85.14 SPECIAL USE PERMITS

### Sections:

- 85.14.010 Purpose
- 85.14.020 Types of Special Use Permits and Review Authorities
- 85.14.030 Procedures
- 85.14.040 General Provisions
- 85.14.050 Special Uses
- 85.14.060 Findings for Specific Special Uses

### 85.14.010 Purpose

Special Use Permits are required to regularly monitor the operation of certain land uses to ensure their continued compatibility with the surrounding property.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.14.020 Types of Special Use Permits and Review Authorities

Table 85-3 (Special Use Permits) identifies the various types of Special Use Permits with the appropriate review authorities:

Table 85-3 Special Use Permits				
Type of Entitlement or Decision	Applicable Citation	Director (1) (2)	Commission (3)	Board (4)
Bed and Breakfast Permit	Ch. 84.05	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Dependent Housing	Ch. 84.08	Issue <sup>(5)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Exotic Animals	Ch. 84.04	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Home Occupations	Ch. 84.12	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	----
Private Kennels	Ch. 84.04	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Recycling Facilities	Ch. 84.19	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Short-Term Private Home Rental	Ch. 84.28	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	----

#### Notes:

- (1) The Director may defer action and refer any permit or approval application to the Commission for final determination.
- (2) All decisions of the Director are appealable to Commission, and then to the Board, in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals), except for those decisions addressed in Note (3).
- (3) The Commission may refer consideration of an appeal to the Board, except for those decisions involving only a Variance, determination as to the completeness of an application, the determination to approve or deny a Home Occupation Permit, an Accessory Wind Energy Permit, a Short-Term Private Home Rental, a Subdivision Sign Location Plan, or the requirement for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In these instances the Commission's decision shall be the final and conclusive decision. The Board will not accept nor consider an appeal of these Commission decisions.
- (4) All decisions of the Board are final.
- (5) Issued by the Building Official.

- (6) Issued by Code Enforcement.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.14.030 Procedures**

- (a) **Requests for Special Use Permits.** The Director shall review and act upon requests for Special Use Permits subject to the findings and conditions for each type of use as identified within the applicable sections of this Development Code that provides for the use.
- (b) **Procedure.** Staff review with notice.
- (c) **Review authority.** Director.
- (d) **An advertised meeting may be held.** When necessary, the review authority may conduct an advertised meeting to consider evidence and take testimony before acting upon an application for a Special Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.14.040 General Provisions**

- (a) **Shall be allowed in the land use zoning district.** The uses described in this Chapter shall be an allowed use in the subject land use zoning district, subject to the issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- (b) **Disapproval due to violation(s).** Special Use Permit applications shall be disapproved if there is any violation(s) of this Development Code on the property for which the application is filed and appropriate legal action will be taken to abate the violation(s).
- (c) **Additional conditions may be added.** The Director may add additional conditions or requirements as deemed reasonable and necessary to any Special Use Permit.
- (d) **Annual renewal and inspections required.** Special Use Permits shall be renewed annually, unless otherwise specified by this Chapter and inspections will be conducted by the Director before each annual renewal.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.14.050 Special Uses**

- (a) **Conditional Use Permits.** Any use that is the subject of an approved Conditional Use Permit and if required by the conditions of approval shall also be made subject to the issuance of a Special Use Permit.
- (b) **Limited time periods may be applied.** Special Use Permits may be issued for limited time periods. A new application shall be required for renewal of a Special Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.14.060 Findings for Specific Special Uses**

- (a) **Findings for bed and breakfast uses.** Before acting upon an application for a Special Use Permit for a bed and breakfast use, the review authority shall first find all of the following to be true:
- (1) The site upon which the bed and breakfast use is to be established, shall conform to all standards of the land use zoning district in which it is located, and the site for the proposed use is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the use and parking areas, setbacks, structure coverage, yards, and other applicable requirements of this Development Code; and
  - (2) The residential character of the neighborhood in which the use is located shall be maintained and preserved and the issuance of the Special Use Permit shall not be significantly detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare or injurious to the vicinity and land use zoning district in which the use is located.
- (b) **Findings for dependent housing units.** Before acting upon an application for a Special Use Permit for a dependent housing unit, the review authority shall first find all of the following to be true:
- (1) The site for the proposed dependent housing unit is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the use and all parking areas, setbacks, structure coverage, yards, and other applicable requirements of this Development Code;
  - (2) The proposed dependent housing unit is clearly subordinate in appearance, location, and size to the principal unit;
  - (3) Issuance of the Special Use Permit shall not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and land use zoning district in which the use is located;
  - (4) The dependent housing unit shall be constructed, erected, or installed to allow for its removal or conversion to guest housing; and
  - (5) The appearance of the dependent housing unit and the method of siting are compatible with the surrounding built environment.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 85.15 TEMPORARY USE PERMITS

### Sections:

85.15.010	Purpose
85.15.020	Types of Temporary Use Permits and Review Authorities
85.15.030	Minor Short-Term Activities
85.15.040	Temporary Use Permit Required
85.15.050	Procedures
85.15.060	Review Authority
85.15.070	Exempt Short-Term Activities
85.15.080	Allowed Short-Term Activities
85.15.090	Development Standards
85.15.100	Application Requirements
85.15.110	Findings and Decision
85.15.120	Post Decision Procedures

### 85.15.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes procedures and standards for the granting of Temporary Use Permits for allowed short-term activities. Compliance with applicable standards ensures that the establishment, maintenance, and operation of the short-term activity would not be detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the proposed activity.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.15.020 Types of Temporary Use Permits and Review Authorities

Table 85-4 (Temporary Use Permits) identifies the various types of Temporary Use Permits with the appropriate review authorities:

Table 85-4 Temporary Use Permits				
Type of Permit	Applicable Citation	Director (1) (2)	Commission (3)	Board (4)
Temporary Use Permit - General	Ch. 84.25	Issue	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Construction Office	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(5)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Model Home	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Occupancy - Residential	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(5)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Real Estate Office	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Seasonal Sales Lot	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(5)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Signs	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(6)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal
Temporary Special Event	Ch. 84.25	Issue <sup>(7)</sup>	Appeal	Appeal

**Notes:**

- (1) The Director may defer action and refer any permit or approval application to the Commission for final determination.
- (2) All decisions of the Director are appealable to Commission, and then to the Board, in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals), except for those decisions addressed in Note (3).
- (3) The Commission may refer consideration of an appeal to the Board, except for those decisions involving only a Variance, determination as to the completeness of an application, the determination to approve or deny a Home Occupation Permit, an Accessory Wind Energy Permit, a Subdivision Sign Location Plan, or the requirement for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). In these instances the Commission's decision shall be the final and conclusive decision. The Board will not accept nor consider an appeal of these Commission decisions.
- (4) All decisions of the Board are final.
- (5) Issued by the Building Official.
- (6) Issued by Code Enforcement.
- (7) Issued by Current Planning.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.15.030 Minor Short-Term Activities**

A Temporary Use Permit (TUP) allows short-term activities that might not meet the normal development or use standards of the applicable land use zoning district, but may otherwise be acceptable because of their temporary nature.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.15.040 Temporary Use Permit Required**

Short-term activities shall not be conducted, established, or operated in any manner without the approval and maintenance of a valid Temporary Use Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.15.050 Procedures**

- (a) **Director's review.** Each application shall be reviewed by the Director to ensure that the proposal complies with all applicable requirements of this Development Code.
- (b) **Procedure:** Staff review without notice.

**85.15.060 Review Authority**

- (a) **Director's authority.** Temporary Use Permits may be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Director, in compliance with this Chapter.
- (b) **Referral to the Commission.** The Director may refer any Temporary Use Permit application to the Commission for final action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.15.070 Exempt Short-Term Activities**

The following short-term activities are allowed without the requirement of obtaining a Temporary Use Permit. Short-term activities that do not fall within the following categories shall comply with Section 85.15.080 (Allowed Short-Term Activities), below.

- (a) **Construction yards - On-site.** On-site contractors' construction yards, for an approved construction project. The construction yard shall be removed immediately upon completion of the construction project, or the expiration of the Building Permit authorizing the construction project, whichever first occurs.
- (b) **Emergency facilities.** Emergency public health and safety needs/land use activities, as determined by the Board.
- (c) **Events on sites approved for public assembly.** An event on the site of, or within, a golf course, meeting hall, religious facility, school, theater, or other similar facility designed, and approved by the County for public assembly.
- (d) **Fund-raising car washes.**
  - (1) Car washes on property within a commercial, industrial, or institutional zone, limited to a maximum of two days per month for each sponsoring organization.
  - (2) Sponsorship shall be limited to educational, fraternal, religious, or service organizations directly engaged in civic or charitable efforts, or to tax exempt organizations in compliance with 501(c) of the Federal Revenue and Taxation Code.
  - (3) Even though fundraising car washes are exempt from obtaining a Temporary Use Permit, they shall still be conducted in compliance with applicable stormwater regulations to minimize potential water quality impacts.
- (e) **Garage sales.** Garage sales, not to exceed four per year, each of which may not exceed three consecutive days.
- (f) **Location filming.** The temporary use of a specific site for the location filming of commercials, movies, videos, etc., for the time specified by the Director. Even though this use is exempt from a Temporary Use Permit, it does require a permit through the Inland Empire Film Commission.
- (g) **Public property or public right-of-way.** Construction and maintenance activities conducted on public properties that are authorized by an Encroachment Permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.15.080 Allowed Short-Term Activities**

A Temporary Use Permit may authorize the following short-term activities within the specified time limits, but in no event for more than 12 months. Other short-term activities that do not fall within the categories defined below, or within Section 85.15.070 (Exempt Short-Term Activities), above, shall instead comply with the planning permit requirements and development standards that otherwise apply to the property.

- (a) **Batch Plants.** Batch plants necessary for the construction of major public infrastructure improvements provided proper review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is completed.
- (b) **Construction yards - Off-site.** Off-site contractors' construction yards, for an approved construction project. The construction yard shall be removed immediately upon completion of the construction project, or the expiration of the Building Permit authorizing the construction project, whichever first occurs.
- (c) **Events.** Art and craft exhibits, carnivals, circuses, concerts, fairs, farmer's markets, festivals, flea markets, food events, open-air theaters, outdoor entertainment/sporting events, religious revivals, rummage sales, second hand sales, swap meets, and other special events for up to five consecutive days, or four two-day weekends, within a 12-month period, allowed only on nonresidential properties. Refer to Chapter 85.16 (Temporary Special Event Permits) for specific requirements for a Temporary Special Event Permit.
- (d) **Model homes.** A model home or model home complex may be authorized before the completion of subdivision improvements in compliance with the following standards.
  - (1) The sales office and any off-street parking shall be converted back to residential use and/or removed before the issuance of the Final Occupancy Permit or within 14 days from the sale of the last parcel in the subdivision, whichever first occurs.
  - (2) The model home complex shall be used to sell only units within the subdivision within which the complex is located.
  - (3) Model home permits will be finalized and the model homes will be allowed to be open to the public only after all subdivision improvements are completed and accepted by the County.
  - (4) Model home sign permits will be issued only after all subdivision improvements are completed and accepted by the County.
  - (5) The review authority may require other conditions of approval deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of persons residing or working in the neighborhood.

- (e) **Seasonal sales lots.** Seasonal sales activities (e.g., Christmas, Halloween, Thanksgiving, etc.) including temporary residence/security trailers, on nonresidential properties, for up to 45 days.
- (f) **Temporary occupancy during construction.**
  - (1) **Major development projects.** Temporary structures and property may be used during the construction phase of an approved major development project (e.g., residential projects with five or more dwelling units or any commercial or industrial project). The structures or property may be used as offices or for the storage of equipment and/or tools.
  - (2) **Minor development projects.** An existing dwelling unit or a temporary structure and property may be used during the construction phase of an approved minor development project (e.g., residential projects with four or fewer dwelling units). The structure or property may be used as a temporary residence, an office, or for the storage of equipment and/or tools.
  - (3) **Appropriate conditions.** The permit shall contain reasonable and necessary conditions regarding the following matters:
    - (A) Provisions for adequate ingress and egress.
    - (B) Provisions for the work to be performed on-site.
    - (C) Provisions for the storage of asphalt, concrete, and dirt at designated sites within the subject property; provided, the applicant furnishes a schedule, acceptable to the Director, for the periodic disposal or recycling of these materials.
    - (D) Provisions designed to minimize potential conflicts between the work to be performed on-site and the ordinary business and uses conducted within the County.
  - (4) **Length of permit.** The permit may be approved for up to 12 months following the issuance of the companion Building Permit, or upon completion of the subject development project, whichever first occurs.
  - (5) **Extension of permit.** The permit may be extended by the Director if a written request for extension is submitted at least 14 days before expiration of the permit and reasonable reasons are provided by the applicant to justify the requested extension (e.g., the delay was caused by reasons beyond the control of the applicant). The permit may be extended for up to an additional 12 months. Multiple extensions may be approved, but in no case shall these extensions exceed a total of five years.

- (6) **Condition of site following completion.** All temporary structures and related improvements shall be completely removed from the subject site following expiration of the Temporary Use Permit or within 30 days of completion of the development project, whichever first occurs.
- (g) **Temporary real estate sales offices.** A temporary real estate sales office may be established within the area of an approved subdivision, solely for the first sale of homes. An application for a temporary real estate office may be approved for a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval.
- (h) **Temporary structures.** A temporary classroom, office, or similar structure, including a manufactured or mobile unit, may be approved for a maximum of 12 months from the date of approval, as an accessory use or as the first phase of a development project.
- (i) **Temporary work trailers.** A trailer or mobile home used as a temporary work site for employees of a business; provided, that:
- (1) The use is authorized by a Building Permit for the trailer or mobile home, and the Building Permit for the permanent structure;
  - (2) The use is appropriate because:
    - (A) The trailer or mobile home will be in place during construction or remodeling of a permanent commercial or industrial structure for a maximum of 12 months, or upon expiration of the Building Permit for the permanent structure, whichever first occurs; or
    - (B) The applicant has demonstrated that the temporary work site is a short-term necessity for a maximum of 12 months, while a permanent work site is being obtained; and
  - (3) The trailer or mobile home is removed before final building inspection or the issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy for the permanent structure.
- (j) **Similar temporary activities.** A temporary activity that the Director determines is similar to the other activities listed in this Section and compatible with the applicable land use zoning district and surrounding land uses.

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#### **85.15.090 Development Standards**

The Director shall establish the following standards based on the type of short-term activity, using the requirements of the applicable land use zoning district, and Divisions 3 (Countywide Development Standards) and 4 (Standards for Specific Land Uses and Activities) for guidance:

- (a) **Structure and property development improvements.** Access, floor areas, heights, landscaping, off-street parking, setbacks, signs, utilities, and other structure and property development improvements and features;
- (b) **Removal of the activity and site restoration.** Measures for removal of the activity and site restoration, to ensure that no changes to the site would limit the range of possible future land uses otherwise allowed by this Development Code; and
- (c) **Time limitation.** Limitation on the duration of an approved "temporary structure," to a maximum of 12 months, so that it shall not become a permanent or long-term structure.

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#### **85.15.100 Application Requirements**

An application for a Temporary Use Permit shall be filed and processed in compliance with 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall include the information and materials specified in the Department handout for Temporary Use Permits. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence in support of the findings required by Section 85.15.110 (Findings and Decision), below.

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#### **85.15.110 Findings and Decision**

A Temporary Use Permit shall be approved by the Director only after the Director first finds that the requested short-term activity complies with applicable standards in this Chapter.

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#### **85.15.120 Post Decision Procedures**

The procedures and requirements in Chapter 86.06 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Temporary Use Permit.

- (a) **Condition of the site following short-term activity.** Each site occupied by a short-term activity shall be cleaned of debris, litter, or other evidence of the temporary activity on completion or removal of the activity, and shall thereafter be used in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code. Performance security may be required before initiation of the activity to ensure cleanup after the activity is finished in compliance with Section 86.06.050 (Performance Guarantees).
- (b) **Performance security for temporary structures.** Before issuance of a Temporary Use Permit the applicant shall provide performance security in a form and amount acceptable to the Director to guarantee removal of all temporary structures within 30 days following the expiration of the Temporary Use Permit.

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**CHAPTER 85.16 TEMPORARY SPECIAL EVENT PERMITS**

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**Sections:**

- 85.16.010 Purpose
- 85.16.020 Review Authority and Procedure
- 85.16.030 Procedures
- 85.16.040 Post Decision Procedures

**85.16.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to establish regulations that will protect the general public health, safety, and welfare under the authority granted to governments by the Constitution of the State of California.

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**85.16.020 Review Authority and Procedure**

- (a) **Director's authority.** Temporary Special Event Permits may be reviewed and approved or disapproved by the Director, in compliance with this Chapter.
- (b) **Procedure:** Staff review without notice.

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**85.16.030 Procedures**

- (a) **General provisions.**
  - (1) **Intent.** The intent of this Chapter is to provide regulations for the establishment, operation, removal, and cleanup of temporary special events that do not constitute a "land use" of sufficient magnitude or longevity to require permanent land use approval.
  - (2) **Permit required.** Except as otherwise provided by the County Code or State law, no person or entity shall advertise, conduct, maintain, operate, or provide admission for any temporary special event within the unincorporated areas of the County without possessing an unexpired, unsuspended, and unrevoked Temporary Special Events Permit from the Department for each temporary special event.
  - (3) **Exemptions.** The following temporary events are exempt from the requirements of obtaining a Temporary Special Events Permit in compliance with this Chapter:

- (A) Any sites that have received land use approval (e.g., Conditional Use Permit) to allow temporary special events.
  - (B) Any temporary special events held in County Regional Parks.
  - (C) Any Class I minor event as defined in Division 10 (Definitions) with an anticipated attendance of less than 500 persons per day. This exemption shall not apply to a staging event as defined in Section 82.0401 of Title 2 of this Code involving ten or more persons operating off-highway motor vehicles. Section 28.0404 of Title 2 requires a Temporary Special Event Permit for such staging events.
  - (D) Any Class II minor event with an anticipated attendance of less than 200 persons per day.
- (4) **Relevant agencies.** The Department shall notify and consult with all relevant County, State, and Federal agencies including the following:
- (A) The County Departments of Airports, Fire, Public Health, Public Works, Sheriff, and the County Code Enforcement Division;
  - (B) The State of California Departments of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Fish and Game, Highway Patrol, and Transportation; and
  - (C) The U.S. Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation, and the U.S. Park Service.
- (b) **Required information and timing of application.** Before organizing any temporary special event, the applicant shall supply the information the Department may reasonably require based upon the location, intensity, and level of services required for each proposed temporary special event. Application for events shall be submitted in a complete form in advance of the anticipated commencement of the activity in the following manner:
- (1) Minor events.
    - (A) Events proposed to operate for the first time: At least 30 days in advance for a community celebration, and at least 90 days in advance for any other event.
    - (B) Recurring events: At least 30 days in advance if the event had been previously reviewed and approved.
  - (2) Major events. At least 180 days in advance.
- (c) **Fees.**

- (1) For major events only, within 60 days of notification by the Department, any County department substantially affected by an event, other than the Sheriff's Department which is covered under Subsection (i), below, shall submit a billing to the event applicant (with a copy to the Department) of the estimated total fees and charges of that department pertaining to the special event.
- (2) All estimated total fees and charges shall be deposited by the event applicant with the affected department(s) at least 60 days before the scheduled opening of the special event.
- (3) Within 30 days of the end of the special event, the affected County department shall give a final accounting/billing to the event operator (with a copy to the Department).
- (4) Within 60 days of the end of the special event, the event operator shall deposit all unpaid County departments' fees and charges and the affected department(s) shall refund any surpluses, as applicable.

**(d) Bonding and insurance.**

- (1) Each applicant may be required to provide sufficient liability insurance naming the County as an additional named insured.
- (2) The insurance shall be sufficient to protect, defend, and indemnify the County, its agents, employees, officers, servants, and volunteers from and against any claim, damage, injury, liability, and loss of any nature arising out of, or in any way connected to, the temporary special event.
- (3) The amount, quality, and type of the insurance shall be determined in compliance with the policy established by the Risk Management Division.
- (4) The County may require a bond be posted before the special event to ensure that all conditions are met, including the cleanup and restoration of landscape.

**(e) Review procedures.**

- (1) Upon receipt of a completed application and all related fees, the Department shall consult with all applicable agencies and departments.
- (2) The special event shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in compliance with Sections 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines.
- (3) If the special event has the potential to cause adverse environmental impacts, an environmental review of the proposed event shall be conducted in compliance with the County Code and CEQA.
- (4) An additional environmental review fee will be required.

- (5) After an environmental determination has been made, or if one is not required, the Director:
  - (A) May refer any Temporary Special Event Permit application directly to the Board for consideration;
  - (B) May require a Conditional Use Permit or other appropriate land use permit and approval where the magnitude or longevity of the use requires the permit and/or approval; and
  - (C) Shall notify the applicant of the Sheriff's determination, if the Sheriff has determined in compliance with Subsection (i), below, that no permit should be issued.
- (f) **Permits nontransferable.** Any permit issued in compliance with this Chapter shall not be transferable to any other date, organization, person, place, or time.
- (g) **Posting.** Every permit required by this Chapter shall be conspicuously posted upon the premises of the temporary special event in a manner specified by the Department.
- (h) **Permit conditions.** The Director, the Sheriff, and the Board shall take into consideration all relevant information when determining the approval or disapproval and any necessary conditions for a requested temporary special event permit, including the following:
  - (1) Adequate office space(s) and communication equipment for all regulatory personnel on site by the permit holder;
  - (2) Bonding and insurance requirements;
  - (3) Cleanup trash disposal;
  - (4) Communication, including temporary or additional telephones and an adequate public address system;
  - (5) Consideration of the impositions upon adjacent properties and the local communities;
  - (6) Electrical illumination requirements;
  - (7) Fire protection, including location of fire hydrants and supplemental water sources;
  - (8) Food concessions;
  - (9) Inclement weather contingencies;
  - (10) Medical/first aid facilities;

- (11) News releases required;
- (12) Noise impact(s) (An applicant's request to play or broadcast music, especially between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., shall be evaluated and determined based on all relevant information including the following: the proximity to the nearest residence, business, or other occupied land use; the topography of the site and relevant surrounding area; and the time limits the music is proposed to be played);
- (13) Overnight camping problems;
- (14) Restoration of landscape;
- (15) Sanitation facilities;
- (16) Site(s) upon which the temporary special event is to occur, and the provisions for adequate ingress/egress and adequate parking including provisions for special traffic guards or signals;
- (17) Topographical and ecological considerations and consideration of alternative sites;
- (18) Water facilities; and
- (19) Final accounting procedures, billings, and/or reimbursements.

**(i) Police protection - Sheriff's determination.**

- (1) Upon receipt of the special event application from the Department, the Sheriff's Department shall take into consideration all relevant information when determining their recommendation for the approval or disapproval and any necessary conditions for a requested temporary special event permit, including those items identified in Subsection (h), above, and the following:
  - (A) Applicants' previous relevant experience and background;
  - (B) Control of alcoholic beverages and dangerous substances;
  - (C) Crowd control measures;
  - (D) Emergency evacuation procedures;
  - (E) News releases;
  - (F) Police protection; and
  - (G) Provisions for special accessway(s) for emergency vehicles.

- (2) If the Sheriff determines, for any of the following reasons, that the event will endanger the public health, peace, safety, or welfare, no permit shall be issued. The grounds for disapproval by the Sheriff are any one of the following:
- (A) Information contained in the application, or supplemental information requested from the applicant, is found to be false in any material detail;
  - (B) Another Special Event Permit application has been received prior in time, or has already been approved, to hold another event at the same time and place requested by the applicant, or so close in time and place as to cause undue traffic congestion, or the Sheriff is unable to meet the needs for law enforcement services for both events;
  - (C) The route, size, or time of the special event will substantially interrupt the safe and orderly movement of traffic contiguous to the event route or site, or disrupt the use of a street at a time when it is usually subject to great traffic congestion;
  - (D) The concentration of animals, persons, and vehicles at the site of the special event, or the assembly and disbanding areas around an event, will prevent proper ambulance, fire, law enforcement, or paramedic services to areas contiguous to the event;
  - (E) The size of the special event will require diversion of so great a number of Sheriff's deputies to ensure that participants stay within the boundaries or route of the event, or to protect participants in the event, as to prevent normal protection to the rest of the County. Nothing within this Section authorizes disapproval of a permit because of the need to protect participants from the conduct of others if reasonable permit conditions can be imposed to allow for adequate protection of event participants with the number of law enforcement officers available to police the event;
  - (F) The location of the special event will substantially interfere with any construction or maintenance work scheduled to take place upon or along the County streets, or a previously-granted Encroachment Permit; or
  - (G) The special event would occur at a time when a school is in session at a location or route adjacent to the school or one of its classes, and the noise created by the activities of the event would substantially disrupt the educational activities of the school or one of its classes.
- (3) When the grounds for disapproval of a permit specified in Subsections (B) through (G), above, can be corrected by altering the date, duration, location, route, or time of the special event, the Sheriff shall, instead of disapproving the application, conditionally recommend approval of the application upon the applicant's acceptance of conditions for permit issuance. The conditions imposed shall provide for only the modification of the applicant's proposed event as may be necessary to achieve compliance with Subsections (B) through (G), above.

- (4) If the Sheriff determines that the special event will not endanger the public health, peace, safety, or welfare, the Director shall be advised of the Sheriff's determinations and recommendations.
- (5) If the Sheriff determines that the special event will endanger the public health, peace, safety, or welfare, unless the applicant obtains extra police protection, the Director shall be advised of the Sheriff's requirements for extra police protection as a mandatory condition for the issuance of a permit.
- (6) Where the Sheriff specifies the employment of off-duty peace officers, and/or reserve peace officers, to meet the requirements of this Chapter, the peace officers shall be under the complete direction of the Sheriff. The Sheriff shall require that the requisite number of peace officers be provided at all times of operation, plus any specified time before and following the special event, before the Sheriff recommends approval of the permit.
- (7) The employment of the specified number of law enforcement officers shall be at the expense of the applicant, the expense to be calculated in compliance with the County's fee provisions pertaining to public gatherings, and shall be paid in full 30 days in advance of the special event.
- (8) The Sheriff shall determine whether regular or reserve officers are to be utilized based on availability, the nature of the assignment, and the number of officers needed to ensure the safety and welfare of the public during the special event.

**(j) Requests for law enforcement services at temporary special events.**

- (1) Any person or entity not required to obtain a permit in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter may request law enforcement services to preserve the peace at temporary special events.
- (2) The application shall be made to the Sheriff and shall be in writing, stating the name and address of the applicant, the place where the temporary special event is to be held, the estimated number of persons to be present, and the purpose of the temporary special event.
- (3) Upon receipt of the application, the Sheriff shall determine whether law enforcement services are necessary to preserve the peace, and if the Sheriff so determines, and if the services will not reduce the normal and regular on-going service that the County would otherwise provide, the Sheriff shall contract with the applicant to provide the services at an amount to cover all related costs to the County.
- (4) The costs shall be calculated in compliance with the County's fee provisions pertaining to public gatherings.

**(k) Permit expiration.** A Temporary Special Event Permit shall expire in compliance with the terms of the permit.

- (l) **Complaints.** Any interested person may file a complaint with the Department, the Sheriff, or the Board, or petition for a suspension or revocation of any Temporary Special Event Permit issued in compliance with this Chapter.
- (m) **Grounds for suspension or revocation.** The Director or the Sheriff may suspend, and the Director may revoke, any Temporary Special Event Permit issued in compliance with this Chapter based upon reasonable causes, which may include any one of the following:
- (1) Nonpayment of required fees to the County or its agents;
  - (2) Violation of any permit condition;
  - (3) Violation of any law involving the operation of the temporary special event;
  - (4) Any disorderly conduct or use of dangerous substances caused by the operation of the temporary special event; or
  - (5) Information contained in the application, or supplemental information requested from the applicant, is found to be false in any material detail.
- (n) **Suspension.**
- (1) The Director or the Sheriff may summarily suspend any Temporary Special Event Permit if the Director or Sheriff finds or reasonably suspects that operation of the event may constitute an immediate public health or safety hazard.
  - (2) At the time of suspension, the Director or Sheriff shall issue a written notice to the permit holder stating the grounds for the suspension and notifying the permit holder of the right to a hearing on the suspension.
  - (3) If a written request for hearing is filed with the Director within 15 calendar days after the receipt of the notice, the Director shall provide a hearing within five days of receipt of the written request for a hearing.
  - (4) If the suspension notice is given on or within 25 days of the start date of the special event, the Director shall take reasonable steps to expedite the hearing process.
  - (5) The hearing may be continued from time to time.
  - (6) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Director shall render a decision.
  - (7) The Director may continue the suspension in effect until the Director determines the grounds for suspension no longer exist.



- (8) If an urgent situation exists relative to the public health, safety, or welfare for a specific special event, an emergency suspension may be executed by the Director to be effective immediately.

**(o) Revocation.**

- (1) The Director may commence revocation proceedings by mailing a notice not less than 10 days before the date set for hearing, informing the permit holder of the causes for revocation and the time and place at which the revocation matter will be heard.
- (2) If the revocation notice is given on or within 25 days of the start date of the event, the Director shall take reasonable steps to expedite the hearing process.
- (3) The hearing may be continued from time to time.
- (4) A revocation hearing may be held concurrently with a suspension hearing.
- (5) At the conclusion of the hearing, the Director shall render a decision.
- (6) If an urgent situation exists relative to the public health, safety, or welfare for a specific special event, an emergency revocation may be executed by the Director to be effective immediately.

**(p) Violations/remedies.** It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the following:

- (1) Advertise, conduct, or operate a temporary special event without first possessing an unexpired, unsuspended, unrevoked Temporary Special Event Permit for each event.
- (2) Distribute, give, or sell admission passes or tickets to any temporary special event without first possessing an unexpired, unsuspended, unrevoked Temporary Special Event Permit for each event.
- (3) Operate any temporary special event in a manner that would create a public or private nuisance.
- (4) Conduct, exhibit, or show within the place of the temporary special event any activity that violates California State law or any County ordinance.
- (5) Knowingly allow any person on the site of the temporary special event to cause or create a disturbance in, around, or near any place of the temporary special event by offensive or disorderly conduct.

- (6) Knowingly allow any person to consume, distribute, possess, or sell any alcoholic beverage on the site of the temporary special event, except as expressly allowed as a condition of the permit and in compliance with the laws and regulations enforced by the State Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- (7) Knowingly allow any person to consume, distribute, possess, or sell any controlled drug or dangerous substance in, around, or near any place of the temporary special event.
- (8) Knowingly broadcast or play any live, recorded, or synthesized music after 11:00 p.m. or before 7:00 a.m. at the site of a temporary special event, except as expressly authorized as a condition of a Temporary Special Event Permit.
- (q) **Events conducted without required permit(s).** Any temporary special event conducted without the required permit(s) is subject to closure at anytime during the event. The promoter, business owner, and/or landowner may be subject to cost recovery by the agencies participating in the closure.
- (r) **Temporary special events on Federal or State land.** When temporary special events have received a complete land use approval by a Federal or State agency, including the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service and is properly certified to the Department, the Director may, upon consultation with and approval of the Sheriff, limit or waive any or all the provisions of this Chapter as they are determined to be adequately controlled by the Federal or State agency.
- (s) **Off-road vehicle race criteria.** The Director shall use the following criteria to review off-road vehicle races.
  - (1) Any portion of the race course traversing private land shall be on an improved public easement or traveled way that has been primarily maintained by the use of hand or power machinery or tools in order to allow relatively regular and continuous use; or maintained by the passage of vehicles so as to constitute a well defined and adequate route of travel for the types of vehicles intended for use in the special event. Any applicable permit(s) shall first be obtained for the use of County-maintained flood control easements, roads, or other routes.
  - (2) No spectators shall be allowed, or activities conducted other than the passage of vehicles on any portion of the private property, road, or route.
  - (3) No passing shall be allowed on the road or route unless it has adequate width to permit safe passage of two race vehicles abreast without necessitating travel off the designated course.
  - (4) The race route on private lands shall pose no undue or extraordinary hazards to the participants or the general public.

- (5) The race shall not adversely affect any sensitive environmental resources on private lands in compliance with the determination made during the environmental review.
- (6) The owner(s) of the private property to be crossed by the temporary special event has/have issued written permission to the individual(s) conducting the race to authorize use of the private property.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.16.040 Post Decision Procedures**

In addition to the provisions specified in this Chapter, the procedures and requirements in Chapter 86.06 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Temporary Special Event Permit. In the case of a conflict, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail.

- (a) **Condition of the site following short-term activity.** Each site occupied by a short-term activity shall be cleaned of debris, litter, or other evidence of the temporary activity on completion or removal of the activity, and shall thereafter be used in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code. Performance security may be required before initiation of the activity to ensure cleanup after the activity is finished in compliance with Section 86.06.050 (Performance Guarantees).
- (b) **Performance security for temporary structures.** Before issuance of a Temporary Special Event Permit the applicant shall provide performance security in a form and amount acceptable to the Director to guarantee removal of all temporary structures within 30 days following the expiration of the Temporary Special Event Permit.

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## CHAPTER 85.17 VARIANCES

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### Sections:

- 85.17.010 Purpose
- 85.17.020 Applicability
- 85.17.030 Procedures
- 85.17.040 Minor Variances
- 85.17.050 Application Requirements
- 85.17.060 Findings and Decision
- 85.17.070 Conditions of Approval
- 85.17.080 Post Decision Procedures

### **85.17.010 Purpose**

A Variance (either Major or Minor) provides a process for County consideration of requests to modify certain standards of this Development Code when, because of special circumstances applicable to the property, including location, shape, size, surroundings, topography, or other physical features, the strict application of the development standards otherwise applicable to the property denies the property owner privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity and in the same land use zoning district.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **85.17.020 Applicability**

A Variance may be granted to modify any requirement of this Development Code except: allowed land uses; residential density; specific prohibitions (for example, prohibited signs), or procedural requirements.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **85.17.030 Procedures**

Each application shall be reviewed by the Director to ensure that the proposal complies with this Chapter, and all other applicable requirements of this Development Code.

- (a) **Procedure.** Staff review with notice
- (b) **Review Authority.** Director
- (c) **Notice.** Before a decision on a Variance, the County shall provide notice in compliance with Section 85.03.080 (Notice of Pending Land Use Decisions).

- (1) **Notice.** The notice shall state that the Director will decide whether to approve or disapprove the Variance application on a date specified in the notice, and that a public hearing will be held only if requested in writing by any interested person before the specified date for the decision. The request for a hearing shall be based on issues of significance directly related to the application (e.g., provision of evidence that the request cannot meet one or more of the findings identified in Section 85.17.060 [Findings and Decision], below).
- (2) **If hearing is requested.** If a public hearing is requested, the Director shall schedule the hearing, which shall be noticed and conducted in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
- (3) **If no hearing is requested.** If no public hearing is requested, the Director shall render a decision on the date specified in the notice referred to in Subsection (c). (1) above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 85.17.040 Minor Variances

- (a) **Types of Minor Variances allowed.** The Director may grant a Minor Variance to reduce any of the following requirements of this Development Code up to the maximum specified in the Table 85-5 (Types of Minor Variances Allowed), below.

**Table 85-5**  
**Types of Minor Variances Allowed**

Types of Minor Variances Allowed*		Maximum Variance
1	<b>Area requirements.</b> Excluding parcel area requirements.	30%
2	<b>Distance between structures.</b> Up to 40 percent, but no closer than 6 feet.	40%
3	<b>Fence or wall heights.</b> Up to 30 percent, but no higher than 6 feet in the front or street side yard setback.	30%
4	<b>Floor width requirements.</b> Of the single-family residential design standards.	20%
5	<b>Gross floor area requirements.</b>	10%
6	<b>Height requirements.</b> Except that any height adjustment not exceeding two feet in total height shall also be considered a Minor Variance.	30%
7	<b>Off-street parking requirements.</b> Parking and loading space requirements, not to exceed two spaces. Parking area/lot improvements.	30%
8	<b>Overlay District requirements.</b> Of the standards identified in the overlay districts.	30%
9	<b>Setback requirements.</b> a. Front setbacks. But no closer to the nearest property line than 15 feet in the valley and desert areas and 10 feet in the mountain region. b. Side setbacks. But no closer than three feet from the nearest property line, except in a Fire Safety Overlay District in which case no closer than five feet. c. Rear setbacks. But no closer than 10 feet from the nearest property line.	40% 40% 30%
10	<b>Sign requirements.</b> a. Sign area limitations. b. Sign height and setback limitations.. c. Sign number limitations: Not to exceed four signs.	10% 30% 100%

**Notes.**

(\*) Administrative criteria for Minor Variances for these structures shall be established by the Building Official. Those proposals that do not meet the criteria shall be submitted to the Department of Public Works, with the appropriate fee, for road safety evaluation. Architectural design and construction materials shall be compatible with the visual setting of the surrounding area. Variances to the requirements of Section 83.02.030 regarding “clear sight triangles” shall not be evaluated with a Minor Variances.

- (b) **Major Variances.** Any request for a Variance, other than a Minor Variance, shall be termed a Major Variance.
- (c) **Referral to the Commission.** The Director may choose to refer any Variance application to the Commission for hearing and final action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

**85.17.050 Application Requirements**

An application for a Variance (Major or Minor) shall be prepared, filed, and processed in compliance with Chapter 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall include the information and materials specified in the Department handout for Variances. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence in support of the findings required by Section 85.17.060 (Findings and Decision), below.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**85.17.060 Findings and Decision**

- (a) **General findings.** The review authority may approve a Variance (Major or Minor) only after first finding all of the following:
  - (1) The granting of the Variance will not be materially detrimental to other properties or land uses in the area and will not substantially interfere with the present or future ability to use solar energy systems;
  - (2) There are exceptional or extraordinary circumstances or conditions applicable to the subject property or to the intended use that do not apply to other properties in the same vicinity and land use zoning district;
  - (3) The strict application of the land use zoning district deprives the subject property of privileges enjoyed by other properties in the vicinity or in the same land use zoning district; and
  - (4) The granting of the Variance is compatible with the maps, objectives, policies, programs, and general land uses specified in the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
- (b) **Findings for off-site parking Variance.** The approval of a Variance to allow some or all of the parking spaces required for a nonresidential project to be located off-site, or to allow in-lieu fees or facilities instead of the required on-site parking spaces, shall

require that the review authority first make both of the following findings in compliance with Government Code Section 65906.5, instead of those required by Subsection (a), above.

- (1) The Variance will be an incentive to, and a benefit for, the nonresidential development; and
- (2) The Variance will facilitate access to the nonresidential development by patrons of public transit facilities.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.17.070      Conditions of Approval**

In approving a Variance (Major or Minor), the review authority may impose any conditions deemed reasonable and necessary to ensure that the approval will comply with the findings required by Section 85.17.060 (Findings and Decision), above. The violation of any required condition shall constitute a violation of this Chapter and may constitute grounds for revocation or modification of the Variance in compliance with Section 86.09.070 (Revocation or Modification).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **85.17.080      Post Decision Procedures**

The procedures and requirements in Chapter 6 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 11 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Variance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



## CHAPTER 85.18 ACCESSORY WIND ENERGY SYSTEM PERMIT

### Sections:

- 85.18.010 Purpose
- 85.18.020 Applicability
- 85.18.030 Procedures
- 85.18.040 Abandonment

### 85.18.010 Purpose

As allowed by Government Code Section 65892.13, the purpose of this Chapter is to provide a uniform and comprehensive set of standards, conditions, and procedures for the placement of accessory wind energy systems on parcels in unincorporated areas of the County in order to encourage the generation of electricity for on-site use, thereby reducing the consumption of electrical power supplied by utility companies. These regulations are intended to ensure that accessory wind energy systems are designed and located in a manner that minimizes visual and safety impacts on the surrounding community.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 85.18.020 Applicability

- (a) **Accessory Wind Energy System Permit.** An Accessory Wind Energy System, as defined by Section 810.10.250 (Definitions, “W”) and where allowed by Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) of this Development Code, shall require an Accessory Wind Energy System Permit and shall be subject to the requirements and standards set forth in this Chapter and Chapter 84.26 of Division 4 of this Development Code.
- (b) **Exemptions.** A single Accessory Wind Energy System that is 35 feet or less in height shall be exempt from the requirement to obtain an Accessory Energy System Permit. Multiple systems on the same parcel, even if they are 35 feet or less in height, shall be required to obtain an Accessory Wind Energy System Permit. All Accessory Wind Energy Systems, including those systems exempted from the Accessory Wind Energy System Permit Process pursuant to this subsection, shall comply with the standards set forth in Chapter 84.26 of Division 4 of this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010); Amended Ordinance 4188 (2012)

### 85.18.030 Procedures

- (a) **Action.** The Director shall review and act upon an application for approval of an Accessory Wind Energy System Permit.

- (b) **Procedure.** Staff Review With Notice in compliance with Section 85.02.030 (Staff Review with Notice).
- (c) **Notification.**
- (1) **Surrounding property owners.** Notice shall be given by first class mail or delivery to all surrounding property owners within 300 feet of the boundaries of the parcel of the subject site when **an application is accepted as complete**.
  - (2) **Electric utility service provider.** If the applicant plans to connect the system to the electricity grid, the applicant shall submit documentation from the electric utility service provider that serves the proposed site confirming they have been informed of the applicant's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned electricity generator. If the applicant does not plan to connect the system to the electricity grid, notice to the electric utility service provider shall not be required.
  - (3) **Pest control service providers.** In the event an **Accessory Wind Energy System** is proposed to be sited **as an accessory to** an agricultural **use** that may involve aircraft operating at low altitudes, the applicant shall take reasonable steps to notify pest control aircraft pilots registered to operate in the County.
  - (4) **Military airspace authority.** An accessory wind energy system shall not be sited on land within a restricted military airspace without first giving adequate notice to the governing authority of that airspace.
- (d) **Application Submittal Requirement.** The noise ratings as published by the manufacturer of a system proposed for installation shall be submitted to the County for review at the time of the submittal of an application for an Accessory Wind Energy System Permit. If multiple systems are being proposed, the noise ratings shall be modified to address the number of systems being installed.
- (e) **Review Authority.** Director.
- (f) **Findings required.** Before approving an application for an Accessory Wind Energy Permit, the Director shall find and justify that all of the following are true:
- (1) The site for the proposed use is adequate in size and shape to accommodate the proposed use and all yards, open spaces, setbacks, walls and fences, parking areas, loading areas, landscaping and other features pertaining to the proposed use.
  - (2) The site for the proposed use has adequate access (i.e., the site design incorporates street and highway limitations).
  - (3) The proposed use will not have a substantial adverse effect on adjacent property or the use of the adjacent property (e.g., excessive noise, vibration, traffic, other disturbance, etc.) and will not have a substantial visual impact on adjacent property.

- (4) The proposed use is consistent with the goals, policies, standards and maps of the General Plan and any applicable Community Plan or Specific Plan.
- (5) The lawful conditions stated in the approval are deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4188 (2012)

#### **85.18.040 Abandonment**

Under normal occupancy, an accessory wind energy system that is not operated for a continuous period of 12 months shall be considered abandoned. The owners of the system shall remove all structures within 90 days of receipt of notice from the County advising the owner of the abandonment. If the system is not removed within 90 days, the County may remove all structures at the owner's expense.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 85.19 FOOD TRUCK EVENT PERMITS**

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**Sections:**

- 85.19.010 Purpose
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- 85.19.120 Suspension or Revocation of Permit
- 85.19.130 Other Prohibited Activities
- 85.19.140 Post-Decision Procedures
- 85.19.150 Clean-Up and Performance Security

**85.18.010 Purpose**

The purpose of this Chapter is to provide regulations for the establishment, operation, removal, and cleanup of Food Truck Events in the unincorporated areas of the County and which do not constitute a “land use” of sufficient magnitude or longevity to require permanent land use approval.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

**85.19.020 Permit Required for Food Truck Events**

- (a) **Permit required.** Except as otherwise provided by the County Code or state or federal law, no person or entity shall advertise, conduct, maintain, operate, or provide admission for any Food Truck Event within the unincorporated areas of the County without possessing an unexpired, unsuspended, and unrevoked Food Truck Event permit from the Department for each Food Truck Event.
- (b) **Closure if no permit.** A Food Truck Event conducted without the required permit is subject to closure at any time during the event. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to have the permit approval letter on-site during the event. The applicant, promoter of the event, business owner, and/or landowner may be liable for the costs of the agencies participating in the closure of the event.
- (c) **Exemption.** Any Food Truck Event that has received another land use approval (e.g., Conditional Use Permit) to allow food trucks shall be exempt from the requirements of this Chapter.

- (d) **Food Truck Events.** A Food Truck Event shall be classified as a Food Truck Event - Major or a Food Truck Event - Minor, as defined in County Code Section 810.01.080.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.030 When Application for Permit Must Be Submitted**

An application for a Food Truck Event permit must be submitted in a complete form at least 60 days in advance of the anticipated commencement of the Food Truck Event.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.040 Content of Application**

The applicant shall supply a site plan and other information the Department may reasonably require based upon the location, intensity, and level of services required for each proposed Food Truck Event. The applicant must show or provide, at a minimum, the following information:

- (a) Food Truck staging areas(s);
- (b) Trash receptacles;
- (c) Restrooms;
- (d) Temporary structures or tents;
- (e) Notation of land uses on adjacent properties;
- (f) Site lighting;
- (g) Fire protection, including location of fire hydrants and supplemental water sources;
- (h) Food concessions;
- (i) Inclement weather contingencies;
- (j) Medical/first aid facilities;
- (k) News releases required;
- (l) Noise impact(s) (An applicant's request to play or broadcast music, especially between the hours of 11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., shall be evaluated and determined based on all relevant information including the following: the proximity to the nearest residence, business, or other occupied land use; the topography of the site and relevant surrounding area; and the time limits the music is proposed to be played);
- (m) Restoration of landscape;

- (n) Sanitary facilities;
- (o) Provisions for adequate ingress/egress and adequate parking including provisions for special traffic control measures, including the use of traffic enforcement officers, barricades, cones, signs, maps and any other traffic control devices of any type;
- (p) Topographical and ecological considerations and consideration of alternative sites; and
- (q) Water facilities.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.050 Fees, Bonding, and Insurance**

- (a) **Fees.** All estimated total fees and charges shall be deposited by the applicant with the affected department(s) at least 30 days before the scheduled occurrence of the Food Truck Event.
- (b) **Bonding and insurance.** The applicant may be required to provide sufficient liability insurance naming the County as an additional named insured. The insurance shall be sufficient to protect, defend, and indemnify the County, its agents, employees, officers, servants, and volunteers from and against any claim, damage, injury, liability, and loss of any nature arising out of, or in any way connected to, the Food Truck Event. The amount, quality, and type of the insurance shall be determined in compliance with the policy established by the Risk Management Department. The County may require a bond to be posted before the Food Truck Event to ensure that all conditions are met, including the cleanup and restoration of landscape.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.060 Request for Law Enforcement Services**

An applicant may request law enforcement services to preserve the peace at a Food Truck Event. The request shall be made in compliance with County Code Section 85.16.030(j).

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.070 Application Review Process**

- (a) Upon receipt of a completed application, site plan, and all related fees, the Department shall consult with all applicable County, state, and federal agencies, which may include one or more of the departments or agencies described in County Code Section 85.16.030(a)(4) as well as any other relevant agency.
- (b) The Food Truck Event shall comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). A review will determine whether the categorical exemptions in Sections 15301 and 15304 of the CEQA Guidelines are applicable. If the Food Truck Event has the potential to cause adverse environmental impacts, an environmental review of

the proposed event shall be conducted in compliance with the County Code and CEQA, and an additional environmental review fee will be required.

- (c) After an environmental determination has been made, or if one is not required, the Director:
- (1) May approve or deny the application; and/or
  - (2) May refer the application directly to the Planning Commission for consideration; and/or
  - (3) May require a Conditional Use Permit or other appropriate land use permit and approval where the magnitude or longevity of the use requires the permit and/or approval; and/or
  - (4) Shall notify the applicant of the Sheriff's determination, if the Sheriff has determined in compliance with Section 85.19.080 below, that no permit should be issued or should only be issued upon compliance with certain requirements or conditions; and/or
  - (5) May elevate the application for a Minor Food Truck Event to an application for a Major Food Truck Event because of the scope or other circumstances of the event.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.080 Review by Sheriff**

If the Director refers an application to the Sheriff's Department, the Sheriff's Department shall make a recommendation for the approval, disapproval, and/or necessary conditions for the approval of an application for a Food Truck Event permit, based on the criteria set forth in County Code Section 85.16.030(i).

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.090 Decision on Application**

The decision to approve, to approve upon the compliance with certain additional requirements or conditions, or to deny an application, shall be based on the criteria set forth in County Code Subsections 85.16.030(h), (i), and (m).

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

#### **85.19.100 Expiration and Non-Transferability of Permit**

A Food Truck Event permit shall expire in compliance with the terms of the permit. A Food Truck Event permit shall not be transferable to any other date, organization, person, place, or time.



**85.19.110 Complaints**

Any person may file a complaint with the Department or the Sheriff regarding a Food Truck Event or may petition for a suspension or revocation of any Food Truck Event permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

**85.19.120 Suspension or Revocation of Permit**

A permit may be suspended or revoked on any ground set forth in County Code Subsections 85.16.030(h), (i), or (m), and in compliance with the applicable procedures set forth in County Code subsections 85.16.030(m), (n), and (o), and in this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

**85.19.130 Other Prohibited Activities**

It shall be unlawful for any person to do any of the activities described in County Code Subsection 85.16.030(p) in conjunction with a Food Truck Event.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

**85.19.140 Post-Decision Procedures**

In addition to the provisions specified in this Chapter, the procedures and requirements in Chapter 86.06 (Time Limitations), and those related to appeals and revocation in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), shall apply following a decision on an application for a Food Truck Event Permit or on a decision to suspend or revoke a Food Truck Event Permit or on any other decision or determination regarding a violation of this Chapter. The Board of Supervisors shall not make any decision on an application for a permit or a suspension or revocation of a permit or on any related appeal. In the case of a conflict, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail.

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

**85.19.150 Clean-Up and Performance Security**

- (a) Each site occupied by a Food Truck Event shall be cleaned of debris, litter, or other evidence of the event on completion of the event, and shall thereafter be used in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code.
- (b) Performance security may be required before initiation of a Food Truck Event to ensure cleanup after the activity is finished, in compliance with Section 86.06.050 (Performance Guarantees).

Adopted Ordinance 4170 (2012)

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## CHAPTER 86.01 PLANNING AGENCY

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- 86.01.010 Establishment of Planning Agency
- 86.01.020 Functions of Planning Agency
- 86.01.030 Procedures

### 86.01.010 Establishment of Planning Agency

In compliance with the authority granted to local jurisdictions by the State's Government Code, a Planning Agency is hereby established.

- (a) **Board.** The Board shall act as the Planning Agency for land use applications that require a public hearing and legislative action, and for those that are referred or appealed to the Board in compliance with Table 85-1 (Review Authority), Table 85-3 (Special Use Permits) and Table 85.4 (Temporary Use Permits).
- (b) **Commission.** The Commission shall act as the Planning Agency for land use applications that require a public hearing and for those that are referred or appealed to the Commission in compliance with Table 85-1 (Review Authority), Table 85-3 (Special Use Permits) and Table 85.4 (Temporary Use Permits).
- (c) **Director.** The Director shall act as the Planning Agency for land use applications including those requiring a public hearing, staff review with notice, and staff review without notice in compliance with Table 85-1 (Review Authority), Table 85-3 (Special Use Permits) and Table 85.4 (Temporary Use Permits).
- (d) **Zoning Administrator.** The Zoning Administrator may act in the place of the Director for land use applications within the Director's authority to approve
- (e) **Compliance with Division 5.** As applicable and in compliance with Division 5 (Permit Application and Review Procedures), other County Department Heads when needed, as determined by the Director, shall act as the Planning Agency for those land use applications requiring oversight by that department. In these instances, the other County Department Heads, where applicable, shall coordinate with the Director regarding the functions detailed by this Chapter for the Director.
- (f) **Implementation of State Planning and Land Use Law.** The Director shall act as the Planning Agency when preparing required documents to implement State Planning and Land Use Law (Government Code Title 7, §§ 65000 et seq.), and other land use planning related State laws.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.01.020 Functions of Planning Agency**

- (a) **Functions of Planning Agency.** The Planning Agency shall be responsible for performing all of the following functions:
- (1) Prepare, periodically review, and revise as necessary the General Plan.
  - (2) Implement the General Plan through actions including the administration of community plans, land use zoning districts, specific plans, and subdivision ordinances.
  - (3) Annually review the capital improvement program of the County and the public works projects of other local agencies for their consistency with the General Plan.
  - (4) Promote public interest in, comment on, and understanding of the General Plan, and regulations relating to it.
  - (5) Consult and advise with public officials and agencies, public utility companies, civic, educational, professional, and other organizations, and citizens generally concerned with implementation of the General Plan.
  - (6) Promote the coordination of local plans and programs with the plans and programs of other public agencies.
  - (7) Perform other functions as required by the Board, including conducting studies and preparing plans other than those required or authorized by Government Code Title 7, §§ 65000 et seq.
- (b) **Compliance with the CEQA.** The Planning Agency shall be responsible for determining the adequacy of Environmental Impact Reports and other special reports in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's Environmental Review Procedures.
- (c) **Certification of environmental documents.** The Planning Agency shall be responsible for certification of Environmental Impact Reports and the filing of either a Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption on each approved project.
- (d) **Review of land use applications.** The Planning Agency shall have the authority to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove all land use applications and make related environmental review determinations, including the authority to impose mitigation measures as conditions of approval. The land use applications include all designs, maps, plans, and other forms of application for development, subdivision, or use of property.
- (e) **Commission's review of need for EIR preparation.** The Planning Agency shall only consider environmental review decisions in conjunction with the consideration of a related project. However, the Commission may, when necessary, consider separately



the decision by the Director to require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report before the preparation.

- (f) **Director's duties.** In addition to the above listed functions, the Director, as part of the Planning Agency, shall have the following duties.
- (1) Making investigations and reports on the design and improvements of proposed subdivisions and other land use applications affecting the development of real property and to make or recommend imposition of requirements or conditions on the applications;
  - (2) The preliminary screening of projects to determine which projects are exempt from, and which projects are subject to, the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and the preparation, filing, and distribution of environmental documents as appropriate;
  - (3) Conducting Initial Studies and making determinations or recommendations as to whether a Negative Declaration or Notice of Exemption will be issued or whether an Environmental Impact Report will be required;
  - (4) Determining or recommending whether an Environmental Impact Report on a multi-phased project that requires subsequent discretionary actions by the County adequately describes the impacts of the phase of the project under consideration;
  - (5) Reviewing reports to determine or recommend whether a proposed project may have a significant adverse effect on the environment;
  - (6) Preparing documents for the implementation of State Planning and Land Use Law (Government Code Title 7, §§ 65000 et seq.) and other miscellaneous planning related laws. These documents shall include administrative policies, procedures, ordinances, resolutions, and land use application filing forms, information, and requirements, and other public information documents; and
  - (7) Acting as or appointing the Zoning Administrator for purposes of complying with Government Code Section 65900 et seq.
- (g) **Zoning Administrator's duties.** The duties of the Zoning Administrator shall be in compliance with Government Code Section 65900 et seq. and Subsection 86.01.010 (d) (Zoning Administrator), above.
- (h) **Appeal.** Actions of the Director and the Zoning Administrator shall be appealable to the Commission and then to the Board in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals). The appeal of some actions taken by the Director or Zoning Administrator may only by the Planning Commission in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.01.030      Procedures**

The procedures followed by the Planning Agency shall be specified by this Development Code, including the associated administrative policies and procedures for all application reviews.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 86.02 DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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**Sections:**

- 86.02.010 Establishment
- 86.02.020 Membership
- 86.02.030 Duties of the DRC
- 86.02.040 Findings
- 86.02.050 Meeting Dates and Procedures

**86.02.010 Establishment**

A Development Review Committee is hereby established to act in a technical capacity for the Planning Agency. The Development Review Committee is referred to in this Development Code as the DRC.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.02.020 Membership**

- (a) **Designated members.** The DRC shall consist of the following members or their duly authorized designees:
- (1) The Director, who shall serve as the DRC chairperson;
  - (2) The Building Official;
  - (3) The Chief Engineer of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District;
  - (4) The Chief of the Environmental Health Services Division;
  - (5) The County Fire Marshall;
  - (6) The County Surveyor;
  - (7) The Director of the Department of Airports;
  - (8) The Director of Public Works;
  - (9) The Director of Special Districts; and
  - (10) The Local Agency Formation Commission.

- (b) **Additional responsibilities of the County Fire Marshall.** On projects which affect other fire agencies, departments, or organizations which are independent of the authority, responsibilities, or jurisdiction of the County Fire Marshall, the Fire Marshall shall coordinate and receive the comments of the agencies, departments, or organizations and shall ensure that their comments are considered in the examinations and recommendations of the DRC.
- (c) **Oversight by Commission representative.** In addition, the Commission Chairperson, or other Commission member designated by the Chairperson, shall attend and observe each meeting of the DRC. The Commission representative may require that a project be referred to the Commission for action at a public hearing.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.02.030 Duties of the DRC**

It shall be the duty of the DRC to review and make recommendations to the Planning Agency regarding any of the following matters:

- (a) **Tentative Maps.** All Tentative Maps involving five or more parcels, including those specifically exempted from the requirement for a Final Map.
- (b) **Planned Development Permits.** All Planned Development Permits.
- (c) **Associated land use applications.** Any associated land use application that is related to a project already being reviewed by the DRC, including requests for a General Plan amendment or Variance.
- (d) **As directed by the Planning Agency.** Any other project or action deemed by the Planning Agency to require the review and recommendation of the DRC.
- (e) **Review by the DRC.** The DRC shall review and identify the technical design features which are necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare, including adequate traffic and pedestrian circulation, proper grading, and proper erosion control, including the prevention of sedimentation, or flood damage to off-site property. In addition, the DRC shall consider the adequacy of existing public facilities and services and any fire-hazard problems that may pose a threat to life, property, or the environment.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.02.040 Findings**

The DRC recommendation for approval, disapproval, or modifications to the development project shall be based upon the applicable findings required and provisions imposed by this Development Code and State law.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.02.050 Meeting Dates and Procedures**

The Director shall establish regular meeting dates and rules of procedure for the DRC. The dates and procedures shall be available to the public in appropriate formats and locations to properly inform interested persons or groups.

- (a) **Meetings open to the public.** All DRC meetings shall be open to the public and any applicant, developer, property owner, subdivider, official of any agency, department organization, or other person interested in a development project may attend any meeting and present appropriate testimony.
- (b) **Notification required.** The applicant, developer, engineer, subdivider, or other applicant-designated representative shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting by written notification placed in the U.S. mail at least 10 days before the first DRC meeting at which the development project is to be considered. The notification may be waived by the applicant, developer, engineer, subdivider, or applicant-designated representative where necessary to expedite review of a development project. Notice shall also be given to any individual association, group, or organization that has requested in writing notification of meetings and hearings regarding the specific project or that have caused themselves to be properly placed on a mailing list for all DRC agendas.
- (c) **Recommendation by written report.** All agencies, departments, offices, and officers shall submit to the DRC their recommendations relative to the development projects or subdivisions being discussed at each meeting. Wherever possible, these reports should be in writing and in sufficient detail that all interested parties will be properly informed in detail as to the recommended requirements, map revisions, and proposed conditions of approval.

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**CHAPTER 86.03 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**

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**Sections:**

- 86.03.010 Establishment
- 86.03.020 Membership
- 86.03.030 Stipend and Expenses
- 86.03.040 Duties of the ERC
- 86.03.050 Meeting Dates and Procedures

**86.03.010 Establishment**

An Environmental Review Committee is hereby established to act in a technical advisory capacity for the Planning Agency. The Environmental Review Committee is referred to in this Development Code as the ERC.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.03.020 Membership****(a) Designated members.**

- (1) The ERC shall consist of membership as determined by the Director, who shall serve as the ERC chairperson unless otherwise designated by the Director.
- (2) When the Director deems it applicable, members of the DRC, representatives of affected agencies, departments, or expert technical advisors may also serve as members of the ERC.

**(b) Oversight by Commission representative.** In addition, the Commission Chairperson, or other Commission member designated by the Chairperson, shall attend and observe each meeting of the ERC. The Commissioner may require that a project be referred to the Commission for action at a public hearing.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.03.030 Stipend and Expenses**

Any individual who is assigned by the Director to serve as a member of the ERC and who is not an agent, designee, or representative of an agency, department, or office of the County, or other governmental agency or local jurisdiction, shall receive the same stipend and expenses allowed for the Commission.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.03.040 Duties of the ERC**

- (a) **Act on all referred projects.** The ERC shall act on all projects referred to it by the Planning Agency.
- (b) **Make recommendations regarding environmental concerns.** The ERC shall review and make recommendations to the Planning Agency regarding environmental concerns in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code.
- (c) **Consider adequacy of EIR.** The ERC shall also consider the adequacy of any Environmental Impact Report, which is being reviewed by the ERC, including the identification of any significant adverse effects, possible mitigation measures, and alternatives to the proposed project.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.03.050 Meeting Dates and Procedures**

The ERC shall meet when needed, as determined by the Director, and comply with the following procedures.

- (a) **Meetings open to public.** All ERC meetings shall be open to the public and any applicant, developer, property owner, subdivider, official of any agency, department, organization, or other person interested in a development project may attend any meeting and present appropriate testimony.
- (b) **Notification required.** The applicant, developer, engineer, subdivider, or other applicant-designated representative shall be notified of the date, time, and place of the meeting by written notification placed in the U.S. mail at least 10 days before the first ERC meeting at which the development project is to be considered. Notice shall also be given to any individual association, group, or organization that has requested in writing notification of meetings and hearings regarding the specific project or that have caused themselves to be properly placed on a mailing list for all ERC agendas.
- (c) **Recommendation by written report.** All agencies, departments, offices, and officers shall submit to the ERC their recommendations relative to the development projects or subdivisions being discussed at each meeting. Wherever possible, these reports should be in writing and in sufficient detail that all interested parties will be properly informed in detail as to the recommended requirements, map revisions, proposed conditions of approval, and any proposed environmental action or determination.

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**CHAPTER 86.04 FLOODPLAIN ADMINISTRATOR**

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**Sections:**

86.04.010 Responsibilities of Floodplain Administrator

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- (a) **Appointment of Floodplain Administrator.** The Director of Public Works is hereby appointed as the Floodplain Administrator to administer and implement the Flood Management provisions of this Development Code by making recommendations for granting or disapproving development permits in compliance with its provisions.
- (b) **Coordination in performance of duties.** The Floodplain Administrator, or an appropriate designee, shall work in close coordination with the Director in the performance of the Administrator's designated duties.
- (c) **Duties and responsibilities.** The duties and responsibilities of the Floodplain Administrator, or an appropriate designee, shall include all of the following:
  - (1) **Permit review.**
    - (A) Review all development permits to determine that the permit requirements of this Development Code have been satisfied, including determination of substantial improvement and substantial damage of existing structures.
    - (B) Require that all other required Federal and State approvals and permits be obtained.
    - (C) Determine if the site is reasonably safe from flooding.
    - (D) Ensure that the proposed development does not adversely affect the carrying capacity of areas where base flood elevations have been determined but a floodway has not been designated. This means that the cumulative effect of the proposed development when combined with all other existing and anticipated development will not increase the water surface elevation of the base flood more than 1 foot at any point within the County.
    - (E) Ensure that all Letters of Map Revision (LOMR's) for flood control projects are approved prior to the issuance of building permits. Building Permits must not be issued based on Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMR's). Approved CLOMR's allow construction of the proposed flood control project and land preparation as specified in the "start of construction" definition.

- (2) **Use of other base flood data.** When base flood elevation data has not been provided, the Floodplain Administrator shall obtain, review, and reasonably utilize any base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other sources, in order to administer the development standards and provisions established by the Floodplain Safety Overlay.
- (3) **Alteration or relocation of watercourses.** Whenever a watercourse is to be altered or relocated and is within a Floodplain Safety Overlay, or within an area identified as subject to flooding in any County approved Flood Hazard Study, the Floodplain Administrator, or an appropriate designee, shall:

  - (A) **Provide proper notification.** Notify adjacent communities and the California Department of Water Resources before the alteration or relocation of a watercourse, and submit evidence of the notification to the Federal Insurance Administration. The responsibility of providing the notification shall rest with the Department for development projects and the Flood Control District for their respective projects; and
  - (B) **Require that flood carrying capacity is maintained.** Require that the flood carrying capacity of the altered or relocated portion of the watercourse is maintained.
- (4) **Base Flood Elevation changes due to physical alterations:** Whenever a base flood elevation is changed due to physical alterations, the Floodplain Administrator shall:

  - (A) Submit or assure that the permit applicant submits technical or scientific data to FEMA for a Letter of Map Revision (LOMR) within six months of information becoming available or project completion, whichever comes first; and
  - (B) Ensure that all LOMRs for flood control projects are approved prior to the issuance of building permits. Building Permits must not be issued based on Conditional Letters of Map Revision (CLOMR's). Approved CLOMR's allow construction of the proposed flood control project and land preparation as specified in the "start of construction" definition.
- (5) **Changes in corporate boundaries:** Notify FEMA in writing whenever the corporate boundaries have been modified by annexation or other means and include a copy of a map of the community clearly delineating the new corporate limits.
- (6) **Maintain certifications.** Obtain and maintain for public inspection and make available the certifications required for developments within the Floodplain Overlay to include certifications for lowest floor elevations. This may be delegated to the Building Official.

- (7) **Interpret exact location of boundaries.** Make interpretations where needed, as to the exact location of the boundaries of the areas of special flood hazards (e.g., where there appears to be a conflict between a mapped boundary and actual field conditions). Any person contesting the location of the boundary may appeal the interpretation in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Appeals).
- (8) **Biennial Report.** Complete and submit a Biennial Report to FEMA.
- (9) **Planning.** Assure that the County's General Plan is consistent with floodplain management objectives.
- (10) **Non-conversion of Enclosed Areas below the Lowest Floor.** Ensure that the areas below the base flood elevation are used solely for parking vehicles, limited storage, or access to the building and not be finished for use as human habitation without first becoming fully compliant with the floodplain development standards in effect at the time of conversion by:
  - (A) Determining which applicants for new construction and/or substantial improvements have fully enclosed areas below the lowest floor that are five feet or higher;
  - (B) Entering into a "Non-Conversion Agreement for Construction within Flood Hazard Area" or equivalent with the property owner who has such a structure. The agreement shall be recorded with the County Recorder as a deed restriction. The non-conversion agreement shall be in a form acceptable to the Floodplain Administrator and County Counsel; and
  - (C) Inspecting any area of a structure below the base flood elevation to ensure compliance upon prior notice of at least 72 hours.
- (11) **Record of Exceptions.** Maintain a record of all exceptions granted, including justification for their issuance, and report such exceptions issued in its biennial report submitted to the FEMA.
- (12) **Prosecute violations.** Take action to prosecute violations of the flood safety provisions of this Development Code as specified in Chapter 82.14 (**Floodplain Safety Overlay**)

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012)

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**CHAPTER 86.05 DECISIONS BY THE REVIEW AUTHORITY**

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**Sections:**

86.05.010 Referral to Next Succeeding Review Authority

**86.05.010 Referral to Next Succeeding Review Authority**

- (a) **Referral by review authority.** A review authority may refer a request for a land use decision to the review authority designated as the appeal body for that type of land use application in compliance with Section 85.01.030 (Authority for Land Use and Zoning Decisions).
- (b) **Recommendation by Commission.** Notwithstanding the provisions of Subsection A. above, the Commission shall make its recommendation to the Board or shall state the reasons why it cannot do so.
- (c) **Request for action by appeal body.** An applicant for a land use decision may waive their option for a decision by any review authority other than the Commission and request that the application be reviewed by the appeal body for that type of land use application in compliance with Section 85.01.030 (Authority for Land Use and Zoning Decisions).
- (d) **Commission's action on referrals.** Any land use decision made by the Commission as a result of a referral in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter shall be made at a public hearing.
- (e) **Board's action on legislative acts.** All land use decisions that require a legislative act before their approval or disapproval shall be referred to the Board for final action.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 86.06 TIME LIMITATIONS

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### Sections:

- 86.06.010 Purpose
- 86.06.020 Effective Date of Permits
- 86.06.030 Applications Deemed Approved
- 86.06.040 Permits to Run with the Land
- 86.06.050 Performance Guarantees
- 86.06.060 Time Limits and Extensions
- 86.06.070 Changes to an Approved Project
- 86.06.080 Resubmittals
- 86.06.090 Covenants of Easements

### 86.06.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides requirements for the implementation or "exercising" of the permits and authorizations required by this Development Code, including time limits and procedures for granting extensions of time.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.06.020 Effective Date of Permits

- (a) **Effective date for planning permits and other approvals.** Except in the case of an amendment (Chapter 86.12) or development agreement (Chapter 86.13), final action on any planning approval (e.g., appeal, permit, Variance, or other entitlement) shall become effective on the 11<sup>th</sup> day following the date of application approval, where no appeal of the approval has been filed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (b) **When the 10<sup>th</sup> day is not a County business day.** When the 10<sup>th</sup> day is not a County business day, the decision shall instead become effective on the second consecutive County business day following the 10<sup>th</sup> day.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

### 86.06.030 Applications Deemed Approved

A planning permit application for a parcel that is deemed approved by operation of law in compliance with Government Code Section 65956 shall be subject to all applicable provisions of this Development Code, which shall be satisfied by the applicant before a Building Permit is issued or a land use not requiring a Building Permit is established.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.06.040 Permits to Run with the Land**

A Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, **Site Plan Permit**, Major or Minor Variance, Planned Development Permit, or Special Use Permit approval that is granted in compliance with Division 5 (Permit Application and Review Procedures) shall be deemed to run with the land through any change of ownership of the subject site, from the effective date of the permit, except in any case where a permit expires and becomes void in compliance with this Chapter. All applicable conditions of approval shall continue to apply after a change in property ownership.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085(2009)

**86.06.050 Performance Guarantees****(a) Deposit of security.**

- (1) As a condition of approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, Major or Minor Variance, Planned Development Permit, Special Use Permit, Temporary Special Event Permit, Temporary Use Permit, or upon a finding that the County's health, safety, and welfare warrant, the review authority may require the execution of a covenant to deposit security, and the deposit of security in a reasonable amount to ensure the faithful performance of one or more of the conditions of approval of the Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, Major or Minor Variance, Planned Development Permit, Special Use Permit, Temporary Special Event Permit, or Temporary Use Permit in the event that the obligor fails to perform.
- (2) The applicant/owner may elect to provide adequate security for the faithful performance of a condition(s) of approval imposed as part of the approval process if the Director determines that the condition(s) may be implemented at a later specified date (e.g., inability to install required landscaping due to poor weather conditions).
- (3) The security shall, as required by law or otherwise at the option of the County, be in the form of cash, a certified or cashier's check, letter of credit, a performance bond or other form of surety executed by the applicant and a corporate surety authorized to do business in California and approved by the County.
- (4) The security shall remain in effect until all of the secured conditions have been performed to the satisfaction of the Director.
- (5) Any security required in compliance with this Section shall be payable to the County.

**(b) Release of security.** Upon satisfactory compliance with all applicable provisions of this Section, the security deposit shall be released.

**(c) Failure to comply.**



- (1) Upon failure to perform any secured condition, the County may perform the condition, or cause it to be done, and may collect from the obligor, and surety in case of a bond, all costs incurred, including administrative, engineering, legal, and inspection costs.
- (2) Any unused portion of the security shall be refunded to the obligor after deduction of the cost of the work.
- (3) To the extent that the Director can demonstrate that the obligor willfully breached an obligation in a manner that the obligor knew, or should have known, would create irreparable harm to the County, the entire amount of the bond or deposit may be withheld.
- (4) The Director's determination may be appealed to the Board by the obligor by filing an appeal with the Clerk of the Board within 10 days after the decision to withhold the bond, in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.06.060 Time Limits and Extensions**

##### **(a) Time limits.**

- (1) **Specified item shall be exercised within 36 months.** Unless a condition of approval or other provision of this Development Code establishes a different time limit, a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, Major or Minor Variance, Planned Development Permit, Tentative Parcel Map or Tentative Tract Map not exercised within 36 months of the actual date of the decision granting the permit or authorization shall expire and become void, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with Subsection (b). (Extensions of time), below.
- (2) **Specified item shall be exercised within 12 months.** Unless another provision of this Development Code establishes a different time limit, a Site Plan Permit, Special Use Permit, or Temporary Use Permit not exercised within 12 months of the actual date of the decision granting the permit or authorization shall expire and become void, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with Subsection (b). (Extensions of time), below.
- (3) **Definition of "exercised."** The permit or authorization shall not be deemed "exercised" until the permittee has commenced actual construction or alteration under a valid Building Permit, or has substantially commenced the approved activity or allowed use on the site in compliance with the conditions of approval, in cases where a Building Permit is not required.
- (4) **Run with the land.** After it has been exercised, a planning permit or authorization shall remain valid and run with the land in compliance with Section 86.06.040 (Permits to Run with the Land), as long as a Building Permit is active

for the project, and after a final building inspection or Certificate of Occupancy has been granted.

**(5) Phased projects.**

**(A) Projects other than Planned Development Permits.** If a project (other than a Planned Development Permit) is to be developed in approved phases, each subsequent phase shall be exercised within 36 months from the date that the previous phase was exercised, unless otherwise specified in the permit or authorization, or the permit or authorization shall expire and become void, except where an extension of time is approved in compliance with Subsection (b). (Extensions of time), below. If the project also involves the approval of a Tentative Map, the phasing shall be consistent with the Tentative Map and the permit or authorization shall be exercised before the expiration of the Tentative Map, or the permit or authorization shall expire and become void

**(B) Planned Development Permits.** Notwithstanding the above provisions of this Section, a conditionally approved Planned Development Permit for a phased project shall be subject to a time limitation not to exceed that specified by the condition of approval for the Development Plan approval. The applicant, however, shall either record a tract map or obtain Building Permits for at least one phase of the project within five years of the Development Plan conditional approval and, as applicable, within each succeeding five-year period. Each five-year period shall begin with the last County approved action that was accomplished (e.g., recordation of a tract map, obtain a Building Permit).

**(6) First Amendment protected businesses.**

**(A) Time limits for First Amendment protected businesses.** The Director shall accept as complete, or disapprove as incomplete, the application for a Conditional Use Permit for a business protected by the First Amendment within 30 days from the date on which an application is submitted to the Director. The Director shall approve or disapprove the completed Conditional Use Permit application within 90 days of its acceptance as complete by the Director. The time limit established by this Section may be extended once for a period not to exceed 90 days upon consent of the Director and the applicant.

**(B) Compliance with Permit Streamlining Act.** If the permit requested is for a development project for construction or reconstruction subject to the Permit Streamlining Act (Government Code Section 65920 et seq.), the time limits provided in the Permit Streamlining Act shall apply to the Conditional Use Permit approval or disapproval.

- (C) **Time limits for appeals.** Upon the filing of an appeal in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals), the Commission or the Board shall render its decision on the appeal within 60 days.
- (b) **Extensions of time.** Upon written request by the applicant, the County may extend the time for a planning permit or authorization to be exercised.
- (1) **Time for filing of request.** The applicant shall file a written request for an extension of time with the Director at least 30 days before the expiration of the permit or authorization, together with the filing fee required in compliance with the County Fee Ordinance.
- (2) **Action on extension request.** A permit or authorization may be extended as follows for no more than a total of 36 months for those applications listed in Subsection 86.06.060(a)(1) and (2) above, except as noted below, beyond the expiration of the original approval.
- (A) **Evidence to be provided.** The Director shall determine whether the applicant has made a good faith effort to exercise the permit or authorization. The burden of proof is on the applicant to establish, with substantial evidence, that circumstances beyond the control of the applicant (e.g., demonstrated problems with completing the acquisition of the parcel, poor weather during periods of planned construction, etc.) have prevented exercising the permit or authorization.
- (B) **Recommendations for Denial and Revocations.** Recommendations for denial of a request for extension, and revocations of permits, shall be referred to the Zoning Administrator or the Planning Commission for public hearing and determination.
- (C) **Exceptional or Extraordinary Circumstances.** Under exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, one or more extensions may be granted in addition to that provided in Section 86.06.060(b)(2). In addition to the existence of exceptional or extraordinary circumstances, the applicant must show that unreasonable delay to the project, if any, was not caused by the applicant.
- (D) **Findings.** Requests for extensions shall only be granted if findings can be made that the project is consistent with the provisions of the General Plan and the San Bernardino County Code in effect at the time the extension request is considered.
- (E) **Phased Projects.** This subsection shall not be applied to extend the time limits provided in Subsection 86.06.060(a)(5)(B), above.
- (3) **Action on extension of a project subject to the Subdivision Map Act.** The expiration date of a Tentative Map may only be extended in compliance with the Map Act Section 66452.6.

- (c) **Effect of expiration.** After the expiration of a planning permit or authorization in compliance with Subsection 86.06.060(a)(1), above, no further work shall be done on the site until a new planning permit or authorization and any required Building Permit or other County permits are first obtained.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.06.070 Changes to an Approved Project**

Development of a new land use authorized through a planning permit or authorization granted in compliance with this Development Code shall be established only as approved by the review authority, and in compliance with any conditions of approval, except where a change to the project is approved in compliance with Chapter 85.12 (Revisions to an Approved Action).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.06.080 Resubmittals**

(a) **Resubmittal after disapproval with prejudice.**

- (1) The review authority may disapprove an application for a discretionary planning permit or amendment, on the grounds that two or more similar applications for the same parcel have been disapproved in the past two years (e.g., disapproval with prejudice), or that another cause exists for limiting the refiling of the application.
- (2) For a period of 12 months following the date of the disapproval with prejudice of a discretionary planning permit or amendment, no application for the same or substantially similar planning permit or amendment shall be filed for the same site, or any portion of the site, except where the Director determines that substantial new evidence or proof of changed circumstances warrants further consideration.

(b) **Resubmittal after disapproval without prejudice.** There shall be no limitation on subsequent applications for a site where a project was disapproved without prejudice.

(c) **Director's determination, appeal.** The Director shall determine whether a new application is for a planning permit or amendment that is the same or substantially similar to a previously approved or disapproved permit or amendment, and shall either process or reject the application in compliance with this Section. The Director's determination may be appealed to the Commission in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.06.090 Covenants of Easements**

- (a) **Applicability.** When necessary to achieve the land use goals of the County, the County may require a property owner holding property in common ownership to execute and record a Covenant of Easement in favor of the County, in compliance with Government Code Section 65870 et seq. A Covenant of Easement may be:
- (1) Required to provide for emergency access, ingress and egress, landscaping, light and air access, open space, parking, or for solar access; and
  - (2) Imposed as a condition of approval by the review authority.
- (b) **Form of covenant.** The form of the Covenant shall be approved by the County Counsel, and the Covenant of Easement shall:
- (1) Describe the real property subject to the easement and the real property to be benefited by the easement;
  - (2) Identify the County approval or planning permit granted that relied on or required the Covenant; and
  - (3) Identify the purposes of the easement.
- (c) **Recordation.** A Covenant of Easement shall be recorded in the County Recorder's Office.
- (d) **Effect of covenant.**
- (1) From and after the time of its recordation, a Covenant of Easement shall:
    - (A) Act as an easement in compliance with Civil Code Section 801 et seq., except that it shall not merge into any other interest in the real property. Civil Code Section 1104 shall be applicable to the conveyance of the affected real property; and
    - (B) Impart notice to all persons to the extent afforded by the recording laws of the State.
  - (2) Upon recordation, the burdens of the Covenant shall be binding on, and the Covenant shall benefit all successors-in-interest to the real property.
- (e) **Enforceability.** A Covenant of Easement shall be enforceable by the successors-in-interest to the real property benefited by the Covenant and the County. Nothing in this Section creates standing in any person, other than the County, and any owner of the real property burdened or benefited by the Covenant, to enforce or to challenge the Covenant or any requested amendment or release.

- (f) **Release of covenant.** A Covenant of Easement may be released by the Director, or by another appropriate review authority in the event of an appeal, at the request of any person, including the County, or an affected property owner.
- (1) **Process for release.** The release of a Covenant of Easement shall require that the review authority first:
- (A) Conduct a noticed public hearing in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings); and
  - (B) Find that the Covenant on the site is no longer necessary to achieve the land use goals of the County.
- (2) **Recordation.** A notice of the release of the Covenant of Easement shall be recorded by the Director in the County Recorder's Office.
- (3) **Fees.** The applicant for a release of a Covenant of Easement shall pay the fee for the processing of the release in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 86.07 PUBLIC HEARINGS

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### Sections:

- 86.07.010 Purpose
- 86.07.020 Notice of Hearing
- 86.07.030 Scheduling of Hearing
- 86.07.040 Hearing Procedure
- 86.07.050 Recommendation by Commission
- 86.07.060 Post-Decision Notice
- 86.07.070 Effective Date of Decision

### 86.07.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides procedures for public hearings required by this Development Code and State law. When a public hearing is required, advance notice of the hearing shall be given, and the hearing shall be conducted, in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.07.020 Notice of Hearing

When this Development Code requires a public hearing before a decision on a permit, or for another matter, the public shall be provided notice of the hearing in compliance with Government Code Sections 65090, 65091, 65092, 65093, and 65094, and Public Resources Code 21000 et seq., and as required by this Chapter.

- (a) **Content of notice.** Notice of a public hearing shall include all of the following information, as applicable.
  - (1) **Hearing information.** The date, time, and place of the hearing and the name of the review authority; a brief description of the County's general procedure concerning the conduct of hearings and decisions (e.g., the public's right to appear and be heard); and the phone number and street address of the Department, where an interested person could call or visit to obtain additional information.
  - (2) **Project information.** The date of filing of the application and the name of the applicant; the County's file number assigned to the application; a general explanation of the matter to be considered; and a general description, in text and/or by diagram, of the location of the property that is the subject of the hearing.
  - (3) **Statement on environmental document.** If a proposed Negative Declaration or final Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for the project in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the

County's Environmental Review Procedures, the hearing notice shall include a statement that the review authority will also consider approval of the proposed Negative Declaration or certification of the final Environmental Impact Report.

(b) **Method of notice distribution.** Notice of a public hearing required by this Chapter for a planning permit, amendment, or appeal shall be given as follows, as required by Government Code Sections 65090 and 65091.

(1) **Mailing.** Notice shall be mailed or delivered at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing to the following:

(A) **Project site owners.** The owners of the property being considered in the application, or the owners' agent, and the applicant;

(B) **Local agencies.** Each local agency expected to provide roads, schools, sewage, streets, water, or other essential facilities or services to the property which is the subject of the application, whose ability to provide those facilities and services may be significantly affected;

(C) **Affected owners.** All owners of real property as shown on the latest equalized assessment roll, within a specified radius of the exterior boundaries of the parcel that is the subject of the hearing; and any other person whose property might, in the judgment of the Director, be affected by the proposed project; and

(D) **Persons requesting notice.** Any person who has filed a written request for notice with the Director and has paid the required fee for the notice in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule.

(2) **Alternative to mailing.** If the number of property owners to whom notice would be mailed in compliance with Subsection 86.07.020(b)(1), above is more than 1,000, the Director may choose to provide the alternative notice allowed by Government Code Section 65091(a)(3).

(3) **Publication.** Notice shall be published at least once in a newspaper of general circulation within the local agency at least 10 days before the scheduled hearing.

(4) **Additional notice.** In addition to the types of notice required above, the Director may provide any additional notice with content or using a distribution method (e.g., posting on the County's web site) as the Director determines is necessary or desirable.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **86.07.030 Scheduling of Hearing**

After the completion of any environmental document required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's Environmental Review Procedures, and a Department



staff report, a matter requiring a public hearing shall be scheduled by the Director (when acting as the Zoning Administrator), Commission, or Board agenda (as applicable) for a date reserved for public hearings as soon as possible.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.07.040      Hearing Procedure**

- (a) **Time and place of hearing.** A hearing shall be held at the date, time, and place for which notice was given.
- (b) **Continued hearing.** Any hearing may be continued from time to time without further notice; provided, the chairperson of the hearing body announces the date, time, and place to which the hearing will be continued before the adjournment or recess of the hearing.
- (c) **Deferral of final decision.** The review authority may announce a tentative decision, and defer their action on a final decision until appropriate findings and/or conditions of approval have been prepared.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.07.050      Recommendation by Commission**

After a public hearing on a proposed legislative act (e.g., amendment to the General Plan, this Development Code, a development agreement, a specific plan, a Planned Development, or an action referred to the Board by the Commission) the recommendation and findings of the Commission shall be forwarded to the Board. A copy of the recommendation shall be mailed to the applicant at the address shown on the application.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.07.060      Post-Decision Notice**

Post-decision notice shall be accomplished in compliance with Section 85.03.110 (Post-Decision Notice).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.07.070      Effective Date of Decision**

The decision of the Director or Commission is final and effective in compliance with Section 86.06.20 (Effective Date of Permits), unless an appeal is filed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals). The decision of the Board is final and effective on the day of action, unless otherwise required by State law.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 86.08 APPEALS**

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**86.08.010 Appeal of a Land Use Decision**

Before its effective date, in compliance with Section 86.06.020 (Effective Date of Permits), any land use decision made in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code by a review authority other than the Board may be appealed by the applicant or other affected party in the following manner.

- (a) **Director's decision to require an EIR.** The Director's decision to require preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is subject to appeal to the Commission for final decision.
- (b) **Commission's decisions.**
  - (1) **Land use decisions.** The Commission shall consider appeals regarding land use decisions made by any County agency, department, office, officer, or official.
  - (2) **Decisions exempt from appeal to the Board following a Commission decision.** The Commission may refer consideration of an appeal to the Board, except for the following:
    - (A) The following matters may not be referred or appealed to the Board:
      - (I) The determination as to the completeness of an application, in compliance with Government Code Section 65643;
      - (II) The determination to approve or disapprove an Accessory Wind Energy Permit;
      - (III) The determination to approve or disapprove a Home Occupation Permit;
      - (IV) The determination to approve or disapprove a Short-Term Private Home Rental Permit;

(V) The requirement for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report;

(VI) Variances; or

(VII) The determination to approve or disapprove a reasonable accommodation request.

(B) In these instances the Commission's decision shall be the final and conclusive decision.

(C) The Board will not accept nor consider an appeal of these Commission decisions.

**(c) Board's considerations.**

(1) The Board shall consider appeals regarding land use decisions made by the Commission, except as specified in Subsection 86.08.010(b)(2), above.

(2) The Board shall only conduct hearings regarding an EIR or other environmental action in conjunction with consideration of the subject land use application and project for which the EIR was prepared or other environmental action proposed.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4169 (2012)

**86.08.020 Application for the Appeal of a Land Use Decision**

**(a) Appropriate forms.** Applications for an appeal of a land use decision shall be made on forms supplied by the review authority to which the appeal is being made.

**(b) Appeal submittals.** Applications for appeals addressed to the Commission shall be submitted to the Land Use Services Department. Applications for appeals addressed to the Board shall be submitted to the Clerk of the Board.

**(c) Grounds for appeal.** Applications for appeals shall include a written statement of the grounds upon which the appeal is based.

**(d) Appeal fees.** A uniform fee, as established by the Board, shall be paid to the County upon the filing of each appeal in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule.

**(e) Contents of appeal application.** The appeal application shall identify:

(1) The subject land use application;

(2) The specific decision, condition of approval, or other matter being appealed;

(3) The date of the action;

(4) The justification for the appeal; and

(5) Any remedy or solution for which the appellant petitions.

- (f) **Appeal shall stay all proceedings.** A properly filed application for appeal shall stay the proceedings in the matter appealed until a decision is rendered on the appeal.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.08.030 Time for Filing an Appeal**

The Director or, in the case of an appeal to the Board, the Clerk of the Board, shall be notified by the appellant of an appeal of a land use application decision before the date on which the land use application decision becomes effective. The appellant shall submit at the time of the notification, or on the next County business day following the notification, an application for the appeal.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.08.040 Notice of Appeal**

- (a) **Notice of appeal required.** Within 30 days of the acceptance of an application for an appeal of a land use decision, the Director or the Clerk of the Board shall set the matter for hearing and shall give notice of the date, time, and place of the hearing to the appellant, the applicant, and to any other party who has requested in writing to be so notified.
- (b) **Same notice as originally required.** In addition, notice shall also be given in the same manner as notice was given for the land use decision being appealed.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.08.050 Authority of Appeal Body**

- (a) **Action on appeal.** Upon hearing the appeal, the appeal body shall consider the record and any additional evidence that may be offered, and may affirm, reverse, or modify, in whole or in part, the decision appealed.
- (b) **Applicable criteria, findings, and requirements.** The appeal body is subjected to all of the criteria, findings, and requirements imposed by this Development Code upon the original decision maker (e.g., review authority).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.08.060 Withdrawal of Appeal**

An appeal may be withdrawn before the time that the review authority issues a decision. The applicant or the applicant's representative shall notify the Department in writing that they wish to withdraw the appeal.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.08.070      Judicial Review**

No person shall seek judicial review of a County decision on a planning permit or other matter in compliance with this Development Code until all appeals to the Commission and Board have been first exhausted in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

## CHAPTER 86.09 ENFORCEMENT

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### 86.09.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes provisions that are intended to ensure compliance with the requirements of this Development Code and any conditions of planning permit approval, to promote the County's planning efforts, and for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare of the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.09.020 Permits and Licenses

All departments, officials, and public employees of the County who are assigned the authority or duty to issue authorizations, certificates, licenses, or permits shall comply with the provisions of this Development Code.

- (a) **Permits in conflict with Development Code.** Authorizations, certificates, licenses, or permits for uses or structures that would be in conflict with the provisions of this Development Code shall not be issued.

- (b) **Permits deemed void.** Any authorization, certificate, license, or permit issued in conflict with the provisions of this Development Code shall be void and of no effect.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.09.030 Authority for Enforcement**

- (a) **Responsibility of Director.** The Director, the Deputy Director of the Code Enforcement Division, and their designated employees and representatives shall have the authority to enforce the provisions of this Development Code.
- (b) **Responsibility of additional, authorized County representatives.** The Director shall be aided in this enforcement responsibility by the officers and authorized representatives of the County agencies, departments, and offices charged with the responsibility of administering, implementing, and ensuring compliance with the provisions of this Development Code. Among these are the following designated enforcement officers:
- (1) Assistant Administrative Officer for Public and Support Services Group.
  - (2) Chief, County Fire Department.
  - (3) Chief Engineer of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District.
  - (4) Chief of Environmental Health Services Division.
  - (5) County Agricultural Commissioner.
  - (6) County Surveyor.
  - (7) Director of Airports Department.
  - (8) Director of County Museums.
  - (9) Director of Public Works.
  - (10) Director of Special Districts Department.
  - (11) **Floodplain** Administrator.
- (c) **Responsibility of Other Authorities.** The authorities responsible for the enforcement shall be the same as the review authorities responsible for permit approvals as specified in this Development Code.



- (d) **Authority to Inspect.** All persons authorized to enforce the provisions of this Development Code are authorized to enter upon any property or premises within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino to ascertain whether the property or premises is in compliance with this Development Code, and to make any inspection as may be necessary in the performance of their enforcement duties. These inspections may include the taking of photographs, samples, or other physical evidence, and the making of video and/or audio recordings. All such entries and inspections shall be done in a reasonable manner. If an owner, lawful occupant, or the respective agent, employee, or representative thereof refuses permission to enter and/or inspect, the County, acting by and through such persons authorized to enforce this Development Code, may seek an administrative inspection warrant pursuant to the procedures provided by California Code of Civil Procedure §§ 1822.50 through 1822.59, as may be amended from time to time, or the successor provisions thereto.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

#### **86.09.040 Unlawful to Violate Development Code Provisions**

- (a) It is unlawful for any person to violate or to cause or to allow a violation of any provision of this Development Code. Any act or omission constituting a violation of the Development Code includes the aiding, abetting, allowing, or causing that act or omission.
- (b) Each and every day, and during any portion of which, any violation of this Development Code, or of the provisions of any code adopted and incorporated by reference by this Development Code, is committed, continued, or allowed, is a new and separate offense.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.050 Violations of Development Code Declared Public Nuisance**

- (a) **Use of land.** Any use of land that is not allowed by this Development Code (either as a matter of right or through the application of the appropriate land use approval or permit) and/or which is conducted without first obtaining all permits and/or licenses otherwise required pursuant to all applicable state and/or federal laws and/or other provisions of the San Bernardino County Code (and thereafter maintaining each such permit and/or license so as to remain legally valid at all times) is hereby declared unlawful and a public nuisance.
- (b) **Projects exempt from Conditional Use Permit requirement.** The following projects shall be exempt from the Conditional Use Permit/Minor Use Permit requirement and shall be subject to a Site Plan Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.08 (Site Plan Permits) provided they do not require a Variance. The limitations of Subsection 85.08.020(b) shall not apply for projects that include any of the following:

- (c) **Use or occupancy of structure.** Any structure used or occupied in a manner not allowed by this Development Code (either as a matter of right or through the application of the appropriate land use approval or permit) and/or which is used or occupied without first obtaining all permits and/or licenses otherwise required pursuant to all applicable state and/or federal laws and/or other provisions of the San Bernardino County Code (and thereafter maintaining each such permit and/or license so as to remain legally valid at all times) is hereby declared unlawful and a public nuisance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**86.09.060 Unlawful to Refuse or Fail to Comply With a Condition of Land Use Approval**

- (a) It is unlawful for the owner, the owner's agent or representative, or other person in whose favor or for whose benefit, a land use approval of any kind has been granted for the parcel of real property at issue, to refuse or to fail to comply with the condition of approval or the conditions of approval, either individually or collectively in any number.
- (b) Each and every day, and during any portion of which, any failure or refusal to comply with the condition or conditions of approval imposed on any land use approval, authorization, permit, or variance, is committed, continued, or allowed, is a new and separate offense

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.070 Property Not in Compliance With a Condition of Land Use Approval Declared Public Nuisance**

Any property not in compliance with an applicable condition of approval imposed upon any land use approval, authorization, permit, or variance is hereby declared to be unlawful and a public nuisance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.080 Enforcement**

- (a) **Notices, orders, and citations.** This Development Code may be enforced through the issuance of various notices and orders pertaining to any land use; or to any addition, alteration, construction, conversion, enlargement, installation, moving, reconstruction, rehabilitation of any structure; or to any use of any structure; that is contrary to any provision of this Development Code as provided herein, or as otherwise provided under various provisions of the other Titles of the San Bernardino County Code. Such notices may include, without limitation, notice of violation, notice to correct, notice to vacate, and stop work orders. This Development Code may also be enforced through the use of administrative citations issued pursuant to Government Code Section 53069.4 and the provisions of the San Bernardino County Code adopted pursuant to the authority conferred by Government Code Section 53069.4; or through the use of criminal citations issued pursuant to Penal Code Section 836.5 and in the manner specified by the San Bernardino County Code, Title 1, Division 1, Chapter 2, Section 11.024.
- (b) **Enforcement remedies are cumulative and discretionary, not exclusive.** All remedies contained in this Development Code for the handling of violations or enforcement of the provisions of this Development Code shall be discretionary and cumulative, and not exclusive of any other applicable provisions of the San Bernardino County Code or other applicable State law. The County, at its sole discretion and acting through the officials designated in this Chapter and in consultation with the Office of County Counsel, may enforce this Development Code through the application of criminal, civil, and administrative remedies as set forth in this Chapter. In the exercise of such discretion in selecting an appropriate code enforcement remedy, the County shall not be required to institute available code enforcement remedies in any particular order, or to prefer the application of one remedy to another.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.090 Criminal Actions**

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the San Bernardino County Code, each person violating, causing, or allowing a violation of any provision of this Development Code or any permit or condition of approval granted pursuant thereto, shall be guilty of an infraction, unless the violation is specifically declared to be a misdemeanor.
- (b) Every violation of any provision of this Development Code, or of any permit issued pursuant to this Development Code (including any of the conditions of approval for such permit) that is prosecuted as an infraction shall be punished, upon conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere (commonly called no contest), by: (1) a base fine not exceeding \$100.00 for a first violation; (2) a base fine not exceeding \$200.00 for a second violation of the same Code Section or permit (or any of the conditions of approval) occurring on the same property and committed by the same person within one year; and (3) a base fine not exceeding \$500.00 for each additional violation of the same Code Section or permit (or any of the conditions of approval) occurring on the

same property and committed by the same person within one year. Any court costs that the court may otherwise be required to impose pursuant to applicable state law or local ordinance shall be imposed in addition to the base fine. Notwithstanding the above, a first or subsequent violation of this Development Code may be charged and prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

- (c) A misdemeanor shall be punished, upon conviction or upon a plea of nolo contendere (commonly called no contest), by a base fine of not less than \$500.00 and not more than \$1,000.00, or by imprisonment in the County jail for a period of not more than six months, or by both such base fine and imprisonment. Any court costs that the court may otherwise be required to impose pursuant to applicable state law or local ordinance shall be imposed in addition to the base fine.
- (d) The conviction and punishment of any person of an offense as described in this Section or the payment of a criminal fine by or on behalf of the person convicted, shall not relieve that person from the responsibility for correcting, removing, or abating the violation that resulted in the conviction; nor prevent the enforced correction, removal or abatement thereof by the County. The correction, removal, or abatement of a violation begun after the issuance of a criminal citation or the filing of a criminal complaint shall not be a defense to the infraction or misdemeanor so charged and, following a conviction or plea of nolo contendere, shall not be grounds for the dismissal of the action or the waiver, stay, or reduction of any fine established in this Section.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **86.09.100 Civil Actions**

- (a) **Injunctive relief and abatement.** At the request of any person authorized to enforce this Development Code, the County Counsel or District Attorney may commence proceedings for the abatement, removal, correction and enjoinder of any act or omission that constitutes or will constitute a violation of this Development Code or any permit or land use approval granted pursuant thereto, and an order requiring the violator(s) to pay civil penalties and/or abatement costs. Where multiple violators are involved, they shall be jointly and severally liable for the civil penalties and/or abatement costs.

- (b) **Civil Remedies and Penalties.** Any person, whether acting as principal, agent, employee, owner, lessor, lessee, tenant, occupant, operator, contractor, or otherwise, who violates any provision of this Development Code or any permit or any condition of land use approval granted pursuant thereto, shall be liable for a civil penalty not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) per violation for each day or any portion thereof, that the violation continues to exist. In determining the amount of civil penalty to be imposed, both as to the daily rate and the subsequent total amount for any given violation, the court shall consider all relevant circumstances, including, but not limited to, the extent of the harm caused by the conduct constituting the violation, the nature and persistence of such conduct, the length of time over which the conduct occurred or as repeated, the assets, liabilities, and net worth of the violator, whether a corporate entity or an individual, and any corrective action taken by the violator.
- (c) **Attorney's Fees.** In any civil action, administrative proceeding (excluding administrative citations issued pursuant to § 86.09.110 Administrative Actions), or special proceeding to abate a public nuisance, whether by seeking injunctive relief and/or an abatement order, or other order; attorney's fees may be recovered by the prevailing party and shall not exceed the amount of reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County in that action or proceeding (Government Code § 25845).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009)

#### **86.09.110 Administrative Actions**

As an alternative to the criminal or civil enforcement of this Development Code, i.e., Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code, and, further, as an alternative to all other administrative enforcement procedures provided by this Development Code, all violations of this Development Code may be subject to enforcement through the use of Administrative Citations in accordance with Government Code § 53069.4 and this Section, and in the same manner and under the same authority as provided at § 11.0208 of the San Bernardino Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4175 (2012)

#### **86.09.120 Filing of a Notice of Pendency**

Whenever the County institutes a judicial action or proceeding to enforce the Development Code, a Notice of Pendency of the action or proceeding may be filed with the County Recorder's Office. The notice shall be filed at the time of the commencement of the action or proceeding, and upon recordation of the notice as provided in this Section, shall have the same effect as a notice recorded in compliance with Section 409 of the State Code of Civil Procedure.

- (a) The County Recorder shall record and index the Notice of Pendency of action or proceeding in the Grantor/Grantee Index.

- (b) Any Notice of Pendency of action or proceeding filed in compliance with this Section may, upon motion of a party to the action or proceeding, be vacated upon an appropriate showing of need therefore by an order of a judge of the court in which the action or proceeding is pending.
  - (1) A certified copy of the “Order to Vacate Notice of Pendency” may be recorded with the County Recorder’s Office, and upon the recordation, the Notice of Pendency of the action or proceeding shall not constitute constructive notice of any of the matters contained therein nor create any duty of inquiry in any person thereafter dealing with the property described therein.
  - (2) An “Order to Vacate Notice of Pendency” shall not be appealable, but the party aggrieved by the order may, within 20 days after service of written notice of the order, or within additional time not exceeding 20 days as the court may, within the original 20 days allow, but in no event later than 60 days after entry of the order, petition the proper reviewing court to review the order by Writ of Mandate.
  - (3) No “Order to Vacate Notice of Pendency” shall be effective, nor shall it be recorded with the County Recorder’s Office, until the time within which a petition for the filing of a Writ of Mandate has expired in compliance with this Section.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.130 Filing Notice of Action**

Whenever an enforcement action is initiated and prior to filing a Notice of Pendency, the Code Enforcement Division or other County department initiating the action, may pursuant to Government Code Section 27280, file with the County Recorder’s Office a notice of action identifying the enforcement action taken for violation of the Development Code or other applicable law.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.140 Initial Investigation Procedures**

This Section describes the procedures for initiating enforcement action in cases where the Director has determined that real property within the unincorporated area of the County is being used, maintained, or allowed to exist in violation of the provisions of this Development Code. It is the objective of these provisions to encourage the voluntary cooperation of responsible parties in the prompt correction of violations, so that the other enforcement measures provided by this Chapter may be avoided.

- (a) **Notice.** Subject to Subsection (c) of this Section upon investigation and a determination that a violation of any of the provisions of this Development Code or any condition(s) imposed on any approval, authorization, permit, or variance is found to exist, the Director shall notify the record owner or any person having possession or

control of the property by mail, of the existence of the violation(s), the Department's intent to charge the property owner for all administrative costs associated with enforcement, and of the owner's right to a hearing on any objections they may have. The notice shall be in a form approved by the County Counsel.

**(b) Notice of Violation.** The Director shall provide the record owner of the subject site and/or any person in possession or control of the site with a written Notice of Violation, which shall include the following information:

- (1) A description of each violation, and citations of applicable Development Code provisions being violated;
- (2) A time limit for correcting the violation(s) in compliance with Subsection (c)., below;
- (3) A statement that the County intends to charge the property owner for all administrative costs associated with the abatement of the violation(s) in compliance with Section 86.09.180 (Recovery of Costs), and/or initiate legal action as described in Section 86.09.080 (Enforcement).

**(c) Time limit for correction.**

- (1) The Notice of Violation shall state that the violation(s) shall be corrected within 30 days from the date of the notice to avoid further enforcement action by the County, unless the responsible party contacts the Code Enforcement Division within that time to arrange for a longer period for correction.
- (2) The 30-day time limit may be extended by the Director upon a showing of good cause.
- (3) The Director may also require through the Notice of Violation that the correction occur within less than 30 days if the Director determines that the violation(s) constitutes a hazard to public health or safety.

**(d) Use of other enforcement procedures.** The enforcement procedures of Section 86.09.080 (Enforcement), may be employed by the Director after or instead of the provisions of this Section where the Director determines that this Section would be ineffective in securing the correction of the violation(s) within a reasonable time.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

### **86.09.150 Inspections**

**(a) Pre-approval inspections.** Every applicant seeking an authorization, permit, or any other action in compliance with this Development Code shall allow the County officials handling the application access to any premises or property which is the subject of the application.



- (b) **Post approval inspections.** If the authorization, permit, or other action in compliance with this Development Code is approved, the owner or applicant shall allow appropriate County officials access to the premises in order to determine continued compliance with the approved authorization or permit and/or any conditions of approval imposed on the approval, authorization, permit, or Variance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.160 Stop Work Orders**

- (a) Any construction in violation of this Development Code or any conditions imposed on any approval, authorization, permit, or Variance shall be subject to the issuance of a "Stop Work Order."
- (b) Any violation of a Stop Work Order shall constitute a misdemeanor and a public nuisance, and shall be subject to the remedies and penalties established by the County Code and this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.170 Revocation or Modification of Permits or Approvals**

- (a) **Purpose.** Discretionary permits or approvals issued in compliance with this Development Code may be revoked or modified in compliance with this Section.
- (b) **Procedures.** This Section provides procedures for securing revocation or punitive modification of previously approved permits or approvals.
- (c) **Revocations.** The County's action to revoke a permit or approval shall have the effect of terminating the permit and denying the privileges granted by the original approval.
- (d) **Modifications.** County modification of a permit or approval instead of revocation may include any operational aspect of the project, including buffers, duration of the permit or entitlement, hours of operation, landscaping and maintenance, lighting, parking, performance guarantees, property maintenance, signs, surfacing, traffic circulation, or any other aspect/condition determined to be reasonable and necessary to ensure that the permit is operated in a manner consistent with the original findings for approval.
- (e) **Hearings and notice.**
  - (1) The appropriate review authority shall hold a public hearing to revoke or modify a permit or approval granted in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code.
  - (2) At least ten days before the public hearing, notice shall be "delivered" in writing to the applicant for the permit or approval being considered for revocation, and/or owner of the property for which the permit was granted. The only



exception to the 10-day notice provision shall be for Temporary Use Permits which, because of their short term nature, shall only require a 24-hour notice.

- (3) Notice shall be deemed “delivered” two days after being mailed, certified and first class, through the United States Postal Service, postage paid, to the owner as shown on the County's current equalized assessment roll and to the project applicant, if not the owner of the subject property.

**(f) Action by Reviewing Authority.**

- (1) **Permits.** A Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, or other County planning permit or approval (except a Variance, see Subsection (f)(2), below) may be revoked or modified by the reviewing authority (e.g., Director, Commission, or Board) that originally approved the permit, if the reviewing authority first makes any one of the following findings:

- (A) Circumstances under which the permit or approval was granted have been changed by the applicant to an extent that one or more of the findings that justified the original approval can no longer be made, and the public health, safety, and welfare require the revocation or modification;
- (B) The permit or other approval was granted, in whole or in part, on the basis of a misrepresentation or omission of a material statement in the application, or in the applicant's testimony presented during the public hearing, for the permit or approval;
- (C) One or more of the conditions of the original permit or approval have not been substantially fulfilled or have been violated;
- (D) The approved use or structure has ceased to exist or has been suspended for at least 12 months;
- (E) An improvement authorized in compliance with the permit is in violation of any applicable code, law, ordinance, regulation, or statute; or
- (F) The improvement/use allowed by the permit has become detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare or the manner of operation constitutes or is creating a nuisance.

- (2) **Variances.** A Major or Minor Variance may be revoked or modified by the review authority which originally approved the Major or Minor Variance, if the review authority first makes any one of the following findings, in addition to any one of the findings in Subsection (f)(1), above:

- (A) Circumstances under which the original approval was granted have been changed by the applicant to a degree that one or more of the findings contained in the original approval can no longer be made in a positive

manner, and the grantee has not substantially exercised the rights granted by the Major or Minor Variance; or

- (B) One or more of the conditions of the Major or Minor Variance have not been met, or have been violated, and the grantee has not substantially exercised the rights granted by the Major or Minor Variance.
- (g) **Amortization.** If a revocation is ordered, the Commission may provide for a reasonable period of time to amortize any lawful existing uses on the site. Extensions of this time period may be granted for good cause shown on an application to the applicable review authority by any affected person.
- (h) **Action is appealable.** The revocation or modification of a permit or Variance is appealable in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals)
- (i) **Enforcement.** The County department or agency that issues the permit shall have the primary responsibility for enforcing compliance with the permit.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

#### **86.09.180 Recovery of Costs**

This Section establishes procedures for the recovery of administrative costs, including staff and County Counsel time expended on the enforcement of the provisions of this Development Code, other than administrative citation cases, to correct a violation. The intent of this Section is to recover County administrative costs reasonably related to enforcement.

##### **(a) Record of costs.**

- (1) The Department shall maintain records of all administrative costs incurred by responsible County departments, associated with the processing of violations and enforcement of this Development Code, and shall recover the costs from the property owner in compliance with this Section.
- (2) Staff time shall be calculated at an hourly rate as established and revised from time to time by the Board.

##### **(b) Summary of costs and notice.**

- (1) At the conclusion of the case, the Director shall send a summary of costs associated with enforcement to the owner and/or person having possession or control of the property by certified and first class mail.
- (2) The summary shall include a notice in a form approved by the County Counsel, advising the responsible party of their right to request a hearing on the charges for County cost recovery within 10 days of the date of the notice, and that if no request for hearing is filed, the responsible party will be liable for the charges.

- (3) In the event that no request for hearing is timely filed or, after a hearing the Director affirms the validity of the costs, the property owner or person in control shall be liable to the County in the amount stated in the summary or any lesser amount as determined by the Director.
  - (4) The costs shall be recoverable in a civil action in the name of the County, in any court of competent jurisdiction, or by tax assessment, or by a lien on the property, at the County's election.
- (c) **Attorney's fees.** In any action or administrative proceeding to abate a nuisance, the prevailing party in the action or proceeding shall be entitled to recover reasonable attorney's fees; however, the amount of attorney's fees awarded to a prevailing party shall not exceed the amount of attorney's fees incurred by the County in the action or proceeding. Further, an award of attorney's fees in compliance with this Section shall only be allowed where the County elects, at the initiation of the action or proceeding, to seek recovery of its own attorney's fees.
- (d) **Request for hearing on costs.** Any property owner, or other person having possession and control of the subject property, who receives a summary of costs shall have the right to a hearing before the Director on their objections to the proposed costs.
- (1) A written request for hearing shall be filed with the Department within 10 days of the service by mail of the Department's summary of costs, on a form provided by the Department.
  - (2) Within 30 days of the filing of the request, and on 10 days written notice to the owner, the Director shall hold a hearing on the owner's objections, and determine their validity.
  - (3) In determining the validity of the costs, the Director shall consider whether total costs are reasonable in the circumstances of the case. Factors to be considered include:
    - (A) Whether the present owner created the violation(s);
    - (B) Whether there is a present ability to correct the violation(s);
    - (C) Whether the owner promptly corrected the violation(s);
    - (D) The degree of cooperation provided by the owner; and
    - (E) Whether reasonable minds can differ as to whether a violation(s) exists.
  - (4) The Director's decision shall be appealable as provided by Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.190 Additional Permit Processing Fees**

Any person who establishes a land use, or alters, constructs, demolishes, enlarges, erects, maintains, or moves any structure without first obtaining any authorization or permit required by this Development Code, shall pay the additional permit processing fees in compliance with the County Fee Ordinance for the correction of the violations, before being granted an authorization or permit for a use or structure on the site.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.200 Reinspection Fees****(a) Amount and applicability of reinspection fee.**

- (1) A reinspection fee shall be imposed on each person who receives a Notice of Violation, notice and order, or letter of correction of any provision of this Development Code or the County Code, adopted Building Code, or State law.
  - (A) The fee amount shall be established in compliance with the current Fee Ordinance.
  - (B) The fee may be assessed for each inspection conducted when the particular violation, for which a Notice of Violation, notice and order, or letter of correction was issued, was not fully abated or corrected as directed by, and within the time and manner specified in, the notice or letter.
- (2) The fee shall not apply to the original verification inspection to document the violations and shall apply to the first compliance inspection made after the issuance of a notice or letter, unless the correction has been made.

**(b) Continuation of the original case.**

- (1) If a notice or letter has been previously issued for the same violation and the property has been in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code or the County Code for less than 90 days, the violation shall be deemed a continuation of the original case, and all inspections or reinspections, including the first inspection for the repeated offense, shall be charged a reinspection fee.
- (2) This fee is intended to compensate for administrative costs for unnecessary County inspections, and is not a penalty for violating this Development Code or the County Code.
- (3) Any reinspection fees imposed shall be separate and apart from any fines or penalties imposed for violation of this Development Code or the County Code, or costs incurred by the County for the abatement of a public nuisance.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

**86.09.210      Documentation**

It is highly recommended that the property owner initiate a Certificate of Land Use Compliance application to document any existing use where an application was not processed but determined to be a legal use and where the zoning or land use designation has changed and where a court decision determined a use to be legally established. This process records a document with the County Recorder's Office and is readily available to future property owners, the public and agencies. It is also recommended that the property owner initiate a General Plan and Development Code Interpretation application whenever it is unclear to the owner, or may be to a future owner, what a specific use is determined to be considered under the Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)

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## CHAPTER 86.10 AGRICULTURAL PRESERVES/LAND CONSERVATION CONTRACT ACTIONS

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### Sections:

- 86.10.010 Purpose
- 86.10.020 Procedures

#### 86.10.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides procedures to disestablish, establish, expand, or reduce an Agricultural Preserve boundary and/or cancel or establish a Land Conservation Contract in compliance with the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 for the management and preservation of agricultural lands within the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### 86.10.020 Procedures

- (a) **When a public hearing is required.** All of the activities identified in Section 86.10.010 (Purpose), above require a public hearing by both the Commission and the Board except for a County-initiated Land Conservation Contract, which shall be heard by the Board without a hearing by the Commission.
- (b) **Procedure.** Public hearing
- (c) **Review authority.** Board, with Commission recommendation
- (d) **Request for approval of a contract.** Before action on a request for an approval of a Land Conservation Contract, the review authority shall make the finding that the operation on site and the contract are consistent with the General Plan, any applicable community plan or specific plan, and this Development Code.
- (e) **Request for non-renewal of a contract.**
  - (1) No findings are required when a request is made for a non-renewal of a Land Conservation Contract.
  - (2) The request shall be processed in compliance with Government Code Section 51245
  - (3) Non-renewal of a contract shall be accomplished through “Staff action without notice” procedures with the Director as the review authority.
- (f) **Request for cancellation of a contract.** Before action on a request for cancellation of a Land Conservation Contract:

- (1) The land owner shall pay a cancellation fee equal to 12 and one-half percent of the cancellation value of the land plus any deferred tax amount; and
- (2) The review authority shall make the findings identified in Government Code Section 51282.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



**CHAPTER 86.11 AIRPORT COMPREHENSIVE LAND USE PLANS**

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**Sections:**

- 86.11.010 Purpose
- 86.11.020 Procedures
- 86.11.030 Findings
- 86.11.040 Consistency with the Plan

**86.11.010 Purpose**

This Chapter provides procedures to prepare, review, adopt, or amend an Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.11.020 Procedures****(a) Airports within County jurisdiction.**

- (1) **Review by Commission and Board required.** Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans and amendments to the plans shall be reviewed by the Commission and acted upon by the Board.
- (2) **Process same as for General Plan.** An Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall be prepared, adopted, and amended in the same manner as a general plan, except that an Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan may be amended as often as deemed necessary by the Board.
- (3) **Process for repeal.** An Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan shall be repealed in the same manner as is required for amendment of the plan.
- (4) **Procedure.** Public hearing
- (5) **Review authority.** Board, with Commission recommendation

**(b) Airports within incorporated cities but impact unincorporated areas.**

- (1) **Review by Commission and Board required.** Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plans and any amendments to the plan that are prepared and adopted by other jurisdictions but impact unincorporated areas of the County shall be reviewed by the Commission and approved by resolution of the Board.
- (2) **Procedure.** Public hearing

- (3) **Review authority.** Board, with Commission recommendation

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.11.030 Findings**

- (a) **Findings for adoption or amendment.** Before taking an action to adopt or amend an Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan, the Planning Agency shall first make all of the following findings.

- (b) **The proposed plan or amendment:**

- (1) Is consistent with the General Plan;
- (2) Specifies through text and/or diagrams, the distribution, location, and extent of the uses of land within the area covered by the plan; and
- (3) Specifies through text and/or diagrams, the criteria and standards by which development will proceed.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.11.040 Consistency with the Plan**

No local public works project may be approved, no land use application may be approved, and no land use designation may be amended within an area covered by an Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan unless it is in compliance with the adopted Airport Comprehensive Land Use Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 86.12 AMENDMENTS

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### Sections:

- 86.12.010 Purpose
- 86.12.020 Initiation of Amendment
- 86.12.030 Processing, Notice, and Hearings
- 86.12.040 Commission Action on Amendment
- 86.12.050 Board Action on Amendment
- 86.12.060 Findings and Decision
- 86.12.070 Effective Dates
- 86.12.080 Adopted Community Plans
- 86.12.090 Adopted Area Plans

### 86.12.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides procedures for the amendment of the General Plan, this Development Code, Community Plans, and Area Plans, whenever the Board determines public necessity and general welfare require an amendment.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.12.020 Initiation of Amendment

An amendment may be initiated by the Director, the Commission, or the Board in the following manner:

- (a) **General Plan, Community Plan, and Area Plan amendments.** In the case of the General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan, an amendment may also be initiated by the filing of an amendment application with the Department by the owner or authorized agent of property for which the amendment is sought. If the property is under more than one ownership, all owners or their authorized agents shall join in filing the application.
- (b) **Development Code amendments.** In the case of this Development Code, an amendment may also be initiated by the filing of an amendment application with the Department by any interested party. The Board may also adopt an urgency measure as an interim ordinance in compliance with Government Code Section 65858.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.12.030 Processing, Notice, and Hearings

- (a) **Application filing and processing.** If initiated by the filing of an amendment application, the application shall be processed in compliance with Chapters 85.02 (Basic Review Procedures) and 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall be accompanied by the information identified in the Department handout for

amendment applications, and any applicable fees. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence in support of the findings required by Section 86.12.060 (Findings and Decision), below.

- (b) **Timing of General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan amendments.** Each element of the General Plan or a Community Plan or an Area Plan may be amended up to four times in a single calendar year.
- (c) **Adoption of General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan amendments.** Amendments to land use zoning districts constitute an amendment of the General Plan and shall be adopted by resolution and ordinance. Amendments to the General Plan, a Community Plan, or an Area Plan text or maps, other than the Land Use Zoning Maps, shall be adopted by resolution only.
- (d) **Public hearings required.** The Commission and Board shall each conduct one or more public hearings regarding the amendment.
- (e) **Notice and hearing.** Notice of the public hearing shall be provided, and the hearing shall be conducted in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.12.040 Commission Action on Amendment**

The Commission may take any one of the following actions on a proposed amendment.

- (a) **Private party initiated.** In the case of a private party initiated amendment, the Commission shall either disapprove the application or recommend to the Board that the proposed or a modified amendment be made. In the case of disapproval, the decision of the Commission shall become final unless appealed to the Board in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (b) **Director initiated.** In the case of a Director initiated amendment, the Commission shall either recommend to the Board that no amendment, a modified amendment, or the proposed amendment be made.
- (c) **Commission initiated.** In the case of a Commission initiated amendment, the Commission shall either table the matter or recommend to the Board that the amendment be made.
- (d) **Board directed or initiated.** In the case of a Board directed or initiated amendment, the Commission shall either recommend to the Board that no amendment, a modified amendment, or the proposed amendment be made.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.12.050 Board Action on Amendment**

- (a) **Approval or disapproval.** Upon receipt of the Commission's recommendation, the Board shall conduct a public hearing and either approve, approve in modified form, or disapprove the proposed amendment based on the findings identified in Section 86.12.060 (Findings and Decision), below.
- (b) **Referral to Commission.** If the Board proposes to adopt a modification to the amendment not previously considered by the Commission, the proposed modification shall be first referred to the Commission for its recommendation, in compliance with Government Code Sections 65356 and 65857.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.12.060 Findings and Decision**

An amendment to the General Plan, this Development Code, a Community Plan, or an Area Plan may be approved only if all of the following findings are made, as applicable to the type of amendment.

**(a) Findings for General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan amendments.**

- (1) If the amendment pertains only to changing a portion of the text of the plan, the Board shall first make both of the following findings:
  - (A) The proposed amendment is internally consistent with all other provisions of the respective plan, the General Plan or an applicable specific plan; and
  - (B) The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the County.
- (2) If the General Plan amendment proposes to change a land use zoning designation from one zone to another, the Board shall first make the two findings above plus all of the following additional findings:
  - (A) The proposed land use zoning district change is in the public interest, there will be a community benefit, and other existing and allowed uses will not be compromised;
  - (B) The proposed land use zoning district change will provide a reasonable and logical extension of the existing land use pattern in the surrounding area;
  - (C) The proposed land use zoning district change does not conflict with provisions of this Development Code;
  - (D) The proposed land use zoning district change will not have a substantial adverse effect on surrounding property; and

- (E) The affected site is physically suitable in terms of design, location, shape, size, operating characteristics, and the provision of public and emergency vehicle (e.g., fire and medical) access and public services and utilities (e.g., fire protection, police protection, potable water, schools, solid waste collection and disposal, storm drainage, wastewater collection, treatment, and disposal, etc.), to ensure that the proposed or anticipated uses and/or development would not endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the property or improvements in the vicinity in which the property is located.

(b) **Findings for Development Code amendments.** The Board shall first make all of the following findings:

- (1) The proposed amendment is consistent with the General Plan and any applicable community plan or specific plan;
- (2) The proposed amendment would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare of the County; and
- (3) The proposed amendment is internally consistent with other applicable provisions of this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.12.070 Effective Dates**

- (a) **General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan.** A General Plan, Community Plan, or Area Plan amendment shall become effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the adoption of a resolution, and an ordinance (in the case of a General Plan amendment only) by the Board.
- (b) **Development Code.** A Development Code amendment shall become effective on the 30<sup>th</sup> day following the adoption of an ordinance by the Board.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 86.13 DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT**

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**Sections:**

- 86.13.010 Purpose
- 86.13.020 Applications
- 86.13.030 Procedures
- 86.13.040 Action by the Commission and Board
- 86.13.050 Amendment or Cancellation
- 86.13.060 Recordation
- 86.13.070 Agreement Review
- 86.13.080 Modification or Termination

**86.13.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Compliance with Government Code Section 65864.** This Chapter establishes procedures and requirements for the adoption and amendment of development agreements in compliance with Government Code Section 65864 et seq.
- (b) **Development agreement defined.** A development agreement is a contract between the County and an applicant for a development project.
- (c) **Assurances to the applicant.** A development agreement is intended to provide assurance to the applicant that an approved project may proceed subject to the policies, regulations, rules, and conditions of approval applicable to the project at the time of approval, regardless of any changes to County policies, regulations, and rules after project approval.
- (d) **Assurances to the County.** In return, the County is provided assurance that the project would further important County-wide goals and policies which have been officially recognized by the Board, and provide the County with significant, tangible benefits beyond those that may be required by the County through normal project conditions of approval.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.020 Applications**

- (a) **Contents of application.** An application for a development agreement shall be filed and processed in compliance with Chapters 85.02 (Basic Review Procedures) and 85.03 (Application Procedures). The application shall be accompanied by the detailed data/ materials identified in the Department handout for development agreements. It is the responsibility of the applicant to establish evidence in support of the findings required by Subsection 86.13.040(a)(1). (Findings required), below.

- (b) **Fees.** The applicant shall pay the fees and charges imposed for the filing and processing of each application and document provided for or required under these regulations in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule. Fees and charges shall be paid before a determination by the County that the application is complete.
- (c) **Qualified as an applicant.** Only a qualified applicant may file an application to enter into a development agreement.
- (1) A qualified applicant is a person who has legal or equitable interest in the real property which is the subject of the development agreement, as determined at the sole discretion of the County.
  - (2) The term applicant shall also include an authorized agent of the property owner.
  - (3) The Director may require an applicant to submit proof of interest in the real property and of the authority of the agent to act for the applicant.
  - (4) Before processing the application, the Director shall obtain the opinion of the County Counsel as to the sufficiency of the applicant's interest in the real property to enter into the development agreement.
- (d) **Proposed form of agreement.**
- (1) Each application shall be accompanied by the form of development agreement proposed by the applicant.
  - (2) This requirement may be met by designating the County's standard form of development agreement, if the County has developed a standard form development agreement, and including specific proposals for changes in or additions to the language of the standard form.
- (e) **Review of application.**
- (1) The Director shall endorse on the application the date it is received. When application fees have been paid in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule, the Director shall review the application and may reject it if it is incomplete or inaccurate for processing. If the Director finds that the application is complete, the Director shall accept it for filing. The Director shall review the application and determine the additional requirements necessary to complete the development agreement.
  - (2) After receiving the required information, the Director shall prepare a staff report and recommendations and shall state whether or not the development agreement proposed, or in an amended form, will be consistent with the General Plan and any applicable community plan or specific plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



**86.13.030 Procedures**

- (a) **Director to give notice.** The Director shall give notice of the County's intention to consider adoption of the development agreement and of any other public hearing required by law or these regulations.
- (b) **Notice requirements.** Notice for the public hearings to consider adoption of a development agreement shall be given in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
- (c) **Failure to receive notice.** Failure of any person to receive notice, who is otherwise entitled to notice in compliance with State law or these regulations, does not affect the authority of the County to enter into a development agreement.
- (d) **Rules governing conduct of hearing.** The public hearing shall be conducted in compliance with the procedural standards adopted in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
  - (1) Each person interested in the matter shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
  - (2) The applicant has the burden of proof at the public hearing on the proposed development agreement.
- (e) **Irregularity in proceedings.**
  - (1) No action, inaction, or recommendation regarding the proposed development agreement shall be held void or invalid or be set aside by a court by reason of any error, informality, irregularity, neglect, or omission ("error") as to any matter pertaining to application, finding, hearing, notice, petition, recommendation, record, report, or any matters of procedure.
  - (2) The only allowable exception to this rule will be if, after an examination of the entire case, including the evidence, the court is of the opinion that the error complained of was prejudicial and that by reason of the error the complaining party sustained and suffered substantial injury, and that a different result would have been probable if the error had not occurred or existed.
  - (3) There is no presumption that error is prejudicial or that injury was done if error is shown.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.040 Action by the Commission and Board**

- (a) **Determination by the Commission.** After the hearing by the Commission, the Commission shall make its recommendation in writing to the Board.

- (1) **Findings required.** The proposed development agreement may be recommended for approval only if all of the following findings are first made. The recommendation shall include the Commission's findings and determination that the proposed development agreement and the associated development project:
  - (A) Are in compliance with the general land uses, objectives, policies, and programs specified in the General Plan, any applicable community plan or specific plan, and this Development Code;
  - (B) Are compatible with the uses authorized in, and the regulations prescribed for, the land use and land use zoning district in which the real property is located;
  - (C) Are in conformity with public convenience, general welfare, and good land use practice;
  - (D) Will not be detrimental to the health, safety, and general welfare; and
  - (E) Will not adversely affect the orderly development of property or the preservation of property values.
- (2) **Include reasons.** The recommendation shall include the reasons for the Commission's recommendation.

**(b) Decision by the Board.**

- (1) After the Board completes the public hearing, it may accept, modify, or disapprove the Commission's recommendation. It may, but need not, refer matters not previously considered by the Commission during its hearing back to the Commission for report and recommendation. The Commission shall hold a public hearing on matters referred back to it by the Board.
  - (2) The Board shall not approve the development agreement unless it first makes all of the findings required by Subsection 86.13.040(a)(1). (Findings required), above.
- (c) Approval of development agreement.** If the Board approves the development agreement, it shall do so by the adoption of an ordinance. After the ordinance approving the development agreement takes effect, the County may enter into the development agreement.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.050 Amendment or Cancellation**

- (a) Initiation of amendment or cancellation.** Either party may propose an amendment to or cancellation of, in whole or in part, the development agreement previously entered into.

**(b) Procedure.**

- (1) The procedure for proposing and adoption of an amendment to or cancellation of a development agreement is the same as the procedure for entering into a development agreement in the first instance.
- (2) Where the County initiates the proposed amendment to or cancellation of a development agreement, it shall first give notice to the property owner of its intention to initiate the proceedings at least 10 calendar days in advance of the giving of notice of intention to consider the amendment or cancellation required by Subsection 86.13.030(b). (Notice requirements), above.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.060 Recordation**

- (a) **Recordation of agreement within 10 days.** Within 10 calendar days after the County enters into the development agreement, the Clerk of the Board shall have the development agreement recorded with the County Recorder's Office.
- (b) **Recordation of notice to amend or cancel agreement.** If the parties to the agreement or their successors-in-interest amend or cancel the development agreement as provided in Government Code Section 65868 or if the County terminates or modifies the development agreement as provided in Government Code Section 65865.1 for failure of the applicant to comply in good faith with the terms or conditions of the agreement, the Clerk of the Board shall have notice of the action recorded with the County Recorder's Office.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.070 Agreement Review**

The County shall review each development agreement in compliance with Government Code Section 65865.1.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.13.080 Modification or Termination**

- (a) **Proceedings upon modification or termination.** If, upon a finding under Section 86.13.070 (Agreement Review), above, the Board determines to proceed with modification or termination of the development agreement, the County shall give notice to the property owner of its intention to do so. The notice shall contain the following information:
  - (1) The date, time, and place of the hearing;

- (2) A statement as to whether or not the County proposes to modify or terminate the development agreement; and
- (3) Other information which the County considers necessary to inform the property owner of the nature of the proceeding.

**(b) Hearing on modification or termination.**

- (1) At the date, time, and place set for the hearing on modification or termination, the property owner shall be given an opportunity to be heard.
- (2) The Board may refer the matter back to the Commission for report and recommendation.
- (3) The Board may impose those conditions to the action it takes as it considers reasonable and necessary to protect the interests of the County.
- (4) The decision of the Board shall be final.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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**CHAPTER 86.14 SPECIFIC PLAN ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT**

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**Sections:**

- 86.14.010 Purpose
- 86.14.020 Intent
- 86.14.030 Applicability
- 86.14.040 Initiation and Presubmittal Requirements
- 86.14.050 Preparation and Content
- 86.14.060 Application Filing, Processing, and Review
- 86.14.070 Adoption of Specific Plan
- 86.14.080 Implementation and Amendments
- 86.14.090 Adopted Specific Plans

**86.14.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Process.** This Chapter provides a process for preparing, processing, reviewing, adopting, and amending a specific plan.
- (b) **Compliance.** When required by Section 86.14.030 (Applicability), below, the General Plan, or this Development Code to systematically implement the General Plan for any part of the County, a specific plan shall be prepared, processed, approved and implemented, or disapproved in compliance with this Chapter.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.020 Intent**

An adopted specific plan shall replace the base land use zoning district for the subject property, and the development standards/guidelines identified in the specific plan shall take precedence over the general standards/guidelines contained in this Development Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.030 Applicability**

- (a) **Authority to adopt and amend.** An application for a specific plan shall be considered by the Commission and the Board.
- (b) **Specific plan required.** A specific plan, which is designed to provide for flexibility and encourage innovative use of land resources and development of a variety of housing and other development types shall be required whenever it would assist in the comprehensive master planning of a specific site(s).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.040 Initiation and Presubmittal Requirements**

A specific plan may be initiated in the following manner:

- (a) **Board.** By a resolution adopted by the Board, with or without a recommendation from the Commission; and
- (b) **Property owner.** By an application being filed by the owner(s) of property that would be the subject of the specific plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.050 Preparation and Content**

If property-owner initiated, the application shall be accompanied by the information identified in the Department handout for specific plan applications. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide evidence in support of the findings required by Subsection 86.14.070(a). (Board's action), below.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.060 Application Filing, Processing, and Review**

If property-owner initiated, the draft specific plan shall be filed with the Department, and shall be accompanied by the fee in compliance with the Planning Fee Schedule. The draft plan shall be processed in the same manner as required for general plans by State law, and as follows:

- (a) **Director's evaluation.**
  - (1) After the filing of a draft specific plan, the Director shall review the draft plan to determine whether it is in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter.
  - (2) If the draft plan is not in compliance, it shall be returned to the applicant with written specification(s) as to why it does not comply, and with suggested revisions to ensure compliance.
  - (3) When a draft plan is returned by the applicant to the Department and the Director determines it is complete and in compliance with this Chapter, the plan shall be deemed to be accepted for processing.
- (b) **Staff report.** A written staff report shall be prepared for the draft specific plan which shall include detailed recommendations for changes to the text and/or diagrams of the specific plan, as necessary to make it acceptable for adoption; and
- (c) **Public hearings.** A proposed specific plan shall be subject to public hearings before both the Commission and Board before its adoption, as follows:
  - (1) **Commission.**

- (A) The Director shall schedule a public hearing on the proposed specific plan.
- (B) The hearing shall receive public notice and be conducted in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).
- (C) After the hearing, the Commission shall forward a written recommendation, with appropriate findings to the Board in compliance with Subsection 86.14.070(a). (Board's action), below.

**(2) Board.**

- (A) After receipt of the Commission's recommendation, the Board shall conduct a public hearing on the specific plan. The hearing shall receive public notice and be conducted in compliance with Chapter 7 (Public Hearings).
- (B) After the hearing, the Board may adopt the specific plan, disapprove the plan, or adopt the plan with changes, with appropriate findings in compliance with Subsection 86.14.070(a) (Board's action, below); provided, changes to the plan that were not considered by the Commission shall be referred to the Commission for its recommendation, in compliance with State law.
- (C) Failure of the Commission to report within 45 days after the referral, or a longer period set by the Board, shall be deemed a recommendation for the approval of the changes.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.070 Adoption of Specific Plan**

- (a) **Board's action.** The Board may adopt a specific plan only if all of the following findings can first be made:
  - (1) The proposed development is generally in compliance with the actions, goals, objectives, and policies of the General Plan;
  - (2) The design, location, shape, size, operating characteristics, and the provision of public and emergency vehicle access and public services and utilities (e.g., drainage, fire protection, sewers, water, etc.), would ensure that the proposed development would not endanger, jeopardize, or otherwise constitute a hazard to the public convenience, health, interest, safety, or welfare, or injurious to the property or improvements in the vicinity and land use zoning district in which the property is located;
  - (3) The proposed development would:

- (A) Ensure quality development by encouraging greater flexibility with more creative and aesthetically pleasing designs for major developments;
  - (B) Ensure the timely provision of essential public services and facilities consistent with the demand for the services and facilities; and
  - (C) Promote a harmonious variety of housing choices and commercial and industrial activities; attain a desirable balance of residential and employment opportunities; and result in a high level of amenities and the preservation of the natural and scenic qualities of open space.
- (4) The subject property is physically suitable for the proposed land use zoning district designation(s);
  - (5) The proposed project has been reviewed in compliance with the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the County's Environmental Review Procedures; and
  - (6) There would be no potential significant negative effects upon environmental quality and natural resources that would not be properly mitigated and monitored, unless a Statement of Overriding Considerations is adopted by the Board.
- (b) **Adoption.** The specific plan shall be adopted by ordinance in compliance with State law.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.14.080 Implementation and Amendments**

- (a) **Development within specific plan area.** After the adoption of a specific plan, a public works project, a tentative map or parcel map, for which a tentative map was not required, and an amendment to this Development Code may be approved/adopted within an area covered by a specific plan only if it is first found to be in compliance with the specific plan.
- (b) **Specific plan fee surcharge.** The Board may impose a specific plan fee surcharge on development entitlements within the specific plan area in compliance with State law.
- (c) **Amendments.**
  - (1) An adopted specific plan may be amended through the same procedure specified by this Chapter for the adoption of a specific plan.
  - (2) The specific plan may be amended as often as deemed necessary by the Board, in compliance with State law.
- (d) **Modifications.**



- (1) A development standard(s) identified in an adopted specific plan may be modified only by action of the Board.
- (2) The Board may grant one or more modifications only if both of the following findings can first be made:
  - (A) The modification(s) is necessary to properly implement a physically and economically viable project; and
  - (B) The modification(s) would ensure compliance with the general purpose and intent of the adopted specific plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.14.090      Adopted Specific Plans**

- (a) **Available for review.** All adopted specific plans are available for review at the Department.
- (b) **Adopted plans.** The following specific plans have been adopted by the Board.
  - (1) Agua Mansa Specific Plan.
  - (2) Glen Helen Specific Plan.
  - (3) Kaiser Commerce Center Specific Plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 86.15 POST- DISASTER REBUILDING

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- 86.15.080 Appeals

### 86.15.010 Purpose

- (a) **Expeditious repair and reconstruction.** This Chapter establishes the land use regulations for the expeditious repair and reconstruction of structures damaged as a result of a disaster for which a local emergency has been declared by the Board.
- (b) **No exemptions from health and safety requirements.** The Chapter allows modifications to some sections of this Development Code but does not allow exemption from the health and safety requirements of this Development Code.
- (c) **Extreme Hazard Areas are not included.** In addition, structures located in an Extreme Hazard Area are not included.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.15.020 Applicability of Provisions

The provisions of this Chapter are applicable for a period of 180 days following each disaster for which a local emergency has been declared by the Board. The Board may extend the provisions as necessary.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 86.15.030 Definitions

For the purposes of this Chapter the following definitions shall apply:

- (a) **Extreme Hazard Area.** A mapped area established by separate action of the Board, or other authorized official, as a moratorium area which contains hazards to health and safety, caused by the disaster, requiring in-depth study before allowing rebuilding of any kind.

- (b) **In-kind.** The same as the prior structure in terms of height, number of units, shape, size, in the same general location, and to be occupied by the same general use.
- (c) **New construction.** The demolition and replacement of a damaged structure with a new structure which is not in-kind.
- (d) **Reconstruction.** The demolition and replacement in-kind of a damaged structure by a new structure, with no alteration or expansion.
- (e) **Repair.** The fixing in-kind of a damaged structure, with no alteration or expansion.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.15.040 General Provisions**

- (a) **No exemptions for illegal structures.** Structures illegally constructed or occupancies illegally established before the disaster shall not be reconstructed or reestablished.
- (b) **Compliance with Development Code required.** The provisions of this Development Code shall be met unless specifically modified or exempted.
- (c) **If conflicts occur.** Where the provisions of this Chapter conflict with other provisions of this Development Code, the provisions of this Chapter shall prevail.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **86.15.050 Modifications of the Provisions of this Development Code**

- (a) **General.**
  - (1) **Criteria to receive modifications.** In order to be eligible for modifications of the provisions of this Development Code and expedited application processing, an application shall meet all of the following criteria:
    - (A) The application shall be for the reconstruction or repair of damage caused by the disaster;
    - (B) The application shall have been filed after the occurrence of the disaster;
    - (C) The application site is not within an Extreme Hazard Area;
    - (D) The application does not violate applicable County, State, or Federal law; and
    - (E) Various kinds of information or proof of the previous use and structure may be required. This information may include: aerial photos, copies of Building

Permits, County Assessor's records, original construction plans, photographs, property deeds, reports/studies, and surveys. Adequate proof that the damage to the structure was the result of the disaster may also be required.

**(2) Conforming structures and uses.**

- (A) Conforming single-family residential, duplex, triplex, and agricultural structures may be reconstructed in-kind after the issuance of applicable permits. Conforming single-family structures may be altered and expanded so long as they meet all applicable Development Code requirements.
- (B) Conforming structures and uses subject to a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, or Site Plan Permit.
  - (I) Conforming structures, occupied by conforming uses which are subject to a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, or Site Plan Permit, and for which approved plot plans are available for review, may be reconstructed or repaired in-kind after the issuance of applicable permits.
  - (II) Conforming structures, occupied by conforming uses which are subject to a Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, Site Plan Permit, and where no approved plot plans are available for review, may be reconstructed or repaired in-kind after the issuance of a Site Plan Permit and all other applicable permits.

**(3) Nonconforming uses and structures.**

- (A) Single-family residential, duplex, and triplex structures located in residential land use zoning districts not in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code may be reconstructed or repaired in-kind after the issuance of applicable permits.
- (B) Nonconforming multi-family residential structures located in residential land use zoning districts may be reconstructed or repaired in-kind after the issuance of a Site Plan Permit (as modified by the provisions of Subsection 86.15.060(a), below) and all other applicable permits.
- (C) Nonconforming commercial, industrial, and institutional structures located in nonresidential land use zoning districts may be reconstructed or repaired in-kind after the issuance of a Site Plan Permit (as modified by the provisions of Subsection 86.15.060(a), below) and all other applicable permits.
- (D) Except as listed above, all other provisions of this Development Code shall apply.

- (b) **New construction.** All new construction shall be in compliance with the provisions of this Development Code.
- (c) **Temporary uses.**
  - (1) **Residential.**
    - (A) **On-site.** Temporary residential quarters are allowed on the site of residential unit(s) made uninhabitable by the disaster. The unit(s) may only substitute for the unit(s) previously on the property and may be placed after issuance of a Temporary Use Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.15. Under these circumstances, the Temporary Use Permit may be issued before the issuance of a permit to reconstruct the permanent unit(s), but a Building Permit shall be applied for within 180 days after issuance of the Temporary Use Permit. Individual mobile units require individual approved Setdown Permits.
    - (B) **Other sites.** Temporary mobile housing may be allowed on sites in any zoning/land use district with a Temporary Use Permit approved by the Building Official and subject to the special findings for a Temporary Use Permit identified in Subsection 86.15.060(b), below). Individual mobile units require individual approved Setdown Permits.
  - (2) **Commercial, commercial agricultural, industrial, institutional uses.** Temporary nonresidential structures for commercial, commercial agricultural, industrial, or institutional uses, either singly or in groups, shall be allowed in any land use zoning district except residential, on the same site or on a different site than the original structure, with a Temporary Use Permit approved by the Building Official and subject to the special findings for a Temporary Use Permit identified in Subsection 86.15.060(b), below). Individual mobile units require individual approved Setdown Permits.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008)

#### **86.15.060 Permits and Procedures**

- (a) **Site Plan Permits Post-Disaster.**
  - (1) Site Plan Permit process may be modified. Processing of a Site Plan Permit may be modified under the provisions of this Chapter to allow the proposed reconstruction or repair to comply as nearly as possible with the applicable development standards of this Development Code.
  - (2) Finding. Issuance of a Site Plan Permit under post-disaster circumstances shall include the finding that the site plan has been designed to meet the current requirements of this Development Code as closely as feasible, including access, landscaping, loading, open space, parking, setbacks, and walls.

**(b) Temporary Use Permit Post-Disaster.**

- (1) Issuance of Temporary Use Permit before Building Permit.** A Temporary Use Permit processed under the provisions of this Chapter may be issued before the issuance of a Building Permit to reconstruct the permanent unit(s), but a Building Permit shall be applied for within 180 days after issuance of the Temporary Use Permit.
- (2) Findings.** Approval of temporary mobile housing or temporary nonresidential structures shall first require that all of the following findings can be made:
  - (A) The site for the proposed use is adequate in terms of shape and size to accommodate the proposed use and all required landscaping, loading, open spaces, parking, setbacks, walls and fences, yards, and other required features;
  - (B) The site for the proposed use has adequate access;
  - (C) The proposed use will not have a substantial adverse effect on abutting property or the allowed use of the abutting property;
  - (D) The proposed use is in compliance with the goals and policies of the General Plan and any applicable community plan or specific plan; and
  - (E) The lawful conditions stated in the approval are deemed reasonable and necessary to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.15.070 CEQA Exemption**

All applications and permits approved under the provisions of this Chapter are exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080 (b)(2) and (3) and Section 21172 and Section 15269 of the CEQA Guidelines.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**86.15.080 Appeals**

All land use decisions provided for by this Chapter shall be appealable in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

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## CHAPTER 87.01 SUBDIVISION ORDINANCE APPLICABILITY AND ADMINISTRATION

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### 87.01.010 Purpose

This Division constitutes the San Bernardino County Subdivision Ordinance. These provisions are intended to supplement, implement, and work with the Subdivision Map Act, California Government Code Section 66410 et seq. (hereafter referred to as the "Map Act"). This Division is not intended to replace the Map Act, and must be used in conjunction with the Map Act in the preparation of subdivision applications, and the review, approval, and improvement of proposed subdivisions.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 87.01.020 Authority

This Division is adopted in compliance with the Map Act as a "local ordinance," as the term is used in the Map Act. All provisions of the Map Act and future amendments to the Map Act not incorporated into this Division shall, nevertheless, apply to all subdivision maps and proceedings under this Division.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 87.01.030 Applicability

- (a) **Subdivision approval required.** Each subdivision of land within the County shall be authorized through the approval of a map or other entitlement in compliance with this Division.

- (b) **Conflicts with Map Act.** In the event of any conflicts between the provisions of this Division and the Map Act, the Map Act shall control.
- (c) **Compliance with other regulations required.** The approval or conditional approval of a subdivision map shall not authorize an exception or deviation from any zoning regulation in this Development Code, or as an approval to proceed with any development in violation of other applicable provisions of the County Code or other applicable ordinances or regulations of the County.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.040 Definitions**

Definitions of the technical terms and phrases used in this Division are located in Division 10 (Glossary).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.050 Responsibility for Administration**

The Director and County Surveyor are authorized and directed to administer and enforce the provisions of this Division and applicable provisions of the Map Act for subdivisions within the County, except as otherwise provided by this Division.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.060 Advisory Agency**

- (a) **Advisory agency established.** The advisory agency for subdivision review as used in the Map Act shall be the Department.
- (b) **Authority and duties.** The advisory agency shall perform the following duties, and as further detailed in Section 87.01.070 (Authority for Subdivision Decisions):
  - (1) Approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove Tentative Maps;
  - (2) Recommend to the Commission for review and action on those projects being referred to the Commission.
  - (3) Recommend to the Board the approval, conditional approval, or disapproval of requests for exceptions to the County's design and improvement standards, in compliance with Section 87.01.100 (Exceptions to Subdivision Standards);
  - (4) Recommend modifications of the requirements of this Division;

- (5) Review and make recommendations concerning proposed subdivisions within incorporated cities in compliance with the Map Act when the advisory agency has elected to do so; and
- (6) Perform additional duties and exercise additional authorities as specified by law and by this Division.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 87.01.070 Authority for Subdivision Decisions

Table 87-1 (Subdivision Review Authority) identifies the County official or authority responsible for reviewing and making decisions on each type of subdivision application and other decision required by this Division.

**Table 87-1**  
**Subdivision Review Authority**

Type of Decision	Applicable Development Code Section	Role of Review Authority (1)			
		Director	County Surveyor	Commission	Board
Tentative Map, Vesting Tentative Map	87.04	Decision (2)		Decision/ Appeal (3)	Decision/ Appeal
Parcel Map	87.06		Decision	Appeal	Appeal
Final Map	87.06		Recommend		Decision
Certificate of Compliance	87.04.020	Decision		Appeal	Appeal
Official Map	87.04.050	Recommend	Recommend	Recommend	Decision
Lot Line Adjustment	87.04.040	Decision		Appeal	Appeal
Parcel Merger	87.04.050	Decision		Appeal	Appeal
Reversion to Acreage	87.04.060	Decision		Appeal	Appeal

**Notes:**

- (1) "Recommend" means that the review authority makes a recommendation to a higher decision-making body; "Decision" means that the review authority makes the final decision on the matter; "Appeal" means that the review authority may consider and decide upon appeals to the decision of an earlier decision-making body, in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (2) The Director may choose to not make a decision on a Tentative Map and may instead refer the matter to the Commission for hearing and a decision. See Section 87.02.040.A (Evaluation of application).
- (3) The Commission may choose to not make a decision on a Tentative Map and may instead refer the matter to the Board for hearing and a decision.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**87.01.080 Type of Subdivision Approval Required**

Any subdivision of an existing parcel into two or more parcels shall require approval by the County in compliance with this Division. In general, the procedure for subdivision first requires the approval of a Tentative Map, and then the approval of a Parcel Map (for a subdivision that results in four or fewer parcels) or a Final Map (for a subdivision that results in five or more parcels) to complete the subdivision process. The County's review of a Tentative Map evaluates the compliance of the proposed subdivision with County standards, and the appropriateness of the proposed subdivision design. Parcel and Final Maps are precise surveying documents that detail the location and dimensions of all parcel boundaries in an approved subdivision and, after approval, are recorded in the office of the County Recorder.

- (a) **Tentative Map requirements.** The filing and approval of a Tentative Map is required for:
  - (1) A subdivision or resubdivision of four or fewer parcels, as authorized by Map Act Section 66428; and
  - (2) A subdivision or resubdivision of five or more parcels, and all other types of subdivisions required to have Tentative Map approval by Map Act Section 66426.
- (b) **Parcel and Final Map requirements.** A Parcel or Final Map (see Chapter 87.03) shall be required as follows:
  - (1) **Parcel Map.** The filing and approval of a Parcel Map (Chapter 87.06) shall be required for a subdivision creating four or fewer parcels, with or without a designated remainder in compliance with Map Act Article 2, Chapter 1, except for the following subdivisions:
    - (A) **Public agency or utility conveyances.** Any conveyance of land, including a fee interest, an easement, or a license, to a governmental agency, public entity, public utility or a subsidiary of a public utility for rights-of-way, unless the Director determines based on substantial evidence that public policy necessitates a Parcel Map, in an individual case, in compliance with Map Act Section 66428;
    - (B) **Rail right-of-way leases.** Subdivisions of a portion of the operating right-of-way of a railroad corporation as defined by Section 230 of the California Public Utilities Code, which are created by short-term leases (terminable by either party on not more than 30 days' notice in writing); or
    - (C) **Waived Parcel Map.** A subdivision that has been granted a waiver of Parcel Map requirements in compliance with Section 87.03.030 (Waiver of Parcel Map).

- (2) **Final Map.** The filing and approval of a Final Map (Chapter 87.03) shall be required for a subdivision of five or more parcels, except a subdivision that is otherwise required to have a Parcel Map by Map Act Section 66426.
- (c) **Exemptions from subdivision approval requirements.** The types of subdivisions identified by Map Act Sections 66411, 66412, 66412.1, 66412.2, and 66426.5, or other applicable Map Act provision as not being subject to the requirements of the Map Act, and/or not being considered to be divisions of land for the purposes of the Map Act, shall be exempt from the subdivision approval requirements of this Division.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.090 Applications Deemed Approved**

A subdivision application deemed approved in compliance with Government Code Sections 65956 or 66452.1, 66452.2 or 66452.4, shall be subject to all applicable provisions of this Development Code, and any conditions imposed by the review authority, which shall be satisfied by the subdivider before a Building Permit is issued. A Parcel or Final Map filed for record after its Tentative Map is deemed approved shall remain subject to all the mandatory requirements of this Division and the Map Act, including Map Act Sections 66473, 66473.5, and 66474.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.100 Exceptions to Subdivision Standards**

An exception to a provision of Chapter 87.06 (Subdivision Design and Improvement Requirements) may be requested by a subdivider in compliance with this Section. An exception shall not be used to waive or modify a provision of the Map Act, or a provision of this Division that is duplicated or paraphrased from the Map Act.

- (a) **Application.** An application for an exception shall be submitted on forms provided by the Department together with the required filing fee. The application shall include a description of each standard and requirement for which an exception is requested, together with the reasons why the subdivider believes the exception is justified.
- (b) **Filing and processing.** A request for an exception shall be filed and processed as follows.
- (1) An exception shall be processed and acted upon in the same manner as the Tentative Map, concurrently with the Tentative Map if the exception request was filed at the same time.
- (2) The approval of an exception shall not constitute approval of the Tentative Map and the approval or disapproval of an exception shall not extend the time limits for the expiration of the map established by Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration).

- (3) An exception request may be filed after the approval of a Tentative Map, but shall be considered by the Tentative Map review authority using the same procedures as the original Tentative Map.
- (c) **Approval of exception requests.** The Board shall have the authority to approve or disapprove exception requests in compliance with this Section. The Board shall not grant relief from a specified requirement or standard unless all of the following findings are first made:
  - (1) Due to special circumstances or conditions affecting this property, the strict application of Chapter 87.06 would create an unnecessary hardship;
  - (2) The exception is consistent with the intent of the requirements of Chapter 87.06 and does not constitute a grant of special privilege;
  - (3) The exception would not result in significant increased adverse environmental impacts compared to the strict application of the requirements of Chapter 87.06; and
  - (4) The granting of the exception will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which the property is situated.
  - (5) The exception will not affect the consistency of the proposed subdivision with the General Plan, any applicable community plan, or any applicable specific plan.
- (d) **Conditions of approval.** In granting an exception, the Board shall secure substantially the same objectives of the regulations for which the exception is requested and shall impose whatever conditions it deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, convenience, and general welfare, and to mitigate any environmental impacts in compliance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.110 Appeals**

A decision of the Director or Commission made in compliance with this Division may be appealed in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals) and Map Act Section 66452.5.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.01.120 Enforcement of Subdivision Regulations**

- (a) **Violations.** A person who violates any provision of this Division shall be subject to the penalties specified by Map Act Division 2, Chapter 7, Article 1 and/or, where



applicable, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor or infraction as specified in Chapter 86.09 of this Development Code (Enforcement).

**(b) Prohibitions.**

**(1) Prohibition on transfers.**

- (A) No person shall sell, lease, or finance any parcel or portion of a parcel of real property, or commence construction of any building for sale, lease, or financing on a parcel, except for model homes, or allow occupancy, for which a Parcel or Final Map is required by this Division and the Map Act, until a map in full compliance with this Division has been filed for record by the County Recorder.
- (B) Conveyance of any part of a division of real property for which a Final or Parcel Map is required by this Division shall not be made by parcel or block number, initial or other designation, until the map has been filed for record by the County Recorder.

**(2) Prohibition on issuance of permits.**

- (A) No officer, board, commission, agency, department, or special district of the County shall issue any permit or grant any approval necessary to develop any real property that has been divided, or that has resulted from a division, in violation of the provisions of this Division if it finds or is informed by the Director that development of the real property is contrary to the public health and safety. Before making a finding that the development of the real property is contrary to the public health and safety, the Director shall conduct a review.
- (B) At the review, the Director shall consider all information and evidence submitted. The decision of the Director may be appealed in compliance with Map Act Section 66452.5 to the Commission by any aggrieved person, or by a County officer, board, department, or agency. The authority to disapprove the permit or requested approval shall apply whether the applicant was the owner of the real property at the time of the violation, or whether the applicant, if the current owner of the real property, was with or without actual or constructive knowledge of the violation at the time of the violation, at the time of the acquisition of their interest in the real property. If any County officer, board, commission, agency, department, or special district issues any permit or grants approval for the development of real property, it may request a report from the Director and impose any additional conditions as would have been applicable to the division of the property at the time the current owner of record acquired the property.
- (C) For parcels created before March 4, 1972, notice of the review shall be given by registered mail to the owner of the real property as shown on the

latest equalized assessment roll book. The review shall be held not less than 14 days nor more than 30 days after receipt by the owner of the notice of review.

- (3) **Statement of limitations.** This Section does not apply to any parcel of a subdivision offered for sale or lease, contract for sale or lease, or sold or leased in compliance with or exempt from any law regulating the design and improvement of subdivisions in effect at the time the subdivision was established.
- (c) **Remedies.** If construction activity on property subject to a Parcel or Final Map is occurring contrary to the Map Act, a requirement of the Map, or any other Federal, State, or local law, rule, or ordinance, the Director may order the activity stopped by written notice served on any person responsible for the activity, in addition to the remedies outlined in Map Act Division 2, Chapter 7, Article 2. The responsible person shall immediately stop the activity until authorized by the Director to proceed. For the purposes of this Section, construction activities include, but are not limited to, grading, earth moving, and/or tree removal.

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## CHAPTER 87.02 TENTATIVE MAP FILING AND PROCESSING

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### 87.02.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes requirements for the preparation, filing, approval or disapproval of Tentative Maps, consistent with the requirements of the Map Act.

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### 87.02.020 Tentative Map Preparation, Application Contents

- (a) **Submittal requirements.** When a Tentative Map is required by Section 87.01.080 (Type of Subdivision Approval Required), Tentative Map submittal shall include the application forms, all information and other materials prepared as required by the Department and the County Surveyor, and a Tentative Map prepared in the format required by the Department and the County Surveyor.
- (b) **Filing of phased projects.** If the subdivider wishes to file multiple Parcel or Final Maps for a development project that will be phased, then one of the following shall first be completed:
  - (1) The subdivider, at the time the Tentative Map is filed, shall inform the Department of the subdivider's intention to file multiple Parcel or Final Maps on the Tentative Map; or
  - (2) After the filing of the Tentative Map, the Department and the subdivider concur in the filing of multiple Final Maps.

- (3) A subdivider filing multiple Parcel or Final Maps shall show the boundary limits of each phase and designate the sequence of filing for recordation of each phase to the satisfaction of the Development Review Committee.

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#### **87.02.030 Tentative Map Filing, Initial Processing**

- (a) **General filing and processing requirements.** A Tentative Map application shall be submitted to the Department for processing, and shall be:
  - (1) Reviewed for completeness and accuracy (refer to Section 85.03.020 [Applications for Land Use Decisions]);
  - (2) Referred to affected agencies;
  - (3) Reviewed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) where applicable; and
  - (4) Evaluated in compliance with Section 87.02.040 (Evaluation of Application) below.
- (b) **Referral to affected agencies.** The procedure provided by this Subsection is in addition to the procedures in Chapter 85.01 (Permit Application Filing and Processing).
  - (1) **Required referrals.** The Director shall refer a Tentative Map application for review and comment to agencies that will be expected to provide service to the proposed subdivision, including, as appropriate, County agencies and departments, cities, special districts, and local agencies, public utilities, and State agencies.
  - (2) **Anticipated type of response.** The agencies that receive a Tentative Map application are expected to respond to the Department with an evaluation of the proposal, a list of items (e.g., hydrology study, title report, traffic study, etc.) that may need to be filed and considered during the evaluation phase, and a list of proposed conditions of Tentative Map approval.
  - (3) **Time limits for referral and response.** As required by Map Act Sections 66453 through 66455.7, referral shall occur within five days of the Tentative Map application being determined to be complete. An agency wishing to respond to a referral shall provide the Department with its recommendations within 15 days after receiving the Tentative Map application.

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### **87.02.040 Evaluation of Application**

The following shall occur after completion of the initial processing and the application being deemed complete.

**(a) Evaluation of application.** The Director:

- (1) Shall review and evaluate each Tentative Map as to its compliance and consistency with applicable provisions of this Development Code, the General Plan, any applicable community plan, any applicable specific plan, and the Map Act, in compliance with Map Act Section 66474.2;
- (2) Shall determine the extent to which the proposed subdivision complies with the findings in Section 87.02.060 (Tentative Map Approval or Disapproval);
- (3) Shall determine that the project is "noncontroversial." For the purpose of this Section, "noncontroversial" shall mean:
  - (A) That no member of the Development Review Committee objects to the project or any portion of the project;
  - (B) No specific written request has been received requesting public hearing review of the project from a person notified; and
  - (C) In the opinion of the Director, there has been no substantial objection to the proposed project from members of the public.
- (4) May refer the project to the Commission for action if the Director determines the project to be controversial.

**(b) Preparation of an evaluation.** The Director shall prepare an evaluation in compliance with Map Act Section 66452.3 describing the conclusions of the map application review. Copies of the evaluation shall be mailed to the subdivider (and each tenant of the subject property, in the case of a condominium conversion [Section 87.04.030]) at least three days before any hearing or action on the Tentative Map by the review authority in compliance with Section 87.02.050 or 87.02.060.

- (1) **County department evaluations and recommendations.** Wherever possible, the evaluations and recommendations of the County departments shall be presented to the Planning Agency by the Chair of the Development Review Committee or designee.

- (2) **Required action in the case of waste discharge violations.** The Development Review Committee shall advise the Planning Agency as to whether the discharge of waste from the proposed subdivision into an existing community sewer system will result in the violation of existing requirements prescribed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board in compliance with Water Code Section 13000 et seq. In the event that the Planning Agency finds that the proposed waste discharge would result in or add to violation of the requirements of the Water Quality Control Board, it may disapprove the Tentative Map(s), or take other action as may be allowed by the policies of the Board of Supervisors.

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#### **87.02.050 Review and Decision**

- (a) **Review authority.** The Director shall be the review authority for all Tentative Maps, except as follows, and shall use the following procedures for reviewing and making decisions on Tentative Maps.
  - (1) **Tentative Tract Maps and Vesting Tentative Maps.** The Director shall review each Tentative Map proposing five or more parcels, each Vesting Tentative Map, and any other Tentative Tract Map that requires the recordation of a Final Map in compliance with the Staff Review with Notice Procedures in Section 85.02.030 (Staff Review with Notice). The applications for these maps shall also be reviewed by the Development Review Committee (DRC) for its recommendations. The Director may refer a Tentative Map to the Commission for action where the Director first determines that:
    - (A) There have been substantial public objections to the proposal;
    - (B) The proposal is filed concurrently with an application subject to public hearing review procedures; or
    - (C) Any member of the Development Review Committee objects to the proposal.
  - (2) **Tentative Parcel Map.** A Tentative Map proposing four or fewer parcels shall be reviewed in compliance with the procedures for Staff Review with Notice in Section 85.02.030 (Staff Review with Notice). The applications for these maps shall also be reviewed by the DRC for its recommendations when the subdivision is of a type described in Map Act Section 66426(a), (b), (c), or (d). The Director may refer a Tentative Parcel Map to the Commission when the Director determines that the proposal is controversial, or when the proposal is filed concurrently with an application that is otherwise required by this Development Code to have a public hearing.

- (3) **Tentative Map referred to the Commission.** When a Tentative Map is referred to the Commission for action, a public hearing shall be required in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings).

**(b) Review of Tentative Map.**

- (1) **Actions of review authority.** After completion of the evaluation required by Section 87.02.040 (Evaluation of Application), the review authority shall:
  - (A) Review and evaluate each Tentative Map as to its compliance and consistency with applicable provisions of this Development Code, the General Plan, any applicable community plan, any applicable specific plan, and the Map Act. The evaluation shall be based on the information provided by an initial study or environmental impact report (EIR), where applicable, and any public testimony received; and
  - (B) Approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove the Tentative Map in compliance with Map Act Section 66452.1 and Public Resources Code Section 21151.5 within 50 days after certification of the EIR, adoption of a negative declaration, or a determination by the local agency that the project is exempt from the requirements of Public Resources Code Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000).
- (2) **Findings required.** Tentative Map approval shall require that the review authority first make all of the findings required by Section 87.02.060 (Tentative Map Approval or Disapproval). The review authority may require conditions of approval in compliance with Section 87.02.070 (Conditions of Approval).
- (3) **Appeal of decision.** A decision by the review authority to approve, conditionally approve, or disapprove a Tentative Map may be appealed to the Board, in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals) and Map Act Section 66452.5.

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**87.02.060 Tentative Map Approval or Disapproval**

In order to approve or recommend the approval of a Tentative Map and conditions of approval, or to disapprove a Tentative Map, the review authority shall first make the findings required by this Section. In determining whether to approve a Tentative Map, the County shall apply only the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the date the Department determined that the application was complete in compliance with Section 87.02.030 (Tentative Map Filing, Initial Processing), except where the County has initiated General Plan, community plan, specific plan, area plan or Development Code changes, and provided public notice as required by Map Act Section 66474.2.

**(a) Required findings for approval.**

- (1) **Mandatory findings.** The review authority shall approve a Tentative Map only after first making all of the following findings, as required by Map Act Sections 66474 and 66474.6. The findings shall apply to each proposed parcel as well as the entire subdivision, including any parcel identified as a designated remainder in compliance with Map Act Section 66424.6.
  - (A) The proposed map, subdivision design, and improvements are consistent with the General Plan, any applicable community plan, and any applicable specific plan;
  - (B) The site is physically suitable for the type and proposed density of development;
  - (C) The design of the subdivision and the proposed improvements are not likely to cause substantial environmental damage or substantially and avoidably injure fish or wildlife or their habitat;
  - (D) The design of the subdivision or type of improvements is not likely to cause serious public health or safety problems;
  - (E) The design of the subdivision or the type of improvements will not conflict with easements acquired by the public at large for access through or use of, property within the proposed subdivision. This finding may also be made if the review authority finds that alternate easements for access or use will be provided, and that they will be substantially equivalent to ones previously acquired by the public. This finding shall apply only to easements of record, or to easements established by judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction, and no authority is hereby granted to the review authority to determine that the public at large has acquired easements of access through or use of property within the proposed subdivision;
  - (F) The discharge of sewage from the proposed subdivision into the community sewer system will not result in violation of existing requirements prescribed by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board;
  - (G) The design of the subdivision provides, to the extent feasible, passive or natural heating and cooling opportunities; and
  - (H) The proposed subdivision, its design, density, and type of development and improvements conforms to the regulations of this Development Code and the regulations of any public agency having jurisdiction by law.
- (2) **Additional specific findings.** The following additional specific findings shall be made by the review authority before approval or conditional approval of a Tentative Map, as applicable to the application.



- (A) If the proposed subdivision is a conversion of residential real property into a condominium, a community apartment project, or a stock cooperative, the review authority shall first make the additional finding that the proposed subdivision complies with the requirements of Map Act Sections 66427.1(a) and 66452 before approving the proposed subdivision. Those requirements include the following:
  - (I) Each of the tenants of the proposed condominium, community apartment project, or stock cooperative project has received written notification of intention to convert at least 60 days before the filing of a Tentative Map in compliance with Section 66452.
  - (II) Each of the tenants, and each person applying for the rental of a unit in the residential real property, has, or will have, received all applicable notices and rights required in compliance with Sections 66451 and 66452.
  - (III) Each of the tenants received 10-days' written notification that an application for a public report will be, or has been, submitted to the State Department of Real Estate, and that the report will be available on request.
- (B) If the proposed subdivision is within an Agricultural Preserve, it shall comply with Map Act Section 66474.4 and the findings in that Section, whether or not the land is currently under contract.
- (3) **Findings under an EIR.** Notwithstanding the finding required by Subsection (a)(1)(C), above, the review authority may approve a Tentative Map, or a Parcel Map for which a Tentative Map was not required, if an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was prepared for the project and a finding is made in compliance with Paragraph (3) of Subdivision (a) of Section 21081 of the Public Resources Code, that specific economic, social, or other considerations make the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the EIR infeasible.
- (b) **Supplemental findings.** In addition to the findings identified in Subsection A. above, the review authority shall not approve a Tentative Map unless it can also make the following findings, when they are applicable to the specific subdivision proposal.
  - (1) **Construction of improvements.** In the case of a Tentative Map for a subdivision that will require a subsequent Parcel Map, the construction of improvements for the subdivision within a specified time after the recordation of the Parcel Map is in the interest of the public health and safety, and it is necessary as a prerequisite to the orderly development of the surrounding area.
  - (2) **Waiver of Parcel Map.** The findings required by Section 87.03.030 (Waiver of Parcel Map), if waiver of a Parcel Map has been requested with the Tentative Map application.

- (c) **Situations requiring disapproval unless prerequisites satisfied.** A Tentative Map shall not be approved in the following cases.
- (1) **Residential conversion without required advance tenant notice.** In the case of a conversion of residential real property to a condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative, the review authority shall not approve the Tentative Map unless evidence is provided by the subdivider, as required by Map Act Sections 66452.8 and 66452.9, that proper notification has been given to each of the tenants of the proposed conversion notifying of the subdivider's intent to convert.
  - (2) **Residential conversion without required favorable votes.** In the case of a conversion of a stock cooperative or a community apartment project to a condominium, the review authority shall not approve a Tentative Map unless evidence is provided by the subdivider, as required by Map Act Section 66452.10, that the required number of owners in the cooperative or project, as specified in the bylaws or other organizational documents, have voted in favor of the conversion.
  - (3) **Agricultural preserve parcels too small for agriculture.** In the case of land that is subject to a contract in compliance with the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Government Code Section 51296) or if the land is located within an agricultural preserve without being subject to a contract, the review authority shall not approve a Tentative Map, or a Parcel Map for which a Tentative Map was not required, if it finds that a parcel(s) proposed within the subdivision would be too small to sustain its agricultural use.
    - (A) For the purposes of this Section, land shall be presumed to be in parcels too small to sustain their agricultural use if the land is:
      - (I) Less than 10 acres in the case of prime agricultural land, except as allowed in Subsection 3.c below; or
      - (II) Less than 40 acres in size in the case of land that is not prime agriculture land unless otherwise provided by this Development Code.
    - (B) The review authority may approve a subdivision with parcels smaller than those listed above if the findings in Map Act Subsections 66474.4(c)(1) or 66474.4(c)(2), along with the other applicable findings in this Section are first made, or the land within the subdivision is subject to a contract when one of the following has occurred in compliance with Map Act Subsection 66474.4(e):
      - (I) The Local Agency Formation Commission has approved the annexation of the land to a city and the city will not succeed to the contract as provided in Government Code Sections 51243 and 51243.5.

- (II) Written notice of nonrenewal of the contract has been served on or after March 7, 1985, as provided in Government Code Section 51245, and, as a result of that notice, there are no more than three years remaining in the term of the contract.
- (III). The Board has granted tentative approval for cancellation of the contract in compliance with Government Code Section 51282.
- (C) In compliance with Government Code Section 66474.4(c), the Board has made the finding that parcels smaller than 10 acres in size within Agricultural Preserves and designated RL (Rural Living) in the Crafton area east of Redlands can sustain agricultural uses allowed under Land Conservation Contracts; provided, the Planning Agency makes all of the following additional findings before the approval of any proposed subdivision:
  - (I) The subdivision is compatible with and would not adversely effect the existing agricultural uses or support services within the preserve;
  - (II) The subdivision will not serve to encourage land uses which will conflict with commercial agricultural uses; and
  - (III) The proposed subdivision has no parcels less than five acres in area unless the parcels are within a planned development or are for "well lot" purposes only. The average parcel size of all parcels within a planned development subdivision is not less than five acres.

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#### **87.02.070      Conditions of Approval**

Along with the approval of a Tentative Map, the review authority may adopt any conditions of approval deemed necessary to carry out the purposes of this Development Code, including conditions regarding the matters described in Subsection (a), below; provided, that all conditions shall be consistent with the requirements of the Map Act.

##### **(a) Dedications and improvements.**

- (1) As a condition of approval of a map of five or more parcels, the Director may require dedications and improvements as necessary to ensure that the parcels to be created:
  - (A) Are provided with adequate public services and utilities, including any appropriate cable television services, to meet the needs of future residents or users;

- (B) Are of adequate design in all respects in compliance with this Development Code;
  - (C) Act to mitigate any potential environmental impacts identified in the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) or by other means; and
  - (D) Provide for proper grading and erosion control, including the prevention of sedimentation or damage to off-site property.
- (2) All improvements shall comply with adopted County standards.
- (b) Access.**
  - (1) Except as provided below, parcels created by a subdivision of land shall abut upon a recorded dedicated public right-of-way of a width as established by the County Master Plan of Highways or County Highway Right-of-Way Standards, or shall be ensured of access to the County road system by an approved access which connects a parcel(s) to a maintained public street or State highway.
  - (2) The review authority may waive the requirements for approved access to subdivisions having parcel sizes of 40 gross acres or more when all of the following findings are first made:
    - (A) The applicant is or will be subject to severe hardship unless the waiver is approved;
    - (B) There is an existing traveled roadway which has been in existence for at least five years which roadway is at least 20 feet in width at all points; and
    - (C) The roadway has the capability for normal motor vehicle use to each parcel in the proposed subdivision.
  - (3) Private road easements may be approved for access to each parcel if it is determined that public street access cannot be provided due to certain title limitations or topographical conditions.
  - (4) Road easements of record established before the effective date of this Division shall be recognized as legal access to each parcel of the proposed subdivision.
  - (5) Existing traveled roads for which a court has determined that a prescriptive right by users exists for public use shall be recognized as legal access to each parcel of the proposed subdivision.
- (c) Applicable ordinances, policies, and standards.** In determining whether to approve or disapprove an application for a Final Map, the County shall apply only those ordinances, policies, and standards in effect on the date the proposal for the subdivision was accepted as complete, in compliance with Map Act Section 66474.2.

- (d) **Conditions modifying subdivision design – Time for compliance.** When modifications in design require a change in the conditions of approval of a Tentative Map, the subdivider shall, at least 30 days before the submission of a Final Map, submit the appropriate number of copies of the Tentative Map as modified to the Department for distribution to, and review for confirmation by, the Development Review Committee representatives.

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#### **87.02.080 Effective Date of Tentative Map Approval**

The approval of a Tentative Map shall become effective for the purposes of filing a Parcel or Final Map, including compliance with conditions of approval, in compliance with Section 86.06.020 (Effective Date of Permits).

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#### **87.02.090 Changes to Approved Tentative Map or Conditions**

A subdivider may request changes to an approved Tentative Map or its conditions of approval before recordation of a Parcel or Final Map in compliance with this Section. Changes to a Parcel or Final Map after recordation are subject to Section 87.03.120 (Amendments to Recorded Parcel or Final Maps).

- (a) **Limitation on allowed changes.** Changes or amendments to a Tentative Map that may be requested by a subdivider in compliance with this Section include major adjustments to the location of proposed lot lines and improvements, and reductions in the number of approved parcels (but no increase in the number of approved parcels), and any changes to the conditions of approval, consistent with the findings required by Subsection (d) (Findings for approval), below. All proposed changes not covered by this Section shall require the filing and processing of a new Tentative Map.
- (b) **Application for changes.** The subdivider shall file an application and filing fee with the Department, using the forms furnished by the Department, together with the following additional information:
- (1) A statement identifying the Tentative Map number, the features of the map or particular conditions to be changed and the changes requested, the reasons why the changes are requested, and any facts that justify the changes; and
  - (2) Any additional information deemed appropriate by the Department.
- (c) **Processing.** Proposed changes to a Tentative Map or conditions of approval shall be processed using the same procedures as the original Tentative Map, except as otherwise provided by this Section.

- (d) **Findings for approval.** The review authority shall not modify the approved Tentative Map or conditions of approval unless it first finds that the change is necessary because of one or more of the following circumstances, and that all of the applicable findings for approval required by Sections 87.02.070(a) and (b), above, can still be made:
- (1) There was a material mistake of fact in the deliberations leading to the original approval;
  - (2) There has been a change of circumstances related to the original approval; or
  - (3) A serious and unforeseen hardship has occurred, not due to any action of the applicant subsequent to the enactment of this Development Code.
- (e) **Effect of changes on time limits.** Approved changes to a Tentative Map or conditions of approval shall not be considered as approval of a new Tentative Map, and shall not extend the time limits provided by Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration).

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#### **87.02.100      Effect of Tentative Map Approval, Completion of Subdivision Process**

- (a) **Effect of approval on prior approvals.** The approval or conditional approval by the review authority of any revised or new Tentative Map shall annul all previous subdivision designs and approvals thereof.
- (b) **Compliance with conditions, improvement plans.** After approval of a Tentative Map in compliance with this Chapter, the subdivider shall proceed to fulfill the conditions of approval within any time limits specified by the conditions and the expiration of the map and, where applicable, shall prepare, file, and receive approval of improvement plans in compliance with Chapter 87.06 (Subdivision Design and Improvement Requirements), before constructing any required improvements.
- (c) **Parcel or Final Map preparation, filing, and recordation.**
- (1) A Parcel Map for a subdivision of four or fewer parcels shall be prepared, filed, processed, and recorded in compliance with Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps), to complete the subdivision, unless a Parcel Map has been waived in compliance with Section 87.03.030 (Waiver of Parcel Map).
  - (2) A Final Map for a subdivision of five or more parcels shall be prepared, filed, processed, and recorded in compliance with Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps), to complete the subdivision.
  - (3) Project phasing and the filing of multiple Parcel or Final Maps shall be in compliance with Section 87.02.020 (Tentative Map Preparation, Application Contents).

- (4) Upon the filing and recordation of any map, including amended maps and certificates of corrections or any record of survey pursuant to the Business and Professions Code, the County Recorder shall transmit an electronic copy of the map to the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor shall maintain a geographic index for all recorded documents transmitted pursuant to this section.

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#### **87.02.110 Vesting Tentative Maps**

The preparation, filing, processing, and approval or disapproval of a Vesting Tentative Map shall comply with Map Act Sections 66452 and 66498.1 et seq. and the provisions of this Section.

**(a) Filing criteria for Vesting Tentative Maps.**

- (1) Whenever a provision of the Map Act, as implemented and supplemented by this Division, requires the filing of a Tentative or Parcel Map for a residential development, a Vesting Tentative Map may be filed instead in compliance with this Section.
- (2) If a subdivider does not seek the rights conferred by the Vesting Tentative Map statute, the filing of a Vesting Tentative Map shall not be a prerequisite to any approval for any proposed permit for construction, or work preparatory to construction.

**(b) Content of application.** The content and form of Vesting Tentative Maps shall be governed by the provisions of this Subsection.

- (1) At the time a Vesting Tentative Map is filed, it shall have printed conspicuously on its face the words "Vesting Tentative Map."
- (2) A Vesting Tentative Map shall be filed in the same form and have the same contents, accompanying data, and reports as identified in Section 87.02.020 (Tentative Map Preparation, Application Contents), except as specified in this Section.

**(c) Procedures.** The following provisions shall govern the filing, processing, and review of Vesting Tentative Maps.

- (1) A Vesting Tentative Map shall be processed and reviewed using the same procedures as identified in this Division for a Tentative Map in compliance with Sections 87.02.030 (Tentative Map Filing, Initial Processing) and 87.02.050 (Review and Decision), except as specified in this Section.
  - (A) Before filing a Vesting Tentative Map, the subdivider shall have a pre-application conference with the Development Review Committee (DRC) to determine if any additional information should be filed with the Vesting

Tentative Map application. The applicant shall submit to the DRC before the pre-application conference all information that is required of a Tentative Map application. This information will be reviewed by the DRC and additional information may be required by the Committee to be submitted with the Vesting Tentative Map application. Preliminary environmental review of the proposed project shall be completed before the pre-application conference.

- (B) The minutes of the pre-application conference shall dictate the filing requirements for the Vesting Tentative Map, and shall accompany the filing of the map. The information required by the DRC for formal submittal of the proposed project may include the following:
  - (I) Drainage plan for control of on- and off-site storm runoff, channels, water courses, existing culverts, and drainpipes including existing and proposed facilities for the control of storm waters, data as to the amount of runoff and the approximate grade, and dimensions of proposed facilities for the control of storm waters.
  - (II) Building envelopes.
  - (III) Proposed land use and types of all structures.
  - (IV) Detailed circulation information (existing and proposed). This information may include area wide traffic data sufficient for the County to determine future circulation needs.
  - (V) Detailed grading plans.
  - (VI) Geological studies.
  - (VII) Any information required by the DRC shall be clearly detailed and listed with an anticipated review period so that it can be acted upon within a reasonable time. The agency or department which requires any additional information shall approve the acceptability of this information from the applicant before the filing of the Vesting Tentative Map.
  - (VIII) The DRC may require the filing and concurrent review of other related development applications where it is necessary for the review and implementation of the Vesting Tentative Map.
- (C) An approving action on a Vesting Tentative Map shall not occur before the effective date of approval of the associated discretionary permit(s) or action(s).



- (D) Upon filing a Vesting Tentative Map, the subdivider shall pay the fees required in compliance with the County Fee Ordinance for the filing and processing of a Vesting Tentative Map.
- (E) The approval or conditional approval of a Vesting Tentative Map shall expire at the end of the same time period, and shall be subject to the same extensions, established by this Division for the expiration of the approval or conditional approval of a Tentative Map in compliance with Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration).
- (F) At any time before the expiration of a Vesting Tentative Map, the subdivider may apply for an amendment to the Vesting Tentative Map in compliance with Section 87.02.090 (Changes to Approved Tentative Map or Conditions). No application for amendment shall be required when the review authority first finds that the amendment is a minor modification that is in substantial compliance with the original approval and no new conditions of approval are required.
- (G) For a subdivision whose intended development is inconsistent with the land use zoning district or any applicable community or specific plan in existence at that time, that inconsistency shall be noted on the map. The review authority may disapprove a Vesting Tentative Map or approve it conditioned on the subdivider first obtaining the necessary change in the land use zoning district or applicable community or specific plan to eliminate the inconsistency. If the change in the pertinent ordinance is obtained, the approved or conditionally approved Vesting Tentative Map shall confer the right to proceed with the development as approved or conditionally approved.
- (H) Fees for development permits (e.g., Building and Grading Permits) filed in compliance with an approved Vesting Tentative Map or a recorded Vesting Final/Parcel Map shall be the fees in effect at the time of issuance of the permit.

**(d) Development rights of Vesting Tentative Maps.**

- (1) When the review authority approves or conditionally approves a Vesting Tentative Map, that approval shall confer a vested right to proceed with the development in substantial compliance with the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect on the date the application for the subdivision has been determined to be complete in compliance with Map Act Section 66474.2. If Section 66474.2 is repealed, that approval shall confer a vested right to proceed with development in substantial compliance with the ordinances, policies, and standards in effect at the time the Vesting Tentative Map is approved or conditionally approved.

- (2) Notwithstanding Subsection 1., above, the review authority may condition or disapprove a permit, approval, extension, entitlement, or require an amendment to the map if it first determines any of the following:
  - (A) A failure to do so would place the residents of the subdivision or the immediate community, or both, in a condition dangerous to their health or safety, or both.
  - (B) The condition or disapproval is required in order to comply with State or Federal law.
- (3) The review authority may alter any condition of a Vesting Tentative Map through an amendment in compliance with Section 87.02.090 (Changes to Approved Tentative Map or Conditions) in order to protect against conditions dangerous to public health and safety or to comply with State or Federal law.
- (4) The rights conferred by this Section shall expire if a Final or Parcel Map is not recorded before the expiration of the Vesting Tentative Map in compliance with Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration). If the Final or Parcel Map is recorded, these rights shall last for the following periods of time:
  - (A) An initial time period of 12 months. Where several Final Maps are recorded on various phases of a project covered by a single Vesting Tentative Map, this initial time period shall begin for each phase when the Final Map for that phase is recorded.
  - (B) The initial time period identified in Subsection (A), above shall be automatically extended by any time used for processing a complete application for a Grading Permit or for design or architectural review, if processing exceeds 30 days from the date a complete application is filed.
  - (C) A subdivider may apply for one 12-month extension at any time before the initial time period identified in Subsection (A), above, expires. If the extension is disapproved, the subdivider may appeal that disapproval to the Board in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals) and Map Act Section 66452.5 within 15 days.
  - (D) If the subdivider submits a complete application for a Building Permit during the periods of time specified in this Subsection, the rights referred to in this Subsection shall continue until the expiration of that permit, or any extension of that permit.

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### 87.02.120 Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration

- (a) **Valid for 36 months.** An approved Tentative Map is valid for 36 months after its effective date, except as otherwise provided by Map Act Section 66452.6. At the end of 36 months, the approval shall expire and become void unless:
- (1) A Parcel or Final Map, and related security and improvement agreements, have been timely filed with the County Surveyor in compliance with Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps); or
  - (2) An extension of time has been granted in compliance with Section 87.02.130, below.
- (b) **Expiration of an approved map.** Expiration of an approved Tentative Map or Vesting Tentative Map shall terminate all proceedings. The application shall not be reactivated unless a new Tentative Map application is filed.

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### 87.02.130 Extensions of Time for Tentative Maps

When a subdivider has not completed all Tentative Map or Vesting Tentative Map conditions of approval and timely filed a Parcel or Final Map with the County within the time limits established by Section 87.02.120, time extensions may be granted in compliance with this Section, Section 86.06.060 (Time Limits and Extensions), and Map Act Sections 66452.6 and 66463.5.

- (a) **Filing of extension request.** An extension request shall be in writing and shall be filed with the Department on or before the date of expiration of the approval or previous extension, together with the required filing fee.
- (b) **Findings for approval of extension.** Extensions to the initial time limit may be granted only after first finding all of the following:
- (1) There have been no changes to the provisions of the General Plan, any applicable community plan, any applicable specific plan, or this Development Code applicable to the project since the approval of the Tentative Map;
  - (2) There have been no changes in the character of the site or its surroundings that affect how the policies of the General Plan, any applicable community plan, any applicable specific plan, or other standards of this Development Code apply to the project; and
  - (3) There have been no changes to the capacities of community resources, including but not limited to water supply, sewage treatment or disposal facilities, roads, or schools so that there is no longer sufficient remaining capacity to serve the project.

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## **CHAPTER 87.03 PARCEL MAPS AND FINAL MAPS**

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- 87.03.120 Amendments to Recorded Parcel or Final Maps

### **87.03.010 Purpose**

This Chapter establishes requirements for the preparation, filing, processing, approval, conditional approval, or disapproval, and recordation of Parcel and Final Maps, consistent with the requirements of the Map Act.

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### **87.03.020 Parcel Maps**

As required by Sections 87.01.080 (Type of Subdivision Approval Required), and 87.02.100 (Effect of Tentative Map Approval, Completion of Subdivision Process), a Parcel Map shall be filed and approved to complete the subdivision process for a subdivision of four or fewer parcels, except when the requirement for a Parcel Map is waived as identified in Section 87.03.030. A Parcel Map shall be prepared, filed, and processed as identified in Section 87.03.040, et seq.

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### **87.03.030 Waiver of Parcel Map**

A subdivider may request the waiver of the requirement for a Parcel Map, and the waiver may be granted, in compliance with the Map Act Section 66428, provided that the review authority shall first find that the proposed subdivision complies with all applicable requirements of this Development Code and the Map Act as to area, improvement and design, floodwater drainage control, appropriate improved public roads, sanitary disposal facilities, water supply availability, environmental protection, and all other applicable requirements of this Development Code and the Map Act. A Composite Development Plan, prepared in compliance with Section 87.03.110 (Composite Development Plans), may still be required by the Director.

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#### **87.03.040 Parcel Map Form and Content**

A Parcel Map shall be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer authorized to practice land surveying by the State of California. Parcel Map submittal shall include all information and other materials prepared as required by the County Surveyor policies, adopted standards, and the Map Act. The Parcel Map shall be based upon a field survey.

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#### **87.03.050 Filing and Processing of Parcel Maps**

- (a) **Filing with the County Surveyor.** The Parcel Map, together with all data, information, and materials required by Section 87.03.040 shall be submitted to the County Surveyor in compliance with the time limitations specified in Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration). The Parcel Map shall be considered submitted when it is complete and complies with all applicable provisions of the Map Act and this Development Code.
- (b) **Filing and review of advance copy of Parcel Map.**
  - (1) **Filing with County Surveyor.** Where the filing of a Parcel Map is required in compliance with this Division after the approval or conditional approval of the Tentative Parcel Map application, the subdivider may cause the real property included within the map to be surveyed and a Parcel Map prepared in compliance with the approved Tentative Parcel Map application. An advance copy of the Parcel Map shall be filed with the County Surveyor.
  - (2) **Contents of advance copy.** The advance copy of the Parcel Map shall be accompanied by all documents required by the County Surveyor. The mapping standards issued by the County Surveyor list the submittal requirements for a Parcel Map.
  - (3) **Review of advance copy for condition compliance.** The County Surveyor shall be the primary coordinator in seeing that the conditions of approval of the Tentative Map have been fulfilled. The County Surveyor shall transmit maps to and request written reports from the County departments and public utilities, including any cable television systems, which have submitted recommendations on the Tentative Map. Within 20 days after receipt of an advance copy of the Parcel Map, the County department or utility shall issue a preliminary written report regarding the compliance or noncompliance of the advance copy of the Parcel Map to the matters under its jurisdiction.
- (c) **Filing of official copy of Parcel Map.** If the advance copy of the Parcel Map has been found satisfactory by the County Surveyor, the subdivider shall cause the Parcel Map to be officially filed with the County Surveyor at least 20 days before the expiration of

the approved or conditionally approved Tentative Map or any approved extension of time granted in compliance with Section 87.02.130 (Extensions of Time for Tentative Maps). The Parcel Map shall not be officially filed until the engineer or surveyor has received notification from the County Surveyor that all provisions of the Tentative Map approval, the Map Act, this Development Code, the County Code, and applicable County standards have been complied with. The filing of the official copy of the Parcel Map with the County Surveyor shall constitute the timely filing of the Parcel Map.

**(d) Review of Parcel Map.**

- (1) After the issuance of a receipt for the Parcel Map, the County Surveyor shall examine it as to sufficiency of affidavits and acknowledgements, correctness of surveying data, mathematical data and computations, and other matters which may require checking to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Map Act, this Division, and County Surveyor standards.
- (2) If the Parcel Map does not conform as required above, the subdivider shall be notified, and given the opportunity to make necessary changes and resubmit the Parcel Map, together with all required data, if the Tentative Map has not expired.

**(e) Improvement agreements and security requirements.** The filing and recording of a Parcel Map shall be subject to the requirements of Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security).

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**87.03.060 Parcel Map Approval**

After determining that the Parcel Map is technically correct and in full compliance with this Section, the County Surveyor may approve the Parcel Map in compliance with Map Act Section 66463(b) or, if deemed appropriate, forward it to the Board for approval or disapproval. After approval, the Parcel Map shall be transmitted by the County Surveyor to the office of the County Recorder for recordation in compliance with Map Act Section 66450.

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**87.03.070 Final Maps**

As required by Section 87.01.080 (Type of Subdivision Approval Required), a Final Map shall be filed and approved to complete the subdivision process for a subdivision of five or more parcels. A Final Map shall be prepared, filed, and processed in compliance with Section 87.03.080 et seq.

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**87.03.080 Final Map Form and Content**

A Final Map shall be prepared by or under the direction of a licensed land surveyor or civil engineer authorized to practice land surveying by the State of California. Final Map submittal shall include all information and other materials prepared as required by the County Surveyor policies, adopted standards, and the Map Act.

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**87.03.090 Filing and Processing of Final Maps**

- (a) **Filing with County Surveyor.** The Final Map, together with all data, information, and materials required by Section 87.03.080 shall be submitted to the County Surveyor in compliance with the time limitations specified in Section 87.02.120 (Tentative Map Time Limits and Expiration) and Subsection (e) (Time Limit for Filing Final Map), below. The Final Map shall be considered submitted when it is complete and fully complies with all applicable provisions of the Map Act and this Development Code.
- (b) **Filing and review of advance copy of Final Map.**
  - (1) **Filing with County Surveyor.** After receipt of the action of the review authority approving or conditionally approving the Tentative Map, the subdivider may cause the real property included within the map, or any part thereof, to be surveyed and a Final Map prepared in compliance with the approved or conditionally approved Tentative Map application. An advance copy of the Final Map shall be filed with the County Surveyor.
  - (2) **Contents of advance copy.** The advance copy of the Final Map shall be accompanied by all documents required by the County Surveyor. The mapping standards issued by the County Surveyor list the submittal requirements for a Final Map.
  - (3) **Review of advance copy for condition compliance.** The County Surveyor shall be the primary coordinator in seeing that the conditions of approval of the Tentative Map have been fulfilled. The County Surveyor shall transmit maps to and request written reports from the County departments and public utilities, including any cable television systems, which have submitted recommendations on the Tentative Map. Within 20 days after receipt of an advance copy of the Final Map, the County department or utility shall issue a preliminary written report regarding the compliance or noncompliance of the advance copy of the Final Map to the matters under its jurisdiction.
- (c) **Filing of official copy of Final Map.** If the advance copy of the Final Map has been found satisfactory by the County Surveyor, the subdivider shall cause the Final Map to be officially filed with the County Surveyor at least 20 days before the expiration of the approved or conditionally approved Tentative Map or any approved extension of



time granted in compliance with Section 87.02.130 (Extensions of Time for Tentative Maps). The Final Map shall not be officially filed until the engineer or surveyor has received notification from the County Surveyor that all provisions of the Tentative Map approval, the Map Act, this Development Code, the County Code, and applicable County standards have been complied with. The filing of the official copy of the Final Map with the County Surveyor shall constitute the timely filing of the Final Map.

**(d) Review of Final Map.**

- (1) After the issuance of a receipt for the Final Map, the County Surveyor shall examine it as to sufficiency of affidavits and acknowledgements, correctness of surveying data, mathematical data and computations, and other matters which may require checking to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Map Act, this Division, and County Surveyor standards.
- (2) If the Final Map is found to be in substantial compliance with the Tentative Map and is in correct form, the matters shown on the map are sufficient, and the County Surveyor is satisfied that all of the conditions of approval have been met, the County Surveyor shall endorse approval of the Final Map. The County Surveyor shall combine with the Final Map the agreements, easements, and securities as required by this Division. The material shall be transmitted to the Board for its consideration of the Final Map.

**(e) Time Limit for filing Final Map.** If the subdivider fails to file the Final Map with the County Surveyor and the required accompanying data with the appropriate County departments within 36 months after the date of first approval by the review authority or within any authorized extension of time, the Tentative Map approval or conditional approval shall become void. In this case, a new filing fee shall be paid, and an application for a new Tentative Map approval shall be filed.

- (1) If 120 days before the submittal of a Final Map, the subdivider has failed to comply with the Tentative Map conditions which require the subdivider to construct or install off-site improvements on land in which neither the subdivider nor the County has sufficient title or interest, including an easement or license, then at the time the Final Map is filed with the local agency, to permit the improvements to be made, the subdivider shall enter into an agreement with the County through its Department of Public Works to pay all costs of the County in acquiring the property.
- (2) The County shall have 120 days from the filing of the Final Map, in compliance with Map Act Section 66457, to obtain interest in the land to allow the improvement(s) to be made by negotiation or proceedings in compliance with Title 7 (commencing with Section 1230.010) of Part 3 of the Code of Civil Procedure, including proceedings for immediate possession of the property under Article 3 (commencing with Section 1255.410) of Article 6 of that Title.

- (3) In the event the County fails to meet the 120-day time limitation, the condition for construction of off-site improvements shall be conclusively deemed to be waived.
  - (4) Before approval of the Final Map, the County may require the subdivider to enter into an agreement to complete the improvements, in compliance with Subsection (f) (Improvement agreements and security requirements), below, at the time as the County acquires an interest in the land which will allow the improvements to be made.
  - (5) "Off-site improvements," as used in this Subsection, do not include improvements which are necessary to ensure replacement or construction of housing for persons and families of low or moderate income, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50093.
- (f) **Improvement agreements and security requirements.** If at the time of approval of the Final Map by the Board, any improvements required by local ordinance or as a condition of the approval of the Tentative Map have not been completed in compliance with County standards applicable at the time of the approval or conditional approval of the Tentative Map, the Board, as a condition precedent to approval of the Final Map, shall require the subdivider to enter into an agreement with the Board in compliance with Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security).
- (g) **Multiple Final Maps.**
- (1) Multiple Final Maps may only be filed if the subdivider included a statement of intention with the Tentative Map that the subdivider would submit multiple phased Final Maps.
  - (2) Project phasing and the filing of multiple Final Maps shall be in compliance with Section 87.02.020 (Tentative Map Preparation, Application Contents).

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### **87.03.100 Final Map Approval**

After determining that the Final Map is in compliance with Section 87.03.080, and is technically correct, the County Surveyor shall execute the County Surveyor's certificate on the map in compliance with Map Act Section 66442, and forward the Final Map to the County Clerk for Board action, as follows.

- (a) **Review and approval by Board.** The Board shall approve or disapprove the Final Map at the meeting at which it receives the map from the County Surveyor or at its regular meeting after the meeting at which it receives the map, unless that time limit is extended with the mutual consent of the County Surveyor and the subdivider.

- (1) **Criteria for approval.** The Board shall approve the Final Map if it conforms to all of the requirements of the Map Act, all provisions of this Development Code that were applicable at the time that the Tentative Map was approved, and is in substantial compliance with the approved Tentative Map.
- (2) **Approval by inaction.** If the Board does not approve or disapprove the Final Map within the prescribed time or any authorized extension, and the map conforms to all applicable requirements, it shall be deemed approved, and the County Clerk shall certify its approval on the map.
- (b) **Map with dedications.** If a dedication or offer of dedication is required on the Final Map, the Board shall accept, accept subject to improvement, or reject any or all offers of dedication, at the same time as it takes action to approve the Final Map. If the Board rejects the offer of dedication, the offer shall remain open and may be accepted by the Board at a later date in compliance with Map Act Section 66477.2. Any termination of an offer of dedication shall be processed in compliance with Map Act Section 66477.2 using the same procedures as specified by Part 3 of Division 9 of the Streets and Highway Code.
- (c) **Map with incomplete improvements.** If improvements required by this Development Code, conditions of approval, or other applicable laws have not been completed at the time of approval of the Final Map, the Board shall require the subdivider to enter into an agreement with the County as specified in Map Act Section 66462, and Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security), as a condition precedent to the approval of the Final Map.
- (d) **Recording of Final Map.**
  - (1) After action by the Board and after the required signatures and seals have been affixed, the Clerk of the Board shall transmit the Final Map back to the County Surveyor.
  - (2) The County Surveyor shall establish an appointment with the County Recorder for filing.
  - (3) The County Recorder shall oversee the recording of the Final Map.

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### **87.03.110 Composite Development Plans**

In addition to the information required to be included in a Parcel or Final Map (Sections 87.03.040 and 87.03.080, respectively), a Composite Development Plan may be required to be submitted and recorded as follows, as provided by Map Act Section 66434.2 to provide additional and more detailed information.

- (a) **Applicability.** The Director may require the filing of a Composite Development Plan at the time a Parcel or Final Map is accepted for recordation. The Composite Development Plan shall be filed with the Building and Safety Division concurrent with the recordation of the Final or Parcel Map.
- (b) **Content.** A Composite Development Plan shall be prepared and shall include the information required by the Department handout on Composite Development Plans, as required by the Composite Development Plan Standards established by the County Surveyor and adopted by the Board, and as required by the conditions of approval.
- (c) **Filing and review.** A Composite Development Plan shall be filed as follows.
  - (1) **Filing advance copy.** At least three weeks before the recordation of the Parcel or Final Map, the Composite Development Plan shall be submitted for coordination of review to the County Surveyor.
  - (2) **Filing official copy of Composite Development Plan.** Concurrent with the filing for recordation of the Parcel or Final Map the Composite Development Plan, as approved by the Director and County Surveyor in compliance with this Section, shall be filed with the Building and Safety Division.
- (d) **Amendments to plan.**
  - (1) Should an error be made on the Parcel or Final Map which affects the Composite Development Plan approved in compliance with this Section, the Parcel or Final Map and the Composite Development Plan may be amended as approved by the County Surveyor and the Director. A Revision to an Approved Action application is required for all other changes to a Composite Development Plan in compliance with Chapter 85.12.
  - (2) The Director is authorized to approve amended Composite Development Plans when they do not adversely impact the conditions of other departments and the amendment is in substantial compliance with the conditions of approval of the Tentative or Parcel Map.
  - (3) Any request to modify or deviate from the standards that are shown on a Composite Development Plan shall be made in compliance with the provisions for Variances, except as otherwise provided by this Section.

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#### **87.03.120 Amendments to Recorded Parcel or Final Maps**

A recorded Parcel or Final Map may be amended to correct errors in the recorded map or to change characteristics of the approved subdivision in compliance with Map Act Chapter 3, Article 7.

- (a) **Type of corrections allowed in compliance with Map Act Section 66469.** In the event that errors in a Parcel or Final Map are discovered after recordation, or that other corrections are necessary, the corrections may be accomplished by either the filing of a certificate of correction or an amending map, in compliance with Map Act Chapter 3, Article 7. For the purposes of this Section, "errors" include errors in course or distance (but not changes in courses or distances from which an error is not ascertainable from the Parcel or Final Map), omission of any course or distance, errors in legal descriptions, or any other map error or omission as approved by the County Surveyor that does not affect any property right, including but not limited to parcel numbers, acreage, street names, and identification of adjacent record maps. Other corrections may include indicating monuments set by engineers or surveyors other than the one that was responsible for setting monuments, or showing the proper character or location of any monument that was incorrectly shown, or that has been changed.
- (1) **Application and review process.** An application to amend a recorded Parcel or Final Map in compliance with Map Act Section 66469 shall be filed with the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor shall determine if the changes requested may be approved with a certificate of correction or an amending map. The County Surveyor may request additional information based upon that determination and shall approve the certificate of correction or the amending map if the required findings can be made.
- (2) **Findings.** A Parcel or Final Map may be amended, if the County Surveyor first finds all of the following to be true:
- (A) The changes requested only involve minor map annotation corrections;
  - (B) The amendment(s) does not impose any additional burden on the fee owners of the real property;
  - (C) The amendment(s) does not alter any right, title, or interest in the real property reflected on the map; and
  - (D) The map, as amended, is still in compliance with Map Act Section 66474.
- (b) **Type of corrections allowed in compliance with Map Act Section 66472.1.** In the event that there are changes in circumstances which make any or all of the conditions of a recorded Parcel or Final Map no longer appropriate or necessary, the following procedures shall be followed to amend the map:
- (1) **Application and review process.** An application to amend a recorded Parcel or Final Map in compliance with Map Act Section 66472.1 shall be filed with the Director. The Director shall refer the application to the County Surveyor for comment. Once approved by both the Director and the County Surveyor, the application shall be sent to the Board for approval of either a certificate of

correction or an amending map. The Board shall approve the application if the required findings can be made.

- (2) **Findings.** A Parcel of Final Map may be amended, if the Board first finds all of the following to be true:
  - (A) There are changes in circumstances that make any or all of the conditions of the map no longer appropriate or necessary;
  - (B) The amendment(s) does not impose any additional burden on the fee owners of the real property;
  - (C) The amendment(s) does not alter any right, title, or interest in the real property reflected on the map; and
  - (D) The map, as amended, is still in compliance with Map Act Section 66474.
- (c) **Recordation.** After approval, the certificate of correction or amending map shall be submitted to the County Recorder for recordation.
- (d) **Amendment of an approved subdivision.** In the event that a subdivider wishes to amend (e.g., change or modify) the characteristics of an approved subdivision (e.g., a recorded Parcel or Final Map), including but not limited to the number or configuration of parcels, location of streets or easements, or the nature of required improvements, the construction of which has been deferred through the approval of an agreement in compliance with Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security), the subdivider shall file a new Tentative, Parcel, or Final Map in compliance with this Division or comply with the requirements of Map Act Section 66499.20-1/2.

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## CHAPTER 87.04 ADDITIONAL SUBDIVISION PROCEDURES

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### 87.04.010 Purpose

This Chapter establishes requirements consistent with the Map Act for Certificates of Compliance, Condominiums and Condominium Conversions, Lot Line Adjustments, Official Maps, Parcel Mergers, and Reversion to Acreage.

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### 87.04.020 Certificates of Compliance

#### (a) General provisions.

- (1) The County shall process and approve or disapprove applications for Certificates of Compliance as provided by Map Act Sections 66499.34 and 66499.35, and as outlined by this Section.
- (2) Filing criteria.
  - (A) A recorded Certificate of Compliance may be requested by any person owning real property to have the Director determine whether the property complies with the provisions of this Development Code.
  - (B) A Certificate of Compliance may be required by the Department with the recordation of a Notice of Merger.
  - (C) A recorded Certificate of Compliance shall be required of all Lot Line Adjustments.
  - (D) When contiguous deeds or surveys have ambiguities in which the property boundary can not be ascertained as determined by the County Surveyor and an agreement is reached to establish the line by all parties, a Boundary Line Agreement and a Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded.

- (E) When determined by the County Surveyor, a Certificate of Compliance may be required for the remainder parcels on Parcel or Final Maps.
- (b) **Application.** An application for the approval of a Certificate of Compliance or Conditional Certificate of Compliance shall be filed with the Director and include the information required by the Director, together with the processing fee specified by the County Fee Ordinance.
- (c) **Review by Director.** The Director shall review the completed application using the Staff Review without Notice procedures in the light of public records and applicable law. If the Director is able to determine from this review that the parcel is clearly in compliance with the provisions of this Division and the Map Act, a Certificate of Compliance shall be issued for the parcel and delivered to the County Recorder for recordation. If the Director is unable to determine from this review that the parcel is clearly in compliance, the procedures identified in Map Act Section 66499.35 shall apply.

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#### **87.04.030 Condominiums and Condominium Conversions**

Condominiums and condominium conversions shall comply with the following requirements in addition to the standards identified in Chapter 84.16 (Multi-Family Residential Design Standards).

- (a) **Condominiums.** When a residential structure is proposed at the time of construction as a condominium, community apartment project, or stock cooperative, a Tentative Map for the project shall be filed in the same form, have the same contents and accompanying data and reports and shall be processed, approved or disapproved in the same manner in compliance with Chapter 87.02 (Tentative Map Filing and Processing). Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps) determines whether a Parcel or Final Map shall also be filed.
- (b) **Condominium Conversions.** A condominium conversion is the conversion of real property to a common interest development as defined by California Civil Code Section 1351.
- (1) **Approvals required.** A conversion shall require the approval of a Tentative Map, and Parcel or Final Map, except where a Parcel Map, or Tentative and Final Map are waived in compliance with Map Act Section 66428(b) or Section 66428.1 for the conversion of a mobile home park (See Section 87.04.080 [Resident Initiated Mobile Home Park Conversion], below). If a Parcel or Final Map is waived, a Tentative Map shall still be required. A Record of Survey shall be filed for a field survey required in Map Act Section 66428.1 in compliance with Business and Professions Code Section 8765(c).



- (2) **Application filing and processing.** A Tentative Map for a condominium conversion shall be filed in the same form, have the same contents and accompanying data and reports, and shall be processed, approved or disapproved in the same manner as identified in Chapter 87.02 (Tentative Map Filing and Processing), except as otherwise provided by the following provisions of this Section.
- (3) **Application contents.** Condominium conversion applications shall include the same information and materials as Tentative Map applications, except for conversions of residential projects, which shall also include the following information and materials.
  - (A) **Tentative Map.** The Tentative Map for a condominium, community apartment project, or the conversion of five or more existing dwelling units to a stock cooperative need not show the buildings or the manner in which the airspace above the property shown on the map are to be divided. However, the applicant shall provide an illustration of how subdivision will occur to enable verification of the accuracy of the legal descriptions on deeds for the transfer of ownership of the units by the County Surveyor.
  - (B) **Verification of stock cooperative vote.** If the development being converted to a condominium is a stock cooperative, the application shall also include verification of the vote required by Map Act Section 66452.10.
  - (C) **Relocation assistance program.** A program proposed by the applicant that will assist tenants displaced through the conversion in relocating to equivalent or better housing.
  - (D) **Vacancy rate assessment.** An assessment of the vacancy rate in multi-family housing within the County.
- (4) **Evaluation.** The evaluation on the Tentative Map for the condominium conversion (Section 87.04.030) shall be provided to the subdivider and each tenant of the subject property at least three days before any action by the Director or any hearing on the Tentative Map by the Commission or Board.
- (5) **Public notice.** The following notice shall be provided in addition to that required by Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings) if the project is to be heard by the Commission or Board:
  - (A) **Tenant notice.** The subdivider shall give notice to all existing or prospective tenants as identified in Map Act Sections 66452.8 and 66452.9, and shall provide the Department satisfactory proof that the notice was given; and

- (B) **Public hearing notice.** Notice of the public hearing(s) on the Tentative Map shall be provided to all tenants of the subject property, as required by Map Act Section 66451.3.
- (6) **Approval of conversion, required findings.**
  - (A) **Time limit, stock cooperatives.** The approval or disapproval of the conversion of an existing building to a stock cooperative shall occur within 120 days of the application being found complete in compliance with Section 87.02.030 (Tentative Map Filing, Initial Processing). The 120-day time limit may be extended by mutual consent of the subdivider and the County.
  - (B) **Conversion findings, residential projects.** Approval of a Tentative or Final Map for a subdivision to be created from the conversion of residential real property into a condominium project, community apartment project, or stock cooperative shall not be granted unless the review authority first finds all of the following to be true:
    - (I) All of the findings identified in Map Act Section 66427.1 and Subsection 87.02.060 (a)(2) (Tentative Map Approval or Disapproval - Additional specific findings), above;
    - (II) The conversion will not result in a major displacement of existing tenants unable to find comparable housing, and the location of the conversion and the conditions under which it would be operated or maintained will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare; and
    - (III) The proposed conversion complies with all of the applicable standards identified in Chapters 84.16 (Multi-Family Residential Design Standards).
- (7) **Completion of subdivision process.** The filing, approval, and recordation of a Parcel or Final Map in compliance with Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps) shall be required to complete the subdivision process, except where a Parcel Map, or Tentative and Final Map are waived for the conversion of a mobile home park in compliance with Map Act Section 66428.1 (See Section 87.04.080 [Resident Initiated Mobile Home Park Conversion], below). Where the maps have been waived, a Certificate of Compliance shall be recorded to complete the conversion action.

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#### **87.04.040 Lot Line Adjustment**

A Lot Line Adjustment is permissible in compliance with Map Act Section 66412(d), and the following.

**(a) Application.**

- (1) A Lot Line Adjustment is between four or fewer existing adjoining parcels, where the land taken from one parcel is added to an adjoining parcel, and where a greater number of parcels than originally existed are not created.
- (2) An application for a Lot Line Adjustment shall be filed with the Director and shall include the information required by the Department, together with the processing fee specified by the County Fee Ordinance. No Tentative, Parcel, or Final Map shall be required for a Lot Line Adjustment. Survey monuments and a field survey may be required to facilitate the preparation of the legal description to ensure the accuracy of the description or the elimination of the encroachments.

**(b) Lot Line Adjustment procedures.**

- (1) **Approval.** After consultation with the County Surveyor, the Director shall approve a Lot Line Adjustment; provided that all criteria identified in Map Act Section 66412(d) are met to the Director's satisfaction.
- (2) **Findings.** The Director shall make all of the following findings before approval of a Lot Line Adjustment:
  - (A) The proposed Lot Line Adjustment is consistent with the General Plan, this Development Code, and any applicable community or specific plan; and
  - (B) The proposed Lot Line Adjustment will not adversely affect public health and safety.
- (3) **Post-approval actions.** The Director shall submit a Certificate of Compliance or a conditional Certificate of Compliance, along with new Grant Deeds and appropriate Trust Deeds which describe the new boundaries of the parcels to the County Recorder for recordation.

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#### **87.04.050 Official Maps**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to provide procedures for Official Maps.
- (b) **Applicability.** Official Maps shall be required as described in Government Code Section 66499.52

- (c) **Procedures.** Official Maps shall be reviewed and processed using the procedures outlined in Chapter 87.02 (Tentative Map Filing and Processing) of this Division, the procedures pertaining to the processing and approval of Parcel Maps or Final Maps in Chapter 87.03 (Parcel Maps and Final Maps), and the provisions of Map Act Division 3.

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#### **87.04.060 Parcel Merger**

Parcel Mergers may be mandatory mergers initiated by the County or voluntary mergers initiated by the property owner.

- (a) **Procedures for mandatory merger of contiguous parcels.** Two or more parcels may be merged as follows.
- (1) **Process.** When the County initiates a merger of substandard lots, noticing shall be done in compliance with the procedures outlined in Map Act Chapter 3, Article 1.5.
  - (2) **Requirements.** A mandatory merger of substandard lots may be initiated by the County. A lot may be merged with a contiguous lot held by the same owner. If any one of the contiguous lots or units held by the same owner does not conform to the standards for minimum lot size or dimension specified by the applicable land use district the following requirements shall be satisfied:
    - (A) At least one of the affected lots is not developed with any structure for which a building permit was issued or for which a building permit was not required at the time of construction, or is developed only with an accessory structure or accessory structures, or is developed with a single structure, other than an accessory structure, that is also partially sited on a contiguous lot involved in the proposed merger; and
    - (B) At least one of the affected lots must have one or more of the following conditions:
      - (I) The lot comprises less than five thousand (5,000) square feet in area at the time of the determination of merger;
      - (II) The lot was not created in compliance with applicable laws and ordinances in effect at the time of its creation;
      - (III) The lot does not meet current standards for sewage disposal and/or domestic water supply;
      - (IV) The lot does not meet slope stability and/or density standards, as specified by this Code, Specific Plan or the General Plan;

- (V) The lot has no legal access which is adequate for vehicular and emergency equipment access and maneuverability;
  - (VI) The development of the lot would create health or safety hazards;
  - (VII) The lot is inconsistent with the General Plan and any applicable specific plan, other than minimum lot size or density standards.
- (2) **Findings.** The Director shall find that all of the following are true before recording a Notice of Merger.
- (A) The parcels to be merged at the time of merger are under common ownership;
  - (B) The parcels as merged will be consistent with or be more closely compatible with the applicable land use zoning district regulations and any other planning policies relating to the subject property and parcel configuration;
  - (C) The parcels as merged will not be deprived of legal access as a result of the merger and access to the adjoining parcels will not be restricted by the merger; and
  - (D) All current and any delinquent taxes have been paid on all affected parcels.
  - (E) One or more of the conditions described in section 66451.11(b) have been met.

**(b) Procedures for voluntary merger of contiguous parcels.**

- (1) **Description and purpose.** It is the purpose of this Section to allow property owners to request a voluntary merger of contiguous parcels that are under the same ownership, pursuant to Map Act Sections 66499.20 1/2 or 66499.20 3/4 pertaining to the reversion to acreage.
- (2) **Process.** The property owner shall file an application for a parcel merger. The review authority shall be the Director and review of the application shall be subject to the provisions for Staff Review without Notice procedures. The merger of the subject parcels become effective when the Director causes a Notice of Merger specifying the names of the record owners and a description of the real property to be filed for record with the County Recorder.
- (3) **Findings.** The Director shall find that all of the following are true before recording a Notice of Merger.
  - (A) The parcels to be merged at the time of merger are under common ownership;

(B) The parcels as merged will not be deprived of legal access as a result of the merger and access to the adjoining parcels will not be restricted by the merger; and

(C) All current and any delinquent taxes have been paid on all affected parcels.

**(c) Post-approval actions.**

- (1) If the merger is processed in compliance with Map Act Chapter 3, Article 1.5, the Director shall submit a Notice of Merger to the County Recorder for recordation in compliance with Map Act Section 66451.19.
- (2) If the merger is processed in compliance with Map Act Section 66499-3/4 or 66499-1/2, the County Surveyor shall follow the procedures for the approval and recordation of a Parcel Map in compliance with Section 87.03.060 (Parcel Map Approval) or for the approval and recordation of a Final Map in compliance with Section 87.03.100 (Final Map Approval).

**(d) Requirements for unmerger of parcels.** The unmerger of parcels within the County shall comply with Map Act Chapter 3, Article 1.7.

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**87.04.070 Reversion to Acreage**

**(a) General provisions.**

- (1) A Reversion to Acreage shall be initiated, processed, reviewed, and approved or disapproved in compliance with Map Act Chapter 6, Article 1.
- (2) An application for reversion submitted by a property owner shall include all information required by the Department, and shall include the fee required by the County Fee Ordinance.
- (3) A Parcel Map may be filed to revert to acreage land previously subdivided that consists of four or less contiguous parcels, in compliance with Map Act Section 66499.20-1/4.

**(b) Procedures.**

- (1) The Commission shall hold a public hearing on all petitions for, and Board initiations of, Reversions to Acreage.
- (2) In the case of a Reversion to Acreage by Parcel Map, the Commission may approve the Reversion to Acreage only if it first makes all of the findings required by Subsection (c), below.

- (3) For a Reversion to Acreage by Final Map, the Commission shall render its decision in the form of a written recommendation to the Board. The recommendation shall include the reasons for the recommendation and shall be transmitted to the Board. Upon receipt of the recommendation of the Commission, the Board shall hold a public hearing. The Board may approve a Reversion to Acreage only if it first makes all of the findings required by Subsection (c) below.
- (c) **Findings.** Before approval, the review authority shall first find that all of the findings required by Map Act Section 66499.16 are true.
- (d) **Post-approval actions.** After the hearing before the Commission and/or the Board and approval of the Reversion to Acreage, the Parcel or Final Map shall be delivered to the County Surveyor. The Reversion to Acreage shall be effective upon the Parcel or Final Map being filed for record by the County Recorder.

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#### **87.04.080      Resident Initiated Mobile Home Park Conversion**

- (a) **Purpose.** The purpose of this Section is to facilitate resident purchase of mobile home parks. This Section allows the waiver of certain subdivision requirements and expedites local government processing for mobile home park conversions to condominiums or stock cooperatives. These conversions will preserve an important source of affordable housing.
- (b) **Applicability.** For the purposes of this Section, an application for subdivision shall be considered "resident initiated" when signed by a resident organization formed by the tenants of the subject mobile home park for the purpose of purchasing the mobile home park. The proposed conversion shall be supported by a minimum of two-thirds of the current residents of the park. The resident organization shall have a legally binding contract, which, if the conditions of the contract are met, would result in the acquisition of an interest in the mobile home park. A pre-application conference may be requested by the applicant(s) before formation of the resident organization or before entering into a legally binding contract; provided the Director determines in writing that it is reasonable to believe that the contract may be entered into within a 12-month period.
- (c) **Exclusions.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
  - (1) The purchase of a mobile home park by a non-profit corporation which is subject to the provisions of Business and Professions Code Section 11010.8; or
  - (2) Special Occupancy Parks (e.g. Recreation Vehicle Parks) as defined in Mobile Home Parks Act Section 2008, of the California Code of Regulations Title 25.

(d) **Waiver of Tentative and Final Map requirements.** Notwithstanding other provisions of this Division, the requirement for the filing of a Tentative Map and the preparation, filing, and recordation of a Final Map for a mobile home park conversion to a condominium or stock cooperative on a single parcel, may be waived by the Director in compliance with Map Act Section 66428.1; provided the following procedures are followed by a resident organization desiring to convert their park and the necessary findings are made by the Director.

(1) **Pre-application conference.** Before filing an application for mobile home park conversion, the resident association shall have a pre-application conference with the Development Review Committee. The conference shall be scheduled in compliance with the policy established by the Board for the Housing Incentive Program. The purpose of this conference is to determine that the proposal qualifies under the provisions of this Section. The following information shall be submitted with the application for the conference.

(A) Previously approved plot plan for the mobile home park. If none exists, a plot plan shall be filed in compliance with the requirements established by and available at the Department.

(B) A supplemental report to include the following information:

(I) Name of consultants, if any.

(II) Disclosure of all known fees and costs for the conversion process.

(III) Documentation demonstrating that a minimum of two-thirds of the residents of the mobile home park support the proposed conversion.

(IV) Declarations from those residents supporting the conversion that their principal place of residence is within the subject mobile home park.

(V) The location of the park and results of a field inspection done by the applicant(s) or consultant regarding the status of the compliance of the park with the County health and safety standards in effect at the time the park was created. Any on-site dedications or public improvements to be required shall be identified by the committee.

(VI) Proposed tentative schedules to expedite meeting and coordinating any requirements of the Planning Agency and the Department of Real Estate, including but not limited to the public report. The schedule shall include an outline of the permits and noticing required to allow this conversion and the estimated time at which the permits are obtained.



- (VII) Evidence showing that the 60-day Notice of Intent to file the conversion application [as required by Map Act Section 66427.1(a)] has been met.
- (VIII) Initial report on the impact of the conversion on the residents of the mobile home park. This report is needed to determine whether an impact report as required in Map Act Section 66427.4 is needed. The report shall specify whether any residents of the park are to be involuntarily displaced and any proposed measures to mitigate the displacement. A resident, who is offered an opportunity to remain in the park after the conversion through continuation of the tenancy at generally the same terms as existed before proposed conversion, shall not be considered involuntarily displaced. At the pre-application conference the Development Review Committee shall indicate whether an impact report needs to be filed with the formal application for the conversion. If it is required, the Development Review Committee shall identify in detail any additional items to be required as mitigation measures to assist any displaced residents. No current resident shall be involuntarily displaced without proper notice, assistance, or compensation, to be worked out on a case-by-case basis. The noticing, assistance, or compensation may include the following:
- (i) The project shall comply with the Mobile Home Residency Law, Civil Code Section 798 et seq.
  - (ii) The project applicants may be required to provide relocation assistance in compliance with Federal, State, or local laws.
- (C) The Planning representative of the Development Review Committee shall field check the park before the scheduled meeting. The Development Review Committee shall establish if the proposed mobile home park conversion meets the intent and is capable of meeting the provisions of this Section. The Director shall attempt to inform the applicant(s) at the earliest opportunity if a public hearing is to be required. If the proposed mobile home park conversion is acceptable, the Development Review Committee shall identify the information the applicant needs to file to proceed with the proposal. The information shall include the following:
- (I) Development Review Committee pre-application conference minutes. These minutes shall include the proposed tentative schedules required by Subsection (d) (1) (B) (VI), above.
  - (II) If the parcel upon which the park lies was created before January 1, 1960, a Parcel Map application shall be required. The application shall be processed concurrently with any other information filed in compliance with the pre-application conference.

- (III) Mobile Home Park Conversion Impact Report, if required at the pre-application conference to meet the requirements of Map Act Section 66427.4. The report shall be given to each resident within the mobile home park.
  - (IV) Mobile home park plot plan if no plot plan was previously approved.
  - (V) Any special information which was identified by the Development Review Committee. Among the information may be information to assist in the environmental review of the proposal.
  - (VI) Certificate of Compliance application.
- (D) The review and processing of any application in compliance with this Section shall be subject to the same review and time requirements and appeal procedures as are provided in this Division for Tentative Maps. In any case where waiver of the Tentative and Final Map is granted, the Director shall cause to be filed for record with the County Recorder a Certificate of Compliance in compliance with this Division. The Director may require a public hearing in compliance with Chapter 86.07 (Public Hearings). Should a public hearing be required the noticing provisions of Map Act Section 66451.3 shall be met.
- (2) **Findings for approval.** A mobile home park conversion shall be approved or conditionally approved only if all of the following are first found to be true:
- (A) The mobile home park complies with the requirements established by State law and County ordinance for these uses at the time the mobile home park was constructed. The regulations shall include those regarding area, improvement and design, flood water drainage control, public roads, sanitary disposal facilities, water supply and distribution systems, environmental protection, and other requirements of the Map Act and this Division;
  - (B) Any measures necessary to mitigate the impact of the conversion on current residents of the park have been required as conditions of approval; and
  - (C) Applicable noticing requirements of the Map Act have been, or will be met.
- (3) **Conditions of approval.** The following conditions may be required by the Director as conditions of approval for the proposed conversion:
- (A) Subdivisions allowed by this Section may include conditions requiring a Compliance Survey inspection to the satisfaction of the Director. However, the survey shall be limited to require improvements relating only to items of a health and safety nature.

- (B) The mobile home condominiums or stock cooperatives shall be subject to California Code of Regulations Title 25.
- (C) Only additional on-site improvements or development standards which were applicable at the time the mobile home park was originally developed may be required.
- (D) Off-site public improvements for qualifying mobile home parks shall be waived, except as follows:
  - (I) Any off-site improvements shall be financed with appropriate assessment bonds.
  - (II) The Certificate of Compliance shall not be delayed or contingent upon completion of the off-site improvements.
- (E) Any requirements and/or documents required by the State Common Interest Development Act, Title 6 (commencing with Section 1350), Part 4, Division 2 of the California Civil Code.
- (F) Conditions of approval necessary to ensure any noticing requirements that are required by Map Act Section 66427.1 are met.
- (G) Any plan or document required to be submitted to the Department of Real Estate shall be reviewed for consistency with the approved project and plot plan. The plan shall reference the "waiver" notice requirement in Subsection (H), below, to the satisfaction of the Director.
- (H) Notice shall be placed on the Certificate of Subdivision Compliance that standard subdivision requirements for the creation of condominiums/stock cooperatives have been waived by the County and only conditions applicable to the original development of the mobile home park have been required.
- (I) The applicants shall comply with the indemnification requirements of Section 81.01.070 (Legal Defense Fee Responsibility) of this Development Code.
- (J) The Director may impose any conditions of approval to ensure any appropriate measures for relocation assistance are implemented.
- (K) No mobile home shall be required to be placed on a permanent foundation as a result of the conditional approval.
- (L) Any condition of approval required in compliance with this Section shall be drafted to expedite the conversion process.

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## CHAPTER 87.05 DEDICATIONS AND EXACTIONS

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### Sections:

- 87.05.010 Purpose
- 87.05.020 Applicability
- 87.05.030 Dedications
- 87.05.040 Acceptance of Dedications

### **87.05.010 Purpose**

This Chapter establishes standards for subdivider dedications of land or payment of fees, in conjunction with subdivision approval.

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### **87.05.020 Applicability**

Each proposed subdivision shall comply with the requirements of this Chapter for dedications, reservations, or the payment of fees.

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### **87.05.030 Dedications**

(a) Streets, highways, and flood control rights-of-way.

- (1) As a condition of approval of a map, the subdivider shall dedicate or make an irrevocable offer of dedication of all parcels of land within the subdivision that are needed for:
  - (A) Access rights and abutters' rights;
  - (B) Alleys;
  - (C) Drainage easements;
  - (D) Public utility easements;
  - (E) Streets; and
  - (F) Other public easements.
- (2) In addition, the subdivider shall improve or agree to improve all streets, alleys, including access rights and abutters' rights, drainage, public utility easements and other public easements. The subdivider may also be required to dedicate the additional

land as may be necessary and feasible to provide bicycle paths for the use and safety of residents of the subdivision.

- (b) **Drainage rights-of-way.** When the Director of Public Works determines that drainage rights-of-way are necessary, the subdivider shall offer to dedicate upon the Final Map of the subdivision the necessary rights-of-way for drainage facilities.
- (c) **Flood control dedication.** Where dedication is offered for Flood Control District rights-of-way, the rights-of-way shall be shown as parcels lettered alphabetically on the Final Map. The offer of dedication shall be made by an appropriate certificate on the title sheet of the Final Map, and, in addition, an executed deed conveying fee title to the right-of-way to the Flood Control District shall be delivered to the District.

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#### **87.05.040 Acceptance of Dedications**

- (a) **Certification of Board action.** At the time the Board approves a Final Map, it shall also accept, subject to improvement, or reject any offer of dedication. The Clerk of the Board shall certify on the map the action of the Board.
- (b) **Resolution of acceptance.** The Clerk of the Board shall cause a resolution of acceptance of dedications by the Board to be filed with the County Recorder.
- (c) **Deferred acceptance.** If at the time the Final Map is approved, any streets, alleys, paths, public utility easements, rights-of-way for local transit facilities including bus turnouts, benches, shelters, landing pads, and similar items that directly benefit the residents of a subdivision, or storm drainage easements are rejected subject to Code of Civil Procedure Section 771.010, the offer of dedication shall remain open and the Board may by resolution at any later date, and without further action by the subdivider, rescind its action and accept and open the streets, alleys, paths, rights-of-way for local transit facilities including bus turnouts, benches, shelters, landing pads, and similar items that directly benefit the residents of a subdivision, or storm drainage easements for public use. The acceptance shall be recorded in the office of the County Recorder.

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**CHAPTER 87.06 SUBDIVISION DESIGN AND IMPROVEMENT REQUIREMENTS**

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**Sections:**

- 87.06.010 Purpose
- 87.06.020 Applicability of Design and Improvement Standards
- 87.06.030 Subdivision Design Standards
- 87.06.040 Site Preparation and Grading for Subdivision Construction
- 87.06.050 Subdivision Improvement Requirements

**87.06.010 Purpose**

This Chapter establishes standards for the design and layout of subdivisions, and the design, construction, or installation of public improvements within subdivisions. The purpose of these standards is to ensure, through careful site evaluation and design, the creation of new usable parcels that are consistent with the General Plan, any applicable community plan, and any applicable specific plan.

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**87.06.020 Applicability of Design and Improvement Standards**

The requirements of this Chapter apply as follows:

- (a) **Extent of required improvements.** Each subdivision of four or fewer parcels, and each subdivision of five or more parcels, shall provide the improvements required by this Chapter, and any additional improvements required by conditions of approval.
- (b) **Applicable design standards, timing of installation.** The subdivider shall construct all on- and off-site improvements according to standards approved by the County Surveyor. No Parcel or Final Map shall be presented to the Board for approval and no Parcel Map shall be presented to the County Surveyor for approval until the subdivider either completes the required improvements, or enters into a subdivision improvement agreement with the County for the work in compliance with Section 87.06.050 (Subdivision Improvement Requirements).
- (c) **Subdivision improvement standards Conditions of approval.** The applicable subdivision improvement and dedication requirements of this Chapter and any other improvements and dedications required by the review authority in compliance with Section 87.02.060 (Tentative Map Approval or Disapproval), shall be described in conditions of approval adopted for each approved Tentative Map (Section 87.02.070). The design, construction, or installation of all subdivision improvements shall comply with the requirements of the Director of Public Works.

**(d) Oversizing of improvements.**

- (1) At the discretion of the review authority, improvements required to be installed by the subdivider for the benefit of the subdivision may also be required to provide supplemental size, capacity, number, or length for the benefit of property not within the subdivision, and may be required to be dedicated to the County, in compliance with Map Act Chapter 4, Article 6.
- (2) In the event that oversizing is required, the County shall comply with all applicable provisions of Map Act Sections 66485 et seq., including the reimbursement provisions of Map Act Section 66486.
- (3) If a parcel proposed for subdivision is subject to an existing reimbursement agreement, the subdivider shall pay the required reimbursement before the recordation of the Parcel or Final Map, or the issuance of a Building Permit for construction on the parcel, whichever occurs first.

- (e) Exceptions.** Exceptions to the requirements of this Chapter may be requested and considered in compliance with Section 87.01.100 (Exceptions to Subdivision Standards).

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**87.06.030 Subdivision Design Standards**

- (a) Purpose.** This Section establishes standards for the design and layout of subdivisions, and the design, construction, or installation of public improvements within subdivisions. The purpose of these standards is to ensure, through careful site evaluation and design, the creation of new usable parcels that are consistent with the General Plan, any applicable community plan, and any applicable specific plan.
- (b) Applicability.** Each subdivision shall be designed in compliance with the standards of this Section, except where an exception is granted in compliance with Section 87.01.100 (Exceptions to Subdivision Standards).
- (c) Roads and streets.** The layout, design, and construction of proposed roads and streets shall comply with the General Plan, and adopted County street standards.
  - (1) Highway alignment plan.** If the General Plan (or any applicable community or specific plan) designates a general location of a proposed highway and any portion thereof may be wholly or partially within a proposed subdivision or may be affected by a proposed subdivision before the approval of the subdivision, a specific alignment plan shall be prepared and adopted. Each roadway shall conform in width and alignment with that shown or indicated on the General Plan or any standards adopted consistent with the General Plan. As a condition of approval of the subdivision, the subdivider shall be required to make dedications and construct reasonable improvements as required by the specific alignment



plan. These requirements may be waived by the Director upon recommendation of the Department of Public Works, if the proposed highway is located upon a section line or its precise alignment can be otherwise determined.

**(2) Circulation standards.**

- (A) General Plan consistency.** The circulation design of all subdivisions shall be compatible and coordinate with the General Plan (and any applicable community or specific plan) and the existing street and land use pattern in the surrounding area.
- (B) Part-width highways and alignments.** Any part-width highway lying along and adjacent to any boundary of a subdivision shall have a part-width and alignment as will conform to the route lines shown on the Master Plan of Highways covering the same portion of the subdivision.
- (C) Cul-de-sacs.** Cul-de-sac streets shall not exceed 600 feet in length, except as provided below, and shall terminate with a turn-around as specified in the adopted County Road Standards. The Director may approve a cul-de-sac that exceeds 600 feet if the Director first finds that the cul-de-sac will not be injurious to the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- (D) Road grades.** Road grades shall not exceed 12 percent unless it can be demonstrated that a road grade in excess of 12 percent is necessary to accomplish the objectives of the General Plan (and any applicable community or specific plan). In these circumstances, the Director may approve a road grade not to exceed 14 percent grade for a distance not to exceed 500 feet if a finding is first made, based upon the recommendations of the County Director of Public Works and the County Fire Marshall, that the roadway will not create an unacceptable hazardous risk to the public health, safety, or general welfare.
- (E) Subdivision access.** The subdivision and each of its phases shall have two points of vehicular ingress and egress from existing and surrounding streets, one of which may be for emergency use only. Where providing this access is physically impossible or a cul-de-sac is proposed, this requirement may be waived or modified.
- (d) Public access to public resources.** Each proposed subdivision shall be designed and constructed to provide public access to waterways, lakes, and reservoirs in compliance with Map Act Chapter 4, Article 3.5 (Public Access to Public Resources).
- (e) Parcel design.** The size, shape, and arrangement of proposed parcels shall comply with this Section and with any General Plan (and any applicable community or specific plan) policy, requirement, or other County Code provision that applies to proposed subdivisions.

- (1) General parcel design standards.
  - (A) Each proposed parcel shall be determined by the review authority to be "buildable" because it contains at least one building site that can accommodate a structure in compliance with all applicable provisions of this Development Code.
  - (B) No subdivision shall be designed to leave unsubdivided islands, strips or parcels, or property unsuitable for subdividing, which is not either accepted by the County or other appropriate entity for public use, or maintained, as common area within the development.
- (2) **Parcel area.** Each proposed parcel shall comply with the minimum area requirements of the applicable land use zoning district established by Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses), except as otherwise provided by this Section.
  - (A) **Calculation of area.** When calculating the area of a parcel to determine compliance with this Section, this Division or the General Plan (and any applicable community or specific plan), the following shall be deducted from the gross area of any parcel:
    - (I) A vehicular access easement through the parcel, unless there is alternative legal and physical access to the parcel for which the easement is granted;
    - (II) Any easement completely restricting or prohibiting any use of the property, for ingress, egress, landscaping, recreation, storage, etc.; or;
    - (III) The "flag pole" (access strip) of a flag lot.
  - (B) **Minimum parcel area requirements for common interest projects.** The minimum parcel area requirements of this Development Code or the minimum "buildable" parcel size shall not apply to condominiums, condominium conversions, and townhouses, but shall apply to the creation of the original parcel(s) that are the location of the condominium or townhouse.
- (3) **Dimensions and configuration.** The dimensions of each new parcel shall comply with the requirements of the applicable land use zoning district established by Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowable Land Uses), or as otherwise required by the review authority.
  - (A) Side parcel lines shall be approximately normal to street lines.
  - (B) Each parcel on a dead-end street where the side lines converge from front to the rear of the parcel shall have an average width of not less than 60 feet, or

the width required by this Development Code, whichever is greater, measured along the front building setback line.

- (C) Each parcel on a curved street where the side lines converge from the front to the rear of the parcel shall have an average width of not less than 60 feet, or the width required by this Development Code, whichever is greater.
- (D) Double frontage parcels shall be discouraged except where essential to separate residential developments from major or secondary highways or due to topographical conditions. When double frontage parcels are allowed, vehicular access rights shall be dedicated to the County along the street designated by the Director.
- (E) The Director may require parcels larger than the above minimum sizes specified in multi-family residential, commercial, and industrial subdivisions. When parcels twice or more the required area or width are shown as part of a subdivision, the Director may require the parcel(s) to be so established as to make practical a further division into allowable building sites, without injury to adjoining property.
- (F) In desert, hilly, or mountainous areas, the Director may require parcels larger than required minimums. Larger parcels shall be required when it is deemed to be necessary in order to conform to the General Plan or any applicable community or specific plan.
- (G) Flag lots shall be discouraged.
- (H) Modification of these parcel design standards may be allowed in compliance with:
  - (I) The Parcel Area Regulations of Division 2 of this Development Code.
  - (II) The Planned Development standards and regulations of Division 4 of this Development Code.
- (I) This Subsection does not apply to any parcel which the subdivider offers to dedicate to the County or any public agency or district.
- (J) When a land use zoning district classification line divides a parcel(s), the area and frontage requirements for the parcel(s) shall be those of the land use zoning district that requires the greater or most restrictive standards between the two districts involved.

**Example:** If the line between a Neighborhood Commercial (CN) District and a Single Residential (RS) district divides a parcel, the applicable area and frontage requirements would be those for the CN as they are greater than those for the RS district.

- (f) **Energy conservation.** Each proposed subdivision shall be designed to provide maximum opportunities for energy conservation, including opportunities for passive or natural heating or cooling opportunities, in compliance with Map Act Section 66473.1, as follows.
  - (1) **Street layout.** The streets proposed in a subdivision shall be planned in a primarily east-west orientation where feasible.
  - (2) **Parcel and building site design.** Proposed parcels shall be designed, where feasible, to provide building sites that allow the orientation of structures in east-west alignment for southern exposure, and to take advantage of existing shade or prevailing breezes.
- (g) **Environmental health.** Lands to be subdivided for residential, park, playground, or land recreation purposes may be subject to environmental quality standards as established by ordinances and regulations of the different departments and agencies within the County.
- (h) **Fire protection.**
  - (1) Subdivision design shall provide for safe and ready access for fire and other emergency equipment and for routes of escape to safely handle evacuations.
  - (2) The subdivision shall be served by water supplies for community fire protection in compliance with the standards established by the appropriate fire authority.
  - (3) In hazardous fire areas, all flammable or combustible vegetation shall be removed from around all structures, in compliance with the requirements of the County Uniform Fire Code and the Fire Safety Overlay District. Where erosion is probable, the slopes shall be planted with fire resistive ground cover.

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#### **87.06.040 Site Preparation and Grading for Subdivision Construction**

- (a) **Grading.** Before the issuance of a Building Permit, a grading plan prepared and signed by a registered civil engineer shall be submitted to and approved by the Building and Safety Division. Grading plans shall show the elevations of the natural ground at all lot corners, the finished grade at corners, the finished pad elevation, finished floor elevations, rates and directions of all drainage swales, elevation height of all retaining or perimeter walls and finished sidewalk elevations at all front lot lines, and existing topographic elevations and drainage direction 100 feet outside the boundary of proposed project area and/or map.
  - (1) **Minimum slopes.** The minimum grade of all drainage swales on parcels shall be two percent unless approved differently by the Building Official.

- (2) **Pad elevation, residential.** The building pad elevation of residential parcels shall be established at a minimum of 10 inches above the design sidewalk elevation at the lowest point of the parcel. The finished floor elevation of slab floor houses shall be a minimum of 16 inches above the sidewalk elevation. The pad elevation of all residential parcels shall be established at least one foot above the maximum water surface in an adjacent storm drain channel or the ponded surface in an adjacent sump for collection of storm drain waters. An exception may be allowed in the case of a proposed subdivision served by a storm drain pump station. The standards of this Subsection shall apply to any building pad elevation, except where the requirements of the California Building Code (CBC) exceed these standards, in which case the requirements of the CBC shall apply.
- (3) **Drainage plan.** No inter-parcel or "cross drainage" shall be allowed. Each parcel shall drain its own water to a public street, approved public or private drainage facility, or natural drainage course without passing through or across an adjacent parcel, except where a legal right exists (e.g., a drainage easement), and is authorized by the Building Official. No parcel shall drain water over the bank of a flood control channel.
- (4) **Grading practices.** All grading within the County shall employ the best available management practices, as determined by the Building Official, to minimize erosion, sedimentation, and unnecessary grading.
- (5) **Grading exceptions.** Specific exceptions to the above requirements may be authorized at the discretion of the Building Official.
- (6) **Bonding.** The County may require as a condition of approval that a bond be secured before any grading when the grading is proposed before recordation of the Parcel or Final Map. This bond would be used to install landscaping and appropriate erosion control measures as needed if the subdivider abandons the project after grading occurs. All bonding shall be in compliance with Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security).
- (7) **Hillside grading.** If the subject property is within an area having a natural slope gradient of 15 percent or greater, refer to Chapter 83.08 (Hillside Grading Standards) for applicable procedures and standards.
- (b) **Erosion and sediment control.** A proposed subdivision shall be designed so that all grading incorporates appropriate erosion and sediment control measures.

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**87.06.050 Subdivision Improvement Requirements**

- (a) **Bicycle/walking paths and hiking/equestrian trails.** Depending on the circumstances surrounding a specific project, the County may require, as a condition of approval, the subdivider to construct bicycle/walking paths and/or hiking/equestrian trails within an approved subdivision as determined by the review authority. In the event the review authority determines that path or trail construction within a subdivision would be infeasible or constitute unsound engineering, the review authority may grant the subdivider the option to pay into a fund, dedicated for these uses, the amount per foot, as determined by the review authority.
- (b) **Bridges and major thoroughfares.** The County may assess and collect fees as a condition of issuing a Building Permit for the purpose of defraying the actual or estimated costs of constructing bridges or major thoroughfares in compliance with Map Act Section 66484, after the County has established a master plan for bridge crossings and major thoroughfares by ordinance.
- (c) **Fire hydrants.** The subdivider shall install fire hydrants, with their associated underground water pipes, of sizes and locations as required and approved by the Fire Department.
- (d) **Monuments.** The subdivider shall install monuments in compliance with the requirements of the County Surveyor, and Map Act Chapter 4, Article 9.
- (e) **Private facilities Maintenance.** A subdivision with common area or private streets shall have conditions, covenants, and restrictions (CC&Rs) approved by the County to provide for the maintenance of the common areas and/or private streets, and establish standards for maintenance.
- (f) **Public utilities.** Each approved parcel shall be provided connections to public utilities, including electricity, gas, water, sewer, and telecommunications services, which shall be installed as part of the subdivision improvements as provided by this Section.
  - (1) **Underground utilities required.** Utility lines, including electric, telephone, communications, and street lighting, within or directly serving each subdivision, shall be placed underground. The subdivider is responsible for complying with the requirements of this Subsection without expense to the County, and shall make necessary arrangements with the utility company for the installation of the facilities. Appurtenances and associated equipment (e.g., boxes and meter cabinets) and concealed ducts in an underground system may be placed above ground. Waiver of the requirements for underground utilities shall be made through the Public Utilities Commission. This Subsection shall not apply to existing utility or common carrier routes in use at the time the subdivision is completed which do not provide service to the area subdivided. Aerial routes still in existence at the time the subdivision is completed may be reinforced from time to time as conditions dictate; however, all provisions of this Subsection shall be subject to the requirements of any underground district created in compliance

with County Code Section 67.011 in existence before the subdivision of the land or created after subdivision.

- (2) **Location of allowed overhead lines.** Where allowed, overhead utility lines shall be located at the rear of parcels where practical, and along the sides of parcels where necessary.
- (3) **Cable television systems.** If a local cable television system is available to serve the project, any subdivision for which a Tentative Map is required, or a Parcel Map for which a Tentative Map was not required, shall be designed to provide the appropriate cable television system an opportunity to construct, install, and maintain on land as reserved for cable television service or by separate instrument, any equipment necessary to extend cable television services to each residential parcel in the subdivision.
  - (A) "Appropriate cable television system," as used in this Subsection, means those franchised or licensed to serve the geographical area in which the subdivision is located.
  - (B) This Subsection shall not apply to the conversion of existing dwelling units to condominiums, community apartments, or stock cooperatives.
- (4) **Reimbursement for relocation or replacement.** Whenever the County imposes as a condition of its approval of a Tentative Map or a Parcel Map a requirement that necessitates replacing, undergrounding, or permanently or temporarily relocating existing facilities of a telephone corporation or cable television system, common carrier, or other public utility, the developer or subdivider shall reimburse the appropriate facility provider for all costs for the replacement, undergrounding, or relocation. All of these costs shall be billed after they are incurred, and shall include a credit for any required advance payments and for the salvage value of any facilities replaced. Under no circumstances shall the telephone corporation or cable television system be reimbursed for costs incurred in excess of the cost to replace the facilities with substantially similar facilities.
- (5) **Public services and facilities fees.** The fee requirements of Division 5 of this Development Code shall be imposed as conditions of all map approvals, including Parcel Maps.
- (g) **Railroad crossings.** A proposed subdivision shall be designed to provide for railroad crossings necessary to provide access to or circulation within the proposed subdivision, including the preparation of all documents necessary for application to the California Public Utilities Commission for the establishment and improvement of the crossings.
  - (1) The subdivider shall deposit with the County Clerk, in cash, the estimated costs to be incurred by the County in pursuing, or assisting in the applicant's pursuit of an application for railroad crossings before the Public Utilities Commission.

- (2) Upon termination of the proceedings before the Public Utilities Commission, an accounting of the deposit will be made and an additional charge or refund will be made to the subdivider.
- (h) **Sewage disposal.** Each parcel within an approved subdivision shall be provided an approved on-site sewage disposal system before final building inspection, or connection to an approved community sewage collection, treatment, and disposal system, in compliance with the County's infrastructure standards and specifications. The subdivider shall also pay any required connection fee(s).
  - (1) Subsurface sewage disposal systems shall be located as far as practical from a perennial or intermittent stream in compliance with County Code Division 3, Article 5, Sections 33.055 and 33.056, and the requirements of the Division of Environmental Health Services and the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
  - (2) When a soils or a geologic hazards report for a subdivision is prepared (either at the developer's volition or as a requirement of any governmental agency), it shall include findings and recommendations concerning probable adverse effects of the hazards to the integrity of water supply and sewage disposal facilities and structures.
- (i) **Street lighting.** Each proposed subdivision shall provide street lighting facilities designed and constructed in compliance with the County's infrastructure standards and specifications.
- (j). Street signs and street names.
  - (1) **Street names.** All public and private streets within a proposed subdivision shall be named by the Board or the Director of Public Works. The duplication of an existing street name within the same area shall not be allowed in a new subdivision unless the street is an obvious extension of an existing street.
  - (2) **Street signs.** The subdivider shall provide a minimum of two street name signs at each street intersection; with the signs located on the diagonally opposite sides of the intersection. The subdivider shall provide one street name sign at each "T" intersection. All street signs shall be made in compliance with the San Bernardino County Public Works Standards and Specification Manual per specifications 303, 303a, and 303b.
- (k) **Storm drainage.** Storm water runoff from the subdivision shall be collected and conveyed by an approved storm drain system.
  - (1) A subdivision that lies in the path of existing watercourses or overflows from existing watercourses, or natural drainage from upstream properties, shall not be approved unless adequate dedicated rights-of-way or improvements are provided as deemed satisfactory by the Director of Public Works.



- (2) When the Director of Public Works determines that a subdivision may cause an unnatural increase or concentration of surface waters onto downstream property, the subdivision shall not be approved unless drainage outlets are provided that will be adequate to render the County and the County Flood Control District harmless from any damages caused by the increase or concentration of water.
  - (3) The location, type, and size of watercourses or drainage works, and all drainage of streets and other drainage works between streets, shall comply with the San Bernardino County Public Works Standards and Specifications Manual or as required by the Director of Public Works.
  - (4) When the Director of Public Works determines that drainage rights-of-way are necessary, the subdivider shall offer to dedicate upon the Tentative, Parcel, or Final Map of the subdivision the necessary rights-of-way for the drainage facilities.
  - (5) Where dedication is offered or granted for Flood Control District rights-of-way, the rights-of-way shall be shown as parcels lettered alphabetically on the Tentative, Parcel, or Final Map. The offer of dedication or grant shall be made by an appropriate statement on the title sheet of the Final Map.
- (I) **Water supply.** Each approved parcel shall be served by an approved well or community water system, and shall be designed and constructed to accommodate both domestic and fire flows, together with necessary fire hydrants to serve each parcel proposed to be created.

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## CHAPTER 87.07 IMPROVEMENT PLANS, INSTALLATION, AND SECURITY

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### Sections:

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### 87.07.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides standards for the preparation and review of improvement plans, the installation of improvements, and for security to guarantee improvement installation.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4116 (2010)

### 87.07.020 Improvement Plans

After the approval of a Tentative Map and before the construction of any improvements, the subdivider shall submit plans to the County as follows:

- (a) **Preparation and content.** Improvement plans shall be prepared by a California registered professional engineer. Improvement plan submittals shall include all of the following information:
  - (1) Any drawings, specifications, calculations, design reports, and other information required by the Director of Public Works;
  - | (2) Grading, drainage, **Water Quality Management Plan**, erosion and sediment control, and a storm water pollution prevention plan (SWPPP) for the entire subdivision; and
  - (3) The improvement plan/specification checking and construction inspection fees required by the County Fee Ordinance.
- (b) **Submittal of plans.** Improvement plans shall be submitted to the Director of Public Works and other appropriate reviewing agencies for review and approval. Upon the approval of improvement plans in compliance with Subsection (c) (Review and approval), below, the subdivider shall also submit to the Director of Public Works a detailed cost estimate of all improvements, based on guidelines provided by the County.
  - (1) **Street and drainage plans and profiles.** Plans, profiles, and specifications of proposed street and drainage improvements shall be submitted to the County Department of Public Works, checked and approved before presentation of the

Final Map to the Board for acceptance. These plans and profiles shall show full details of the proposed improvements in compliance with County standards.

- (2) **Water systems plans.** Plans, specifications, and all necessary details of the proposed water system shall be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Environmental Health Services for review; provided that the supplier has certified that it is willing and able to supply water upon request.
- (3) **Sanitary sewer plans.** Plans, profiles, specifications, and all necessary details of the sanitary sewers to be installed shall be submitted to the Chief of the Division of Environmental Health Services for review; provided that before submitting the plans, they shall have been approved by the governmental entity that will serve the subdivision, or if a private sewage disposal company is to provide service, the plans shall have been approved by the Chief of the Division of Environmental Health Services.
- (c) **Review and approval.** Improvement plans shall be reviewed and approved by the applicable agency within the time limits provided by Map Act Section 66456.2.
- (d) **Effect of approval.** The final approval of improvement plans shall generally be required before approval of a Parcel or Final Map. The approval of improvement plans shall not bind the County to accept the improvements nor waive any defects in the improvements as installed.

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#### **87.07.030 Installation of Improvements**

Subdivision improvements required as conditions of approval of a Tentative Map in compliance with this Chapter (see Section 87.06.050) shall be installed as provided by this Section.

- (a) **Timing of improvements.** Required improvements shall be constructed or otherwise installed only after the approval of improvement plans in compliance with Section 87.07.020, and before the approval of a Parcel or Final Map in compliance with Sections 87.03.060 (Parcel Map Approval) or 87.03.100 (Final Map Approval), except where:
  - (1) Improvements are deferred in compliance with Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security); or
  - (2) Improvements are required as conditions on the approval of a subdivision of four or fewer parcels, in which case construction of the improvements shall be required:
    - (A) When a Building Permit is issued for development of an affected parcel; or

- (B) At the time the construction of the improvements is required in compliance with an agreement between the subdivider and the County, as identified in Section 87.07.040 (Improvement Agreements and Security); or
    - (C) At the time identified in a condition of approval, when the review authority finds that fulfillment of the construction requirements by that time is necessary for public health and safety, or because the required construction is a necessary prerequisite to the orderly development of the surrounding area.
  - (3) To avoid breaking up street paving, underground utility or service lines required to be installed as part of a subdivision and which are planned to run across or underneath a street or alley right-of-way shall be installed before the preparation of subgrade and before the surfacing of any streets or alleys. In the event that the development of the subdivision requires the utility company to perform utility construction work, the developer shall pay a deposit satisfactory to the utility company within sufficient time to allow construction work to be performed before subgrade preparation. In no event shall subgrade preparation commence before installation of all necessary utilities and laterals.
- (b) **Inspection of improvements.** The inspection of the construction and installation of required subdivision improvements shall occur as follows.
- (1) **Supervision.** Before starting any work, the contractor engaged by the subdivider shall designate in writing an authorized representative who shall have the authority to represent and act for the contractor in contacts with the County. The designated representative shall be present at the work site at all times while work is in progress. At times when work is suspended, arrangements acceptable to the Director of Public Works shall be made for any emergency work that may be required.
  - (2) **Inspection procedures.**
    - (A) **Inspections required.** The agency that has required a specific action shall make any inspections as it deems necessary to ensure that all construction complies with the approved improvement plans. Where required by the agency, the developer shall enter into an agreement with the County to pay the full cost of any contract inspection services determined to be necessary by that agency.
    - (B) **Access to site and materials.** The agency that has required a specific action shall have access to the work site at all times during construction, and shall be furnished with every reasonable facility for verifying that the materials and workmanship are in compliance with the approved improvement plans.
    - (C) **Authority for approval.** The work done and all materials furnished shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the agency that has required a

specific action. The inspection of the work or materials shall not relieve the contractor of any obligations to fulfill the work as prescribed.

**(D) Improper work or materials.** Work or materials not meeting the requirements of the approved plans and specifications may be rejected, regardless of whether the work or materials were previously inspected by the agency that has required a specific action. In the event that the agency determines that subdivision improvements are not being constructed as required by the approved plans and specifications, it shall order the work stopped and shall inform the contractor of the reasons for stopping work and the corrective measures necessary to resume the work. Any work done after issuance of a stop work order shall be a violation of this Chapter.

**(3) Notification.** The subdivider shall notify the Director of Public Works as part of condition compliance upon the completion of each stage of construction before recordation as outlined in this Chapter. Further construction may only be completed if all required actions included in the conditions of approval have been accomplished and signed off by the agency that has required the action(s).

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#### **87.07.040 Improvement Agreements, Lien Agreements and Securities**

**(a) Improvement Agreements.** If all required improvements, and inspections are not satisfactorily completed before a Parcel or Final Map is approved, the owner(s) of the subdivision shall, before the approval of the Parcel or Final Map, enter as contractor into an **Improvement Agreement** with the Board whereby in consideration of the acceptance by the Board of the streets, easements, and any other land offered for dedication, the contractor agrees to furnish the equipment, labor, and material necessary to complete the work within the time specified in the agreement.

**(b) Amount of security required.** To ensure that the work will be completed, improvement security shall be furnished to guarantee the performance of any act or **Improvement Agreement** in the following amounts and for the following purposes:

- (1)** An amount, not less than 100 percent of the total estimated cost of the improvement or of the act to be performed, conditioned upon the faithful performance of the required act or **Improvement Agreement**.
- (2)** An additional amount, not less than 50 percent nor more than 100 percent of the total estimated cost of the improvement or the performance of the required act, securing payment to the contractor, to the subcontractors, and to persons furnishing labor, materials, or equipment to them for the improvement or the performance of the required act.

- (3) Whenever an entity required to furnish security in compliance with this Section is a California nonprofit corporation, funded by the United States of America or one of its agencies, or funded by this State or one of its agencies, the entity shall not be required to comply with Subsections (a)(1) and (a)(2), above, if the following conditions are met:
- (A) The contractor installing the improvements has bonded to the nonprofit corporation and the County as co-obligee the amount of 100 percent of the contract for the faithful performance of the work, and has further bonded to the nonprofit corporation and the County as co-obligee an amount of not less than 50 percent of the contract for the payment of labor and materials, and those bonds comply with the provisions of this Section.
  - (B) All monies payable to the contractor by the nonprofit corporation are deposited in a depository complying with the provisions of the **Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Sections 66473 et seq.)** and out of which progress payments are conditioned upon:
    - (I) The contractor's certification to the nonprofit corporation that all labor performed in the work and all materials furnished to and installed in the work, have been paid for in full to the date of the certification.
    - (II) The written approval of the nonprofit corporation.
    - (III) The review and approval of progress payment billings by **County Director of Public Works**. The term "progress payment" as used in this Section shall mean payment made in compliance with the schedule of partial payments agreed upon in the contract for the work. No less than **ten** percent of the total contract price shall be retained for the 60 days following the filing of the Notice of Completion.
    - (IV) Final payment to the contractor not being made until 60 days shall have expired after the filing and recording of the Notice of Completion of the work and written acceptance of the work by the County.
  - (C) All certifications as to progress payments shall be delivered through the U.S. mail to the nonprofit corporation.
- (4) An amount as determined by the County Director of Public Works, but not more than 25 percent of the total estimated cost of improvements or performance of the required act necessary for the guarantee and warranty of the improvement for 12 months following the completion and acceptance, against any defective work or labor done, or defective materials furnished.
- (5) As part of the obligation guaranteed by the security and in addition to the face amount of the security, there shall be included costs and reasonable expenses and

fees, including reasonable attorney's fees incurred by the County in successfully enforcing the obligation secured.

**(c) Type of security required.**

- (1) The furnishing of security in connection with the performance of any act or **Improvement Agreement** shall be one of the following, at the option of and subject to the approval of the Board:
  - (A) Bond or bonds by one or more duly authorized corporate sureties;
  - (B) A deposit, either with the County, responsible bank or trust company, at the option of the County, of money or negotiable bonds of the kind approved for securing deposits of public monies; and
  - (C) A letter or other instrument of credit from one or more financial institutions subject to regulation by the State or Federal government, and pledging that the funds necessary to carry out the act or **Improvement Agreement** are on deposit and guaranteed for payment.
  - (D) Lien Agreement as described in Subsection 87.07.040(d) below.
- (2) Bonds to secure faithful performance and for the benefit of laborers and material of any agreement, shall be in substantially the forms as shown in the **Subdivision Map Act (Government Code Sections 66473 et seq.)**. The money, negotiable bond, or instrument of credit shall be a trust fund to guarantee performance and shall not be subject to enforcement of a money judgment by any creditors of the depositor until the obligation secured thereby is performed to the satisfaction of the County.

**(d) Lien Agreement as Security.**

- (1) As authorized herein, the owner of a "subdivision" (defined for purposes of this paragraph (d) as a residential subdivision with more than five lots up to a maximum lot size of two acres or a commercial or industrial subdivision) may, in lieu of posting the security described in Subsection (c) of this Section, enter into an agreement with the County to construct the required improvements in the future, securing such performance by granting the County a lien on the property to be subdivided. Such an agreement shall be known as a "Lien Agreement."
- (2) Where the Director of the Department of Public Works finds that it could not be in the public interest to require the installation of the required improvements sooner than two years after recordation of the map, the owner of the subdivision may execute a Lien Agreement with the County at the time the owner of the subdivision enters into an Improvement Agreement with the County to construct required improvements pursuant to the Section. A Lien Agreement may also be



used to substitute existing security which was furnished under Subsection (c) of this Section; provided, however, that use of a Lien Agreement as substitution for existing security shall be at the County's sole option. Notwithstanding any provisions of the foregoing to the contrary, however, the county will not accept a Lien Agreement from any owner of a subdivision, either at the time of execution of the Improvement Agreement, or as a substitute for existing security, if any lots have been sold, if construction permits (including but not limited to building or grading permits), have been issued on any of the property, or if construction of any of the required improvements has begun.

(3) Notwithstanding the above, the County may accept a Lien Agreement from any owner of a subdivision as a substitute for existing security if grading has commenced on the land to be divided so long as the grading is in strict accordance with a valid grading permit and all the following are met:

- (A) There is no need for the County to construct the required improvements if the subdivision is abandoned or delayed for any period of time or for any other reason;
- (B) The grading has no effect on the use, operation and maintenance of existing streets or highways, public or private;
- (C) The grading has not caused the modification or closure of any public access points, existing streets or highways, public or private;
- (D) Additional drainage improvement and/or erosion controls are not necessary and/or installed in the road right-of-way due to the grading;
- (E) Delay of the construction of the required improvements for the subdivision do not affect or delay the improvements of an adjacent subdivision project who has already commenced work on his, her or its required improvements.

**(4) Lien Agreements shall:**

Be used only when in the absence of this Subsection, the owner of the subdivision would be required to construct or agree to construct the improvements required by the Director of the Department of Public Works.

- (A) Be used to secure future improvements in easements, rights-of way, rejected offers of dedication or irrevocable offers of dedication
- (B) Be in an approved form acceptable to County Counsel.
- (C) Contain an itemization of the required improvements and an estimate of costs approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works, and

- shall specify that the obligation of the owner of the subdivision or any subsequent owner extends to the actual cost of construction if such costs exceed the estimate.
- (D) Be recorded with the County Recorder and have the priority of a judgment lien as prescribed by Government Code Section 66499(b). The recorded Lien Agreement shall be indexed in the Grantor Index to the names of all record owners of the real property as specified on the map and in the Grantee Index to the County records. From the time of the recordation of the Lien Agreement, a lien shall attach to the property in an amount necessary to complete the required improvements. Under no circumstance shall the County agree to subordinate the lien.
- (E) Be approved concurrently with the approval of the map with a note of the Lien Agreement's existence placed on the map, except where the Lien Agreement is being substituted after map approval for other security already deposited, in which case the Lien Agreement shall be signed and acknowledged by all parties having any record title interest in the real property, as prescribed by Government Code Section 66436, consenting to the subordination of their interests to the Lien Agreement.
- (F) Be allowed only where the owner of the subdivision provides a title insurance policy and current title report from a title company approved by the County that documents that the owner of the subdivision is the record owner of the real property to be divided and the real property to be divided is not subject to any mortgages, deeds of trust, or judgment liens. The title insurance policy and title report shall be issued within the 90 days and ten days prior to the execution of the Lien Agreement.
- (5) The Lien Agreement shall provide that the owner of the subdivision shall substitute acceptable security for the Lien Agreement and commence to construct the required improvements (i) within two years following recordation of the map, or (ii) in the case of a Lien Agreement which has been substituted for existing security, within two years following recordation of the Lien Agreement.
- (6) For Lien Agreements executed at the time of recordation of the map, the time for substitution of acceptable security and commencement of construction of the required improvements may be extended up to two times, each extension for a period not to exceed one year, by the Director of the Department of Public Works. The Director of the Department of Public Works may not grant such extensions if the owner of the subdivision has substituted a Lien Agreement for security originally furnished. The Board of Supervisors, however, on its own motion or at the request of the owner of the subdivision, may grant additional time extensions, on a case-by-case basis, as it deems appropriate, for substitution of acceptable security and commencement of construction of the required improvements pursuant to agreements secured either by (i) Lien Agreements

- executed at the time of recordation of the map, or (ii) Lien Agreements substituted for existing security.
- (7) During the term of the Lien Agreement, legal ownership of the property to be subdivided shall be transferred to a title company approved by the Director of the Department of Public Works. No individual lots may be sold while the Lien Agreement is in force. Fee title to the entire property encumbered by the Lien Agreement, however, or to all lots designated on any individual final map which is encumbered by the Lien Agreement, may be sold in the aggregate to a single purchaser, provided that the proposed purchaser of the property must, prior to assuming title to the property, either (i) execute a new Lien Agreement in a form acceptable to the County which will encumber the property to be conveyed, specifying the respective obligations of the owners of property subject to the original and such new Lien Agreement, or (ii) provide acceptable alternative security for the improvements the County requires be constructed as a condition to development of the property conveyed. Any new Lien Agreement must require that acceptable security be substituted therefore, and the improvements secured thereby commenced by the same date provided in the Lien Agreement with the original owner, unless such date shall be extended as provided above.
- (8) At the time of the approval of a Lien Agreement by the Board of Supervisors, the owner of the subdivision shall provide a cash deposit in the amount of \$15,000 to the Department of Public Works for the purpose of reverting the property to acreage if the owner of the subdivision breaches the terms of the Lien Agreement. In addition, at such time as title to any property subject to a Lien Agreement shall be conveyed, the transferee thereof, if such transferee executes a new Lien Agreement to secure construction of the improvements imposed upon such property as described above, shall also provide a cash deposit in the amount of \$15,000 to the Department of Public Works for the purpose of reverting the property to acreage if the owner of the subdivision breaches the terms of the Lien Agreement. The effect of these requirements shall be that each owner of property which is encumbered by a Lien Agreement shall at all times have \$15,000 per Lien Agreement encumbering such owner's property on deposit with the County for the purpose described herein. Any unused portion of any such deposit shall be refunded to the owner of the subdivision following completion of such reversion. If the costs of reverting the property to acreage exceeds \$15,000, the owner of the subdivision shall pay such additional costs to County prior to recordation of the reversion to acreage map.
- (9) When a Lien Agreement is utilized as security upon approval of the map, offers of dedication for street purposes will not be accepted until the Lien Agreement is released following substitution of acceptable alternative security and the required improvements are completed to the satisfaction of the Director of the Department of Public Works.

- (10) The Lien Agreement shall be released upon (i) substitution by the owner of the subdivision of acceptable security for the Lien Agreement in order to begin construction of the required improvements, or (ii) recordation of a reversion to acreage map.
  - (11) The property to be subdivided must have sufficient equity to cover the estimated delayed infrastructure cost at the time the Lien Agreement is processed. The total estimate of costs shall not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value. The owner of subdivision shall provide documents that will allow for the determination of the property's value, equity, and conditions of title. Appraisals will be performed by a state certified general real estate appraiser.
  - (12) Prior to the approval of any time extension of the Lien Agreement, the Director of the Department Works, in his or her sole discretion, may require the owner of the subdivision to obtain a property appraisal. If the lien amount exceeds fifty percent (50%) of the appraised value, the County may elect the reversion to acreage map utilizing the cash deposit.
  - (13) In no instance shall the Lien Agreement compel the County to construct the required improvements.
  - (14) No Lien Agreement or extension of any Lien Agreement will be valid under this chapter unless entered into on or before December 31, 2015.
- (c) **Forfeiture on failure to complete.** Upon the failure of the owner of the subdivision to complete any improvements and work within two years from the date the Improvement Agreement is executed, the Board may, upon notice in writing served by registered mail addressed to the last known address of the person, firm, or corporation signing the contract, determine that the improvement work or any part of the work is uncompleted and may cause to be forfeited to the County or Flood Control District, the sum of money or bonds given for the faithful performance of the work as may be necessary to complete the work.
- (d) **Exoneration of improvement security.** With the exception of flood control or drainage works inspected by the Flood Control Engineer, it shall be the duty of the County Director of Public Works to inspect or receive certificates of completion of all improvements installed as to their compliance with this Chapter and County standards. The security furnished by the owner of the subdivision may be released as follows:
- (1) Security given for faithful performance of any act or Improvement Agreement shall be released upon the performance of the act or final completion and acceptance of the required work.
  - (2) Security guaranteeing the payment to the contractor, subcontractors, and to persons furnishing labor, materials, or equipment shall, after passage of the time within which claims of lien are required to be recorded in compliance with Civil

Code Article 3 (commencing with Section 3114) of Chapter 2 of Title 15 of Part 4 of Division 3 and other acceptance of the work, be reduced to an amount equal to the total claimed by all claimants for whom claims of lien have been recorded and notice thereof given in writing to the Board, and if no claims have been recorded, the security shall be released in full.

- (3) The release shall not apply to any required guarantee and warranty period, nor to the amount of the security deemed necessary by the County for the guarantee and warranty period, nor to cost and reasonable expenses and fees, including reasonable attorney's fees.
- (4) Maintenance security necessary for guarantee and warranty of the work for a period of 12 months following completion and acceptance thereof against any defective work or labor completed, or defective materials furnished shall be released if no claims of defective work have been filed with the Board. In the event of the defective work, the security shall be held until all work is considered satisfactory and acceptable by the County.

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## CHAPTER 87.08 SOILS REPORTS

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### Sections:

- 87.08.010 Purpose
- 87.08.020 Preliminary Soils Report
- 87.08.030 Final Soils Report
- 87.08.040 Geologic Investigation and Report

### 87.08.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides standards for the preparation and review of soils reports, in compliance with the Map Act Chapter 4, Article 7.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### 87.08.020 Preliminary Soils Report

A preliminary soils report based upon adequate test borings and prepared by a registered civil engineer shall be required for every subdivision for which a Final Map is required or when required as a condition of development when soils conditions warrant the investigation and report. The preliminary soils report shall be submitted with the Tentative Map application.

(a) **Form of report.** A preliminary soils report may be divided into two parts:

- (1) **Soils reconnaissance.** The soil reconnaissance shall include a complete description of the site based on a field investigation of soils matters. The soils matters reviewed shall include stability, erosion, settlement, feasibility of construction of the proposed improvements, description of soils related hazards and problems, and proposed methods of eliminating or reducing these hazards and problems; and
- (2) **Soils investigation and report.** This investigation and report shall include field investigation and laboratory tests with detailed information and recommendations relative to all aspects of grading, filling, and other earthwork, foundation design, pavement design and subsurface drainage.
  - (A) The report shall also recommend any required corrective action for the purpose of preventing structural damage to subdivision improvements and the structures to be constructed on the parcels. The report shall also recommend any special precautions required for erosion control, and the prevention of sedimentation or damage to off-site property.

- (B) If the preliminary soils report indicates the presence of critically expansive soils or other soils problems which, if not corrected, would lead to structural defects or environmental impacts, a subsequent soils investigation of each parcel in the subdivision may be required and shall be submitted to and approved by the Building Official before approval of a Parcel or Final Map.
- (b) **Preliminary soils report waiver.** The preliminary soils report may be waived if the Building Official determines that existing available information on the qualities of the soils of the subdivision makes no preliminary analysis necessary.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.08.030 Final Soils Report**

A final soils report prepared by a registered civil engineer shall be required where a preliminary soils report was required, unless the final report is waived by the Building Official.

- (a) **Filing of report.** The final soils investigation and report shall be filed with the improvement plans.
- (b) **Content of report.**
  - (1) The report shall contain sufficient information to ensure compliance with all recommendations of the preliminary soils report and the specifications for the project.
  - (2) The report shall also contain information relative to soils conditions encountered which differed from that described in the preliminary soils reports, along with any corrections, additions, or modifications not shown on the approved plans.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **87.08.040 Geologic Investigation and Report**

If the Building Official determines that conditions warrant, a geologic investigation and report may also be required.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)



## DIVISION 8 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION

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## CHAPTER 88.01 PLANT PROTECTION AND MANAGEMENT

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### Sections:

- 88.01.010 Purpose
- 88.01.020 Applicability
- 88.01.030 Exempt Activities
- 88.01.040 General Permit Application and Review Requirements
- 88.01.050 Native Tree or Plant Removal Permits
- 88.01.060 Desert Native Plant Protection
- 88.01.070 Mountain Forest and Valley Tree Conservation
- 88.01.080 Riparian Plant Conservation
- 88.01.090 Tree Protection from Insects and Disease

### 88.01.010 Purpose

This Chapter provides regulations and guidelines for the management of plant resources in the unincorporated areas of the County on property or combinations of property under private or public ownership. The intent is to:

- (a) Promote and sustain the health, vigor and productivity of plant life and aesthetic values within the County through appropriate management techniques.
- (b) Conserve the native plant life heritage for the benefit of all, including future generations.
- (c) Protect native trees and plants from indiscriminate removal and to regulate removal activity.
- (d) Provide a uniform standard for appropriate removal of native trees and plants in public and private places and streets to promote conservation of these valuable natural resources.
- (e) Protect and maintain water productivity and quality in local watersheds.
- (f) Preserve habitats for rare, endangered, or threatened plants and to protect animals with limited or specialized habitats.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**88.01.020     Applicability**

The provisions in this Chapter apply to the removal or relocation of regulated trees or plants and to any encroachment (for example, grading) within the protected zone of a regulated tree or plant on all private land within the unincorporated areas of the County and on public lands owned by the County, unless otherwise specified. Nothing in this Chapter shall relieve nor be interpreted to exempt a development from complying with applicable State or Federal laws and regulations.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**88.01.030     Exempt Activities**

The provisions in this Chapter, except those of Section 88.01.090 (Tree Protection From Insects and Disease), shall not apply to the removal of regulated trees or plants that may occur in the following situations. Removal actions shall not authorize the removal of perch trees within an identified American Bald Eagle habitat.

- (a) **Timber operations.** Removal as part of a timber operation conducted in compliance with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Public Resources Code Section 4526 et seq.).
- (b) **Government owned lands.** Removal from lands owned by the United States, State of California, or local governmental entity, excluding Special Districts (i.e., Special Districts shall be subject to the provisions of this Division.).
- (c) **Public utilities.** Removal by a public utility subject to jurisdiction of the Public Utilities Commission or any other constituted public agency, including franchised cable TV, where to establish or maintain safe operation of facilities under their jurisdiction, trees are pruned, topped, or braced.
- (d) **State agencies.** Removal by, or under the authority of, the State of California:
  - (1) Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.
  - (2) Forest Improvement Program.
  - (3) Agricultural Conservation Program.
- (e) **Government laws.** Removal required by other codes, ordinances, or laws of the County, State, or United States.
- (f) **Emergency.** Removal of native trees and plants that are an immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare and that require emergency removal to prevent probable damage to a structure or injury to people or fenced animals.

- (g) **Forest stocking control program.** Removal as part of a stocking control program prepared by a California Registered Professional Forester.
- (h) **Fire hazard reduction program.** Removal as part of a fire hazard reduction program approved by the Fire Chief.
- (i) **Bona fide agricultural activity.** Removal as part of a bona fide agricultural activity, as determined by the Director, which is one of the following:
  - (1) Conducted under a land conservation contract.
  - (2) An existing agricultural activity, including expansions of the activity onto undisturbed contiguous land.
  - (3) A proposed bona fide agricultural activity (i.e., an agricultural activity that is served by a water distribution system adequate for the proper operation of the activity).
    - (A) The Director shall be given 30 days' written notice of the removal describing the:
      - (I) Location of the land.
      - (II) Nature of the proposed activity.
      - (III) Proposed sources of water for the activity.
    - (B) The Director shall notify the landowner in writing before the elapse of the 30-day period if, in the opinion of the Director, the activity is not a bona fide agricultural activity, or else the activity shall be deemed bona fide.
- (j) **Parcel less than 20,000 square feet developed with primary structure.** Removal on parcels that have a net area of 20,000 square feet or less and that are developed with a primary structure, other than a sign structure.
- (k) **Located within 20 feet of permitted structure.** Removal from a parcel of a regulated native plant or tree that is within 20 feet of a structure that was constructed or set down on the parcel under a County development permit.
- (l) **Private fuel wood.** Removal of two or fewer regulated native trees in the Mountain Region or Valley Region per year per acre for private fuel wood purposes. The year shall be measured as the last 12 consecutive months.

(m) **Oak woodlands.** The following projects shall be exempt from the conditions for mitigating the conversion of oak woodlands required in Subsection 88.01.050(e) (Native Tree or Plant Removal Permits Conditions of approval), below, in compliance with Public Resources Code 21083.4:

- (1) Projects undertaken in compliance with a Natural Community Conservation Plan or subarea plan within a Natural Community Conservation Plan, as approved in compliance with Fish and Game Code Section 2800 *et seq.*, that includes oaks as a covered species or that conserves oak habitat through natural community conservation preserve designation and implementation and mitigation measures that are consistent with this Chapter.
- (2) Affordable housing projects for lower income households, as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5, that are located within a city's sphere of influence.
- (3) Projects on agricultural land within an Agricultural Land Use Zoning District that includes land used to produce or process plant and animal products for commercial purposes.
- (4) Projects undertaken in compliance with a State agency's regulatory program certified in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21080.5.

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#### **88.01.040 Regulated Trees and Plants and General Permit**

(a) **Regulated trees and plants.** A regulated tree or plant shall be any of the those trees or plants identified in:

- (1) Section 88.01.060(c) (Regulated desert native plants);
- (2) Section 88.01.070(b) (Regulated trees); or
- (3) Section 88.01.080(b) (Regulated riparian plants).

(b) **Permit for removal required.** A Tree or Plant Removal Permit issued in compliance with Section 88.01.050 (Tree or Plant Removal Requirements) shall be required for the removal of regulated tress and plants.

(c) **Conditions of approval.** The permits required by this Chapter may be subject to conditions imposed by the applicable review authority as identified in Subsection 88.01.050(e) (Tree or Plant Removal Permits - Condition of approval).

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**88.01.050 Tree or Plant Removal Permits**

- (a) **When Tree or Plant Removal Permit required.** A Tree or Plant Removal Permit shall be required for the removal of a regulated tree or plant as identified in this Chapter.
- (1) **Removals in conjunction with land use application or development permit**  
**Director approval.** The Director may approve the removal of regulated trees or plants when requested in conjunction with a land use application, a Building Permit, and all other development permits (e.g., Grading Permits, Mobile Home Setdown Permits, etc.). An approved land use application and/or development permit shall be considered to include a Tree or Plant Removal Permit, if the land use application or development permit specifically reviews and approves the removals. The review of a land use application or development permit shall consider and require compliance with this Chapter.
- (2) **Removals not in conjunction with land use application or development permit**  
**Director approval.** The Director may approve a Tree or Plant Removal Permit for the removal of regulated trees or plants requested not in conjunction with a land use application or development permit.
- (3) **Removals to mitigate fire hazards**  
**Fire Chief approval.** The Fire Chief may approve a Tree or Plant Removal Permit for the removal of regulated trees or plants when requested for the purposes of mitigating fire hazards and independent of a land use application or development permit.
- (b) **Expert certification.** The applicable review authority may require certification from an appropriate arborist, registered professional forester or a Desert Native Plant Expert that the proposed tree removal, replacement, or revegetation activities are appropriate, supportive of a healthy environment, and in compliance with this Chapter. The certification shall include the information in compliance with Department procedures.
- (c) **Preconstruction inspections.** A preconstruction inspection before approval of development permits shall be required in areas with regulated trees or plants to determine the presence of regulated trees and plants. The preconstruction inspection may be combined with any other required inspection.
- (d) **Duration of Tree or Plant Removal Permits.**
- (1) **Removals in conjunction with land use application or development permit.** The duration of a Tree or Plant Removal Permit, when issued in conjunction with a land use application and/or a development permit, shall have the same duration of the associated application or permit, unless otherwise specified.

- (2) **Removals not in conjunction with land use application or development permit.** The applicable review authority shall specify the expiration date for all other Tree or Plant Removal Permits.
- (e) **Conditions of approval.** A Tree or Plant Removal Permit may be subject to the following conditions imposed by the applicable review authority:
- (1) **Types of conditions.** The conditions may specify criteria, methods, and persons authorized to conduct the proposed activities in addition to the requirements in this Chapter.
- (2) **Transplanting or stockpiling.** Where indicated in this Chapter, regulated trees and plants may be required to be transplanted and/or stockpiled for future transplanting.
- (3) **Performance bonds.** The review authority may require the posting and maintenance of a monetary security deposit where necessary to ensure the completion of the required mitigation measures in compliance with Section 86.06.050 (Performance Guarantees).
- (4) **Conversion of oak woodlands.** If a project will result in a conversion of oak woodlands that will have a significant effect on the environment and is not exempt under Subsection 88.01.030(m) (Exempt Activities Oak woodlands), one or more of the conditions in this Subsection may be imposed in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 21083.4. For the purposes of this Subsection, "oak" shall mean a native tree species that is in the genus *Quercus*, which is not designated as Group A or Group B commercial species under regulations adopted by the State Board of Forestry and Fire Protection in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 4526, and which is five inches or more in diameter as measured at a point 4.5 feet (breast height) above natural grade level. The applicable review authority may require certification from a Tree Expert that the proposed mitigation measures are appropriate, supportive of a healthy oak woodland environment, and in compliance with this Subsection. The certification shall include the information in compliance with Department procedures. The conditions that may be imposed include one or more of the following:
- (A) **Preservation.** Preserve existing oak woodlands by recording conservation easements in favor of the County or an approved organization or agency.
- (B) **Replacement or restoration.** Replace or restore former oak woodlands. The review authority may require the planting and maintenance of replacement trees, including replacing dead or diseased trees. The replacement ratio and tree sizes shall be based on the recommendation of an



Oak Reforestation Plan prepared by a registered professional forester. The requirement to maintain trees in compliance with this paragraph shall terminate seven years after the trees are planted.

- (C) **In-lieu mitigation fee.** Contribute in-lieu mitigation fee to the Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund, established under Fish and Game Code Section 1363 for the purpose of purchasing oak woodlands conservation easements. A project applicant who contributes funds in compliance with this Subsection shall not receive or use a grant from the Oak Woodlands Conservation Fund as part of the mitigation for the project. The in-lieu fee for replacement trees shall be calculated based upon their equivalent value as established by the International Society of Arboriculture's (ISA) current edition of *Guide to Establishing Values for Trees and Shrubs*, etc.)
  - (D) **Other mitigation measures.** Perform other mitigation measures as may be required by the review authority (e.g., inch-for-inch off-site replacement planting; transfer of development rights, enrollment of project with offset provider for carbon credits in greenhouse gas emission registry, carbon reduction, and carbon trading system; etc.).
- (f) **Findings for Tree or Plant Removal Permits.** The applicable review authority may authorize the removal of a regulated tree or plant only if the following findings are made:
- (1) **Findings for removals in the Valley Region, Mountain Region, and Desert Region.** The removal of the regulated tree or plant is justified for one of the following reasons:
    - (A) The location of the regulated tree or plant and/or its dripline interferes with an allowed structure, sewage disposal area, paved area, or other approved improvement or ground disturbing activity and there is no other alternative feasible location for the improvement.
    - (B) The location of the regulated tree or plant and/or its dripline interferes with the planned improvement of a street or development of an approved access to the subject or adjoining private property and there is no other alternative feasible location for the improvement.
    - (C) The location of the regulated tree or plant is hazardous to pedestrian or vehicular travel or safety.
    - (D) The regulated tree or plant or its presence interferes with or is causing extensive damage to utility services or facilities, roadways, sidewalks,

curbs, gutters, pavement, sewer line(s), drainage or flood control improvements, foundations, existing structures, or municipal improvements.

- (E) The condition or location of the regulated tree or plant is adjacent to and in such close proximity to an existing or proposed structure that the regulated tree or plant has or will sustain significant damage.
- (2) **Additional findings for removals in the Mountain Region.** In the Mountain Region only, the applicable review authority shall also make all of the following findings:
- (A) Where improvements are proposed, the design of the improvements ensures that at least the following minimum percentage of the subject parcel will be maintained or established in a natural undeveloped vegetated or revegetated condition sufficient to ensure vegetative coverage for a forest environment, as determined by the applicable Review Authority.
    - (I) Twenty percent of commercial, industrial, and administrative/professional uses.
    - (II) Thirty-five percent of multi-family residential uses.
  - (B) At least one half of natural areas for all uses, except single family residential uses, will be located in the front setback area or located so that significant portions are visible from the public right-of-way on which the improvements are to be located.
  - (C) A perch tree within a federally identified American Bald Eagle habitat will not be removed unless an adequate substitution is provided.
  - (D) A Registered Professional Forester has certified in writing that the condition or location of a regulated tree is contributing to overstocked tree stand conditions and that its removal will improve the overall health, safety, and vigor of the stand of trees containing the subject tree.
- (3) In the Desert Region only, the applicable Review Authority shall also make the following findings:
- (A) Joshua trees that are proposed to be removed will be transplanted or stockpiled for future transplanting wherever possible.
  - (B) In the instance of stockpiling, the permittee has complied with Department policy to ensure that Joshua trees are transplanted appropriately. Transplanting shall comply with the provisions of the Desert Native Plants

Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.), as required by Subsection 88.01.060(d) (Compliance with Desert Native Plants Act).

- (C) No other reasonable alternative exists for the development of the land when the removal of specimen size Joshua Trees is requested. Specimen size trees are defined as meeting one or more of the following criteria:
  - (I) A circumference measurement equal to or greater than 50 inches measured at 4.5 feet above natural grade level.
  - (II) Total tree height of 15 feet or greater.
  - (III) Trees possessing a bark-like trunk.
  - (IV) A cluster of 10 or more individual trees, of any size, growing in close proximity to each other.
- (g) **Plot plan requirements.** Before the issuance of a Tree or Plant Removal Permit, a plot plan shall be approved by the applicable Review Authority for each site indicating exactly which trees or plants are authorized to be removed. The required information shall be added to any other required plot plan.
- (h) **Construction standards.** During construction and before final inspection under a development permit, the following construction standards shall apply, unless otherwise approved in writing by an arborist, registered professional forester, or a Desert Native Plant Expert:
  - (1) **Enclosures.** The trunks of regulated trees and regulated plants shall not be enclosed within rooflines or decking.
  - (2) **Attachments.** Utilities, construction signs, or other hardware shall not be attached so as to penetrate or abrade any live regulated tree or plant.
  - (3) **Grade alterations.** No grade alterations shall bury any portion of a regulated tree or plant or significantly undercut the root system within the dripline.
- (i) **Enforcement.**
  - (1) **Other applicable Code provisions.** The provisions of Chapter 86.09 (Enforcement) shall apply to this Chapter.
  - (2) **Enforcement authorities.** The authorities responsible for the enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter shall be the same as the review authorities responsible for permit approvals as specified in this Section. In addition, the provisions of

this Chapter may be enforced by the California Department of Forestry, where applicable.

- (3) **Extension of time.** If property is subject to snow, flooding, or other conditions that render compliance with the provisions of this Chapter within the specified time periods impractical because of inaccessibility, an enforcement officer may extend the period of time for compliance.
- (4) **Powers of enforcement officers.**
  - (A) A peace officer or any authorized enforcement officer may in the enforcement of this Section:
    - (I) Make arrests without warrant for a violation of this Chapter that the officer may witness.
    - (II) Confiscate regulated native trees or plants, or parts of them, that are unlawfully harvested, possessed, sold, or otherwise obtained in violation of this Chapter.
  - (B) In addition, a designated enforcement officer shall be authorized and directed to enter in or upon any premises or other place, train, vehicle, or other means of transportation within or entering the State, which is suspected of containing or having present regulated plants in violation of this Chapter in order to examine permits and wood receipts and observe tags and seals and to otherwise enforce the provisions of this Chapter.
- (5) **When enforcement officer vested with power of peace officer.** When power or authority is given by this Chapter to a person, it may be exercised by any deputy, inspector, or agent duly authorized by that person. A person in whom the enforcement of a provision of this Chapter is vested shall have the power of a peace officer as to that enforcement, which shall include State or Federal agencies with which cooperative agreements have been made by the County to enforce the provisions of this Chapter.
- (6) **Written permission of landowner required for removal.** No person shall remove or damage all or part of any regulated tree or plant on the property of another person without first obtaining notarized written permission from the landowner and required permits, wood receipts, or tags and seals. In addition, it shall be unlawful for a person to falsify a document offered as evidence of permission to enter upon the property of another to harvest all or parts of a regulated tree or plant, whether alive or dead.

(7) **Permit available for display and inspection.** No person, except as provided in this Chapter, shall harvest, offer for sale, destroy, dig up or mutilate, or have in his or her possession a regulated plant or tree, or the living or dead parts of them, unless the plant or tree was harvested under a valid permit and, where applicable, a valid wood receipt on his or her person. A person shall exhibit the permit, wood receipt, tags and/or seals upon request for inspection by an authorized County enforcement officer or any peace officer. No wood receipt or tag and seal shall be valid unless it is issued with a valid permit and the permit bears the wood receipt number or tag number on its face. Required tags and seals shall be attached securely to a regulated desert native plant.

(8) **Land Disturbance.** No person, except as provided in this Chapter, shall commence with a disturbance of land (e.g., grading or land clearing) without first obtaining approval to assure that said disturbance will not result in the removal of any regulated native trees or plants. Said approval may be in the form of a development permit or a Tree or Plant Removal Permit issued by the appropriate authority.

(j) **Penalties.** Penalties shall be those specified in Chapter 86.09 (Enforcement) and shall include the following and any other penalties specified by individual Sections of this Chapter.

(1) **Fine for illegal removal.**

- (A) In addition to other penalties and fees imposed by this Development Code or other law, a person, firm, or corporation convicted of a violation of the provisions of this Chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor upon conviction.
- (B) When one or more plants or trees are removed in violation of the provisions of this Chapter, the removal of each separate plant or tree shall be a new and separate offense.
- (C) The penalty for the offense shall be a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1,000, or six months in jail, or both.
- (D) Payment of a penalty shall not relieve a person, firm, or corporation from the responsibility of correcting the condition resulting from the violation.

**(2) Replacement program for illegal removal.**

- (A) In addition to other penalties imposed by this Development Code or other law, a person, firm, or corporation convicted of violating the provisions of this Chapter regarding improper removal of regulated native trees or plants shall be required to retain, as appropriate, a Tree Expert or Desert Native Plant Expert to develop and implement a replacement program.
- (B) The expert shall determine the appropriate number, size, species, location, and planting conditions for replacement plants or trees in sufficient quantities to revegetate the illegally disturbed area.
- (C) If it is inappropriate to revegetate the illegally disturbed area, another appropriate location (e.g., public parks) may be substituted at the direction of the court.
- (D) The violator shall post a bond in an amount sufficient to remove and reinstall plant/tree materials that were planted as a part of a replacement program and failed within two years.

**(3) Revocation of permits.**

- (A) Upon conviction of a violation of this Chapter, all Tree or Plant Removal Permits issued to the convicted person, firm, or corporation shall be revoked.
- (B) No new or additional Tree or Plant Removal Permits shall be issued to the permittee for a period of one year from the date of conviction.
- (C) Additionally, in the Desert Region the permittee shall be required to surrender unused wood receipts or tags and seals to the Director.

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**88.01.060 Desert Native Plant Protection**

This Section provides regulations for the removal or harvesting of specified desert native plants in order to preserve and protect the plants and to provide for the conservation and wise use of desert resources. The provisions are intended to augment and coordinate with the Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.) and the efforts of the State Department of Food and Agriculture to implement and enforce the Act.

- (a) **Definitions.** Terms and phrases used within this Section shall be defined in Division 10 (Definitions) and/or defined by the California Food and Agricultural Code. The California Food and Agricultural Code definition, if one exists, shall prevail over a conflicting definition in this Development Code.
- (b) **Applicability.** The provisions of this Section shall apply to desert native plants specified in Subsection (c) (Regulated desert native plants) that are growing on any of the following lands, unless exempt in compliance with Section 88.01.030 (Exempt Activities):
- (1) Privately owned or publicly owned land in the Desert Region.
  - (2) Privately owned or publicly owned land in any parts of the Mountain Region in which desert native plants naturally grow in a transitional habitat.
- (c) **Regulated desert native plants.** The following desert native plants or any part of them, except the fruit, shall not be removed except under a Tree or Plant Removal Permit in compliance with Section 88.01.050 (Tree or Plant Removal Permits). In all cases the botanical names shall govern the interpretation of this Section.
- (1) The following desert native plants with stems two inches or greater in diameter or six feet or greater in height:
    - (A) *Dalea spinosa* (smoketree).
    - (B) All species of the genus *Prosopis* (mesquites).
  - (2) All species of the family *Agavaceae* (century plants, nolinias, yuccas).
  - (3) Creosote Rings, 10 feet or greater in diameter.
  - (4) All Joshua trees.
  - (5) Any part of any of the following species, whether living or dead:
    - (A) *Olneya tesota* (desert ironwood).
    - (B) All species of the genus *Prosopis* (mesquites).
    - (C) All species of the genus *Cercidium* (palos verdes).

- (d) **Compliance with Desert Native Plants Act.** Removal actions of all plants protected or regulated by the Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.) shall comply with the provisions of the Act before the issuance of a development permit or approval of a land use application.

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#### **88.01.070 Mountain Forest and Valley Tree Conservation**

This Section provides regulations to promote conservation and wise use of forest resources in the Mountain Region and native tree resources in the Valley Region. The provisions are intended to augment and coordinate with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Public Resources Code Section 4526 et seq.) and the efforts of the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection to implement and enforce the Act.

(a) **Applicability.**

- (1) **Private harvesting.** The provisions of this Section apply to the private harvesting of all trees growing on private land and on public land in the unincorporated Mountain Region and Valley Region.
  - (2) **Commercial harvesting.** The commercial harvesting of trees shall be prohibited, except as allowed by and authorized by the State Department of Forestry and Fire Protection in compliance with the Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Public Resources Code Section 4526 et seq.).
- (b) **Regulated trees.** The following trees shall only be removed with an approved Tree or Plant Removal Permit issued in compliance with Section 88.01.050 (Tree or Plant Removal Permits):
- (1) **Native trees.** A living, native tree with a six inch or greater stem diameter or 19 inches in circumference measured 4.5 feet above natural grade level.
  - (2) **Palm trees.** Three or more palm trees in linear plantings, which are 50 feet or greater in length within established windrows or parkway plantings, shall be considered to be heritage trees and shall be subject to the provisions of this Chapter regarding native trees.
- (c) **Tree protection from insects and disease.** For regulations on the treatment and disposition of felled trees, see Section 88.01.090 (Tree Protection from Insects and Disease).

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**88.01.080 Riparian Plant Conservation**

This Section provides regulations to promote healthy and abundant riparian habitats that protect watersheds; control transmission and storage of natural water supplies; provide unique wildlife habitats for rare, endangered and threatened plants and animals; provide attractive environments; control natural soil erosion and sedimentation to protect stream banks subject to erosion and undercutting; and provide sufficient shade to reduce temperature and evaporation and the growth of algae in streams. The provisions of this Section are intended to augment and coordinate with the responsibilities of the California Department of Fish and Game.

**(a) Applicability.**

- (1) Applicable areas.** The provisions of this Section shall apply to all riparian areas located on private land in all zones within the unincorporated areas of the County and to riparian areas on public land owned by the County, unless exempt as specified by Section 88.01.030 (Exempt Activities) and by Subsection (2) (Exemptions), below.
- (2) Exemptions.** The provisions of this Section shall not apply to:
  - (A) Emergency Flood Control District operations or water conservation measures established and authorized by an appropriate independent Special District.
  - (B) An area that has an existing man-made impervious structure, which is greater than 120 square feet in roof area, between the area proposed to be disturbed by a development permit and the bank of a subject stream, as measured in a straight line perpendicular to the centerline of the stream.

**(b) Regulated riparian plants.**

- (1) Vegetation described.** The removal of vegetation within 200 feet of the bank of a stream, or in an area indicated as a protected riparian area on an overlay map or Specific Plan, shall require approval of a Tree or Plant Removal Permit in compliance with Section 88.01.050 (Tree or Plant Removal Permits) shall be subject to environmental review.
  - (2) Streams.** For the purposes of this Section, streams include those shown on United States Geological Survey Quadrangle topographic maps as perennial or intermittent, blue or brown lines (solid or dashed), and river wash areas.
- (c) Preconstruction inspections.** Preconstruction inspections shall include the verification of the presence of riparian vegetation.
- (d) Conditions of approval.** Conditions of approval for removal of riparian vegetation may be imposed in addition to, and in combination with, any condition imposed in compliance with Section 88.01.050 (Tree or Plant Removal Permits).

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#### **88.01.090 Tree Protection from Insects and Disease**

This Section provides regulations for the treatment and disposition of felled trees in the Mountain Region to protect against damaging insects (e.g. bark beetles) and diseases. The intent is to mitigate the serious danger posed to forests from coniferous trees that are cut in land clearing operations and are then allowed to remain exposed and untreated against noxious insects, which then multiply in the felled trees to later attack and damage healthy coniferous trees.

- (a) **Applicability.** The provisions in this Section apply to coniferous trees located on land in the Mountain Region. Every person, firm, or corporation, whether as principal, agent, or employee, that has control of, right of entry on, or access to land in the Mountain Region shall comply with this Section.
- (b) **Treatment of felled trees.** Except as otherwise provided by this Section, felled coniferous trees, portions of trees, and stumps shall be treated in compliance with at least one, or a combination, of the following methods and the method in Subsection (c) (Stump treatment), below, within 15 days after a coniferous tree has been cut.
  - (1) Remove to a solid waste disposal site specifically designated by the County for this type of use.
  - (2) Burn sufficiently to consume the bark, when allowed by the Fire Department and the Air Pollution Control District.
  - (3) Lop and scatter material less than four inches in diameter so that it is piled no higher than 24 inches above the ground, when allowed by the Fire Department.
  - (4) Remove the bark
  - (5) Chip or grind.
  - (6) Split and scatter with bark toward the sun for a minimum of 45 consecutive days or until final inspection is completed, whichever is less.
  - (7) Stack in the sun and cover with six mil clear plastic, which has a continuous seal from the outside and for at least 180 days.
  - (8) Spray with a commercial insecticide, as approved by the Agricultural Commissioner for these insects and purposes.

- (9) Treat under any other method approved by the enforcement officer in writing.
- (c) **Stump treatment.** Fresh cut stumps of live coniferous trees shall be protected from infection by Annosus Root Rot (*Fomes annosus*) with borax powder (granular tech, 10 mole) as soon as possible after felling, covering the entire newly exposed cut and/or broken surface completely with a thin uniform layer of white borax within two hours.
- (d) **Inspections.** In the case of construction activity, the Building Official shall not approve development permit inspections until felled coniferous trees, portions of trees, and stumps are treated in compliance with this Section.
- (e) **Certificate of compliance.** Where trees have been treated by an approved method and the evidence of treatment is not readily observable to the inspector on the construction site, the Building Official shall require a permittee to obtain a certificate that the treatment has been completed in an acceptable manner. The certificate may be from one of the following authorities:
- (1) Fire Chief.
  - (2) Agricultural Commissioner.
  - (3) Appropriately certified Pest Control Adviser as defined in Food and Agriculture Code Section 11401 et seq.
  - (4) Qualified Applicator as defined in Food and Agriculture Code Section 11401 et seq.
- (f) **Extension of time of enforcement.** If compliance with Subsection (b) (Treatment of felled trees) and Subsection (c) (Stump treatment) within the specified time periods is impractical because of inaccessibility to the cut timber due to snow or flooding, an enforcement officer may extend the period of time for compliance.

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## CHAPTER 88.02 SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

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### Sections:

- 88.02.010 Purpose
- 88.02.020 Applicability
- 88.02.030 Exempt Activities
- 88.02.040 Dust Control - Desert Region
- 88.02.050 Wind-Borne Soil Erosion

### **88.02.010 Purpose**

The Chapter establishes uniform standards and processes for regulating development that disturbs the surface of lands. The intent of these provisions is to:

- (a) Ensure conservation of soil, water, and other valuable natural resources.
- (b) Reduce erosion and maintain soil productivity.
- (c) Maintain healthy environments and air quality.
- (d) Guide the planning and evaluation of proposed development.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

### **88.02.020 Applicability**

Each Section in this Chapter describes activities that disturb land surfaces and the applicable regions; identifies required permits and plans for the activities; and provides regulations to mitigate the adverse impact of the activities.

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### **88.02.030 Exempt Activities**

The intent of this Section is not to invalidate existing discretionary permits, but rather to prevent or mitigate accelerated erosion. The following activities shall be exempt from the provisions of this Chapter, except Section 82.13.080(c) (General erosion control requirements) and conditions of accelerated erosion existing before adoption of this Development Code.

- (a) **Activities not resulting in land disturbance.** Activities where the Building Official recognizes that no land disturbance will take place, including:
  - (1) Change of use permits where there would be no expansion of land disturbing activities.
  - (2) Construction within an existing structure.
- (b) **Agricultural activities.** Agricultural grading and routine agricultural activities (e.g., plowing, harrowing, disking, ridging, listing, land planning, and similar operations to prepare a field for a crop, including routine clearing to maintain existing rangeland, etc.)
- (c) **Land clearing activities for fire prevention.** Land clearing and vegetation clearance around structures as required by State and local fire codes and fire prevention guidelines. Land clearing shall be limited to that required to comply with applicable fire codes and regulations.
- (d) **Resource management activities.** Clearing, fuel management, reforestation, erosion control, or other resource management programs that are carried out under the auspices of a government agency and that include appropriate erosion control measures. Agencies should notify the Building Official of these types of projects.
- (e) **Road/utility construction and maintenance activities.** Road construction and maintenance as well as installation of utilities in compliance with plans and procedures approved by the Director of Public Works; provided that adequate measures, consistent with the intent of this Chapter, have been taken to control erosion and the flow of sediment into lakes, streams, and drainage courses.
- (f) **Septic system and well installation and repair activities.** Activities in compliance with a valid permit for septic system installation and repair or well drilling; however Subsection 82.13.080(e)(4) (Land Clearing Measures - Installation and maintenance of protection) and Subsection 82.13.080(f)(1) (Winter operation measures - Winter operation erosion control measures) shall apply and sediment from the septic system installation and repair or well drilling activities shall not be allowed to enter a stream or body of water.
- (g) **Soil testing activities.** Routine testing of soil type and characteristics to determine soil suitability, water percolation, or similar soil tests; provided, however, that sediment from these activities shall not be allowed to enter a stream, drainage course, or body of water.
- (h) **Timber harvesting activities.** Timber harvesting activities subject to and in compliance with a valid Timber Harvest Plan approved in compliance with the

Z'berg-Nejedly Forest Practice Act of 1973 (Public Resources Code Section 4526 et seq.).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

#### **88.02.040      Dust Control - Desert Region**

This Section provides regulations for disturbances to fragile desert soils in order to reduce the amount of fugitive dust that may (for long periods of time) adversely affect those who own; possess, control; or use residential parcels of land; and those who are located downwind of a residential parcel of land whose surface is being disturbed.

- (a) **Applicability.** The provisions in this Section apply to parcels in the Desert Region that are one acre or greater in size and are utilized for residential purposes.
- (b) **Permit requirements.** A land use permit shall not be required for grading, land clearing, or vegetation removal activities that comply with Subsection (c) (Dust control standards Desert Region), below. If more extensive grading, land clearing, or vegetation removal activities are proposed than allowed in Subsection (c), the activities shall be require approval of a Site Plan Permit in compliance with Chapter 85.08 (Site Plan Permit).
- (c) **Dust control standards Desert Region.** Land shall be cleared or natural vegetation shall be removed only in order to provide for the installation of building pads, driveways, landscaping, agriculture, or some other structure or allowed use normally related or accessory to residential uses. **No person, except as provided in this Chapter, shall commence with a disturbance of land (e.g., grading or land clearing) without first obtaining approval to assure that said disturbance will not result in a significant increase of fugitive dust. Said approval may be in the form of a development permit.**

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#### **88.02.050      Wind-Borne Soil Erosion**

This Section provides regulations to conserve soil resources and to minimize the injurious effects of dust storms.

- (a) **Statement of hazardous wind erosion conditions.** The Board finds and determines that:
  - (1) **Existence of hazardous wind erosion conditions.** Serious and hazardous wind erosion problems exist within portions of the County creating conditions that adversely affect the health, safety, welfare, and property of residents of the County.

- (2) **Reasons for hazardous wind erosion conditions.** These conditions exist because of:
- (A) Improper and untimely disturbance of the surface or subsurface of land, the soil of which is coarse textured and of a sandy nature; and
  - (B) The character and the presence of strong prevailing winds, seasonal and otherwise, that progressively erode land and blow soil in substantial quantity onto public and private property.
- (3) **Public nuisance.** The hazardous wind erosion conditions constitute a public nuisance.
- (4) **Areas of hazardous wind erosion conditions.** Hazardous wind erosion conditions are prevalent and in need of immediate correction within the boundaries of property described in Subsection (b) (Applicability), below.
- (b) **Applicability.** The following areas of the County shall be subject to the provisions of this Section:
- (1) **Unincorporated area near Rancho Cucamonga in the Valley Region.** Beginning at the north quarter corner of Section 26, Township 1 north, Range 7 west, San Bernardino Meridian, said corner being also the centerline intersection of Hermosa and Wilson Avenues;  
Thence north along said centerline of Hermosa Avenue and its prolongation to the southerly boundary of the San Bernardino National Forest;  
Thence easterly along said southerly boundary, following all of its various courses to the centerline of Interstate 15;  
Thence southwesterly along said centerline to the centerline of East End Avenue;  
Thence south along said centerline of East End Avenue and its prolongation to the boundary of San Bernardino County;  
Thence west along said County boundary and continuing along said County boundary, following all of its various courses to the centerline of State Highway 71;  
Thence northerly along said centerline of State Highway 71 to the centerline of Euclid Ave.;  
Thence northerly along said centerline of Euclid Ave. to the north quarter corner of Section 30, Township 1 north, Range 7 west, said corner being also the centerline intersection of Euclid Ave. and 24th Street;  
Thence easterly along said centerline of 24th street to the point of beginning.



- (2) **Unincorporated area In Wonder Valley Fire and Road District in the Desert Region.** That territory commonly known as Wonder Valley and more particularly described as follows:

T2N, R9E, Sections 25 and 36;  
T2N, R9E, Sections 1, 12, 13 and 24;  
T1N, R10E, Sections 1 through 25;  
T1N, R11E, Sections 1 through 30; and  
T1N, R12E, Sections 1 through 30.

- (3) **Other unincorporated territory.** On recommendation of the Agricultural Commissioner and with the approval of the Board, additional unincorporated areas of the County may be made subject to this Section when conditions exist as stated in Subsection (a) (Statement of hazardous wind erosion conditions), above.

- (4) **Territory within city limits.** The Agricultural Commissioner may enforce the provisions of this Section within the city limits of any city located in the County upon the occurrence of all of the following:

- (A) Adoption by the governing body of the city of all provisions of this Section (excluding those in this Subsection (b) (Applicability)).
- (B) Designation of the city's geographical area to which the provisions of this Chapter shall apply.
- (C) Entrance by the city into a contract with the County for enforcement of this Chapter by the Agricultural Commissioner. The Board's Fee Resolution shall set the fee for enforcement.

- (c) **Dust prevention required.** To conserve the soil resources within the areas described in Subsection (b) (Applicability), above, and to minimize the injurious effects of dust storms, the owner and all persons in possession of real property within the identified areas shall take reasonable measures and means to prevent dust blowing from the property.

- (d) **Soil Erosion Permit - When required.** A Soil Erosion Permit issued by the Agricultural Commissioner shall be required before undertaking activities that will result in:

- (1) Disturbing the surface or subsurface of land by excavating, leveling, cultivating, discing, plowing, blading, removing residues, natural or planted tree, vine or root crops; or by distributing or spreading a substantial quantity of similar soil on the land; or

- (2) Aggravating erosion, whether by any of the activities described in Subparagraph (1), above, or by the recreational use of off-road vehicles at any time;
- (e) **Exempt activities.** A Soil Erosion Permit shall not be required to disturb the surface or subsurface of the land under the following circumstances; however, prevention of blowing dust as required by Subsection (c) (Dust prevention required) shall still apply:
  - (1) When activities are required by another ordinance, statute, rule or regulation.
  - (2) When necessary to grade, trench, or otherwise install, repair or replace utility services within the boundaries of utility or public rights-of-way when the activities are completed within 72 hours.
  - (3) When the disturbance or proposed activity is confined to an area of one acre or less.
  - (4) When a viticulturist properly utilizes a Noble blade to control weed growth within a vineyard.
  - (5) When the soil disturbance occurs as an agricultural practice within an Agricultural Preserve established in compliance with Chapter 86.10 (Agricultural Preserves/Land Conservation Contract Actions).
- (f) **Permit application filing, processing, and review procedures.**
  - (1) **Permit application.** An application for the Soil Erosion Permit shall be made in writing to the Agricultural Commissioner on forms provided by the County.
  - (2) **Contents of application.** The application shall include the following information:
    - (A) Applicant's name, address, and phone number.
    - (B) Location and Assessor's Parcel Number of the property.
    - (C) A description of the cause and purpose of the soil disruption.
    - (D) A description of the protective measures to be used by the applicant.
    - (E) Approximate starting and completion dates of the soil disruption and building construction/landscaping.
    - (F) Name and telephone number of the responsible person during windy periods.

- (G) Other information as is required to enable the Agricultural Commissioner to fix and prescribe appropriate conditions that will prevent or minimize wind erosion of the permittee's soil.
  - (3) **Permit fees.** The fee for a Soil Erosion Permit shall be identified in the Planning Fee Schedule.
  - (4) **Conditions.** The Soil Erosion Permit shall be subject to conditions that the Agricultural Commissioner may impose to ensure that surface protection is provided before, during, and/or after the time of the disturbance of the surface or subsurface of the land. Protective measures required by the Agricultural Commissioner shall be provided by means of agricultural measures or any other effective method, or combination of methods, of holding the soil in place.
  - (5) **Notification of decision.** The Agricultural Commissioner shall inform the applicant in writing of the Agricultural Commissioner's decision. The notification shall include a description of the right to an appeal and the 10-day deadline for filing an appeal as required in Section 88.02.050(j) (Appeals), below.
  - (6) **Annual permit renewals and fee payments.** Annual renewal and payment of appropriate fees shall be required until the Agricultural Commissioner releases the permittee from the permittee's obligations under the permit in compliance with Subsection (7), (Continuing obligation to prevent erosion until release), below.
  - (7) **Continuing obligation to prevent erosion until release.** In order to prevent the soil on the land from being eroded by wind and blown onto public roads or other public or private property, the permittee's obligations under the Soil Erosion Permit shall continue in force and effect, regardless of whether the permit has been renewed as required by Subsection (6) (Annual permit renewals and fee payments), until the Agricultural Commissioner has notified the permittee in writing that the permittee's obligations under the Soil Erosion Permit are released.
- (g) **Agricultural Commissioner authority.**
- (1) **Authorized actions.** Subject to the restrictions in this Section regarding constitutional freedoms and laws respecting rights of privacy, the Agricultural Commissioner shall have authority, at all reasonable times, to enforce this Section and to:
    - (A) Enter upon any property to investigate for violations of this Section.
    - (B) Detain any person for purposes of investigation.

- (C) Issue Temporary Stop Work Orders in compliance with Subsection (i) (Temporary Stop Work Orders), below.
- (D) Issue a citation to a person committing a misdemeanor or an infraction offense under this Section within the presence of the Agricultural Commissioner.

**(2) Inspection or abatement.**

- (A) The inspection or abatement of a structure or private property shall be made:
  - (I) With the consent of the owner or occupant of the property; or
  - (II) If consent is refused, with a warrant issued in compliance with California Code of Civil Procedure Section 1822.50 (Title 13 [Inspection Warrants] of Part 3 [Special Proceedings of a Civil Nature]).
- (B) However, in the event of an emergency affecting the public health or safety, an inspection or abatement may be made without consent or the issuance of a warrant.

**(h) Abatement of hazardous conditions.**

- (1) **Notice of hazardous conditions.** When land presents a hazardous condition that may affect the health, safety, and welfare of neighboring residents (because of the condition of the land with regard to loose soil and windy conditions), the landowners of record shall be notified by the Agricultural Commissioner in writing by first class mail of the conditions.
- (2) **Deadline for abatement.** If these conditions are not corrected within 30 days of the mailing of the notice, the Agricultural Commissioner may order the conditions to be corrected as reasonably and economically as possible in compliance with the discretion of the Agricultural Commissioner. However, when time is of the essence and emergency action is necessary to put into effect these protective provisions, the Agricultural Commissioner may take immediate steps to abate the hazardous soil erosion condition.
- (3) **Assessment of abatement costs.**
  - (A) The County Auditor shall pay the cost of the abatements that may be conducted by the County from the funds of the Agricultural Commissioner.

- (B) The total cost of each abatement shall be computed and an administrative fee of 20 percent of the cost shall be added to the bill.
  - (C) A bill for the entire sum of the costs and administrative fee shall be mailed to the owner of record of the subject land, as determined by and at the address in the County Assessor's records. A copy of the bill shall be sent to the County Auditor. The bill shall include an itemized statement covering the work necessary for the abatement of the hazardous condition.
  - (D) If the record owner of the land or his agent does not pay the bill within 30 days after the mailing, the Agricultural Commissioner shall certify to the Auditor the demands remaining unpaid on the bill, together with any other information required by law. The County Auditor shall enter the amount of the bill on the tax roll as a special assessment and tax lien on the property from which abatement of the hazardous condition was accomplished. The special assessment shall be included on the next succeeding tax statement. From that time forward, the amounts of the assessment shall be
    - (I) Collected at the same time and in the same manner as County taxes are collected, and
    - (II) Subject to the same penalties and the same procedure and sale in cases of delinquencies as provided for ordinary taxes.
- (4) **Cancellation or refund of abatement assessments.** All or any portion of the assessment entered, shall, on order of the Board of Supervisors, be cancelled by the County Auditor if uncollected, or refunded by the County Treasurer under the order of the Board of Supervisors, if the assessment was entered, charged, or paid:
- (A) More than once.
  - (B) Through clerical error.
  - (C) Through the error of the Board of Supervisors or of the Agricultural Commissioner in respect to any material fact, including the case where the expense records indicate the County abated a hazardous condition on the property, but in fact no hazardous condition existed on the property or the County did not abate the hazardous condition existing on the property.
  - (D) Illegally.

- (E) On property acquired after the lien by the State or any city, county, school district or other public entity, and because of public ownership the property is not subject to sale for delinquent taxes.
- (5) **Eligibility requirements for refund claims.** No order for refund shall be made except on a claim that is:
  - (A) Verified by the person who paid the special assessment or the representative of that person or that person's estate; and
  - (B) Filed within three years after making the payment to be refunded.
- (i) **Temporary Stop Work Orders.**
  - (1) **Issuance.** The Agricultural Commissioner may issue a Temporary Stop Work Order and the subject soil disturbing operation shall immediately be stopped, whether a permit has been issued or not, when:
    - (A) A permit has been issued, but not all of the permit requirements have been complied with. The Temporary Stop Work Order may require that all work cease until all the permit requirements have been met.
    - (B) Operations are in progress, with a permit or not, and weather conditions are causing substantial dust to be carried into the air. The Temporary Stop Work Order may require the cessation of all work until the current dust air pollution is abated.
    - (C) Operations are in progress, regardless of weather conditions, and a soil disturbance permit has not been issued.
  - (2) **Appeal not allowed.** A Temporary Stop Work Order shall not be subject to an appeal.
- (j) **Appeals.**
  - (1) **Eligible appellant.** Upon receipt to the Agricultural Commissioner's written decision to deny a Soil Erosion Permit or to impose conditions on the issuance of a Soil Erosion Permit, an applicant may appeal the decision to the Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board.
  - (2) **Filing deadline.** The appeal shall be filed in writing within 10 working days of the Agricultural Commissioner's action.

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- (3) **Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board.** The Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board shall consist of the following members:
- (I) An employee of the Office of the Agricultural Commissioner, but not any employee who acted on the subject permit request of the appellant;
  - (II) An employee of the General Services Group; and
  - (III) A designee of the Inland Empire West Resource Conservation District.
- (4) **Notice and date of hearing.** The Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board shall, upon receipt of an appeal set the matter for hearing and shall notify the appellant of the hearing date at least 15 days before the date. If the appellant resides outside the County, the period of notice shall be at least 25 days.
- (5) **Action by Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board.** The Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Appeals Board shall act on the appeal and its determination shall be conclusive.
- (6) **Notification of Board's decision.** Notification of the Soil Erosion and Dust Prevention Board's decision shall be mailed to the appellant.
- (k) **Violation.** Failure to comply with the terms of a Soil Erosion Permit shall be unlawful. A violation of this Section or the terms of the permit may be found without present evidence of blowing sand or soil erosion.
- (l) **Penalties for violation.** Unless otherwise provided, a person, firm, company, or corporation violating the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor as specified below. Each day or portion of a day in which the violation exists shall be a new and separate offense.
- (1) **First and second violations.** Any person convicted shall be:
- (A) Guilty of an infraction offense and punished by fine not exceeding \$100.00 and not less than \$50.00 for a first violation.
  - (B) Guilty of an infraction offense and punished by a fine not exceeding \$200.00, but not less than \$100.00 for a second violation.
  - (C) Notwithstanding the above, a first or second offense may be charged and prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

- (2) **Third and additional violations.** The third and any additional violations shall constitute a misdemeanor offense and shall be punishable by a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 and not less than \$500.00 or six months in jail, or both.
- (3) **Correction required even if penalty paid.** Payment of a penalty shall not relieve a person, firm, corporation, or other entity from responsibility for correcting the condition resulting from the violation.

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## CHAPTER 88.03 SURFACE MINING AND LAND RECLAMATION

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### 88.03.010 Purpose

- (a) **Extraction of minerals essential to County economic well-being.** The County recognizes that the extraction of minerals is essential to the continued economic well-being of the County and its residents and to societal needs and that the reclamation of mined lands is necessary to prevent or minimize adverse effects on the environment and to protect the public health and safety.
- (b) **Surface mining in diverse areas.** The County also recognizes that surface mining takes place in diverse areas where the geologic, topographic, climatic, biological, and social conditions are significantly different and that reclamation operations and their related specifications may vary accordingly.
- (c) **Purpose and intent.** The purpose and intent of this Chapter is to ensure the continued availability of important mineral resources, while regulating surface mining operations as required by:
  - (1) California's Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Sections 2710 et seq.) (SMARA).
  - (2) Public Resources Code Section 2207 (relating to annual reporting requirements).

- (3) State Mining and Geology Board regulations ("State regulations") for surface mining and reclamation practice (California Code of Regulations Sections 3500 et seq.) to ensure that:
  - (A) Adverse environmental effects are prevented or minimized and that mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition that is readily adaptable for alternative land uses.
  - (B) The production and conservation of minerals are encouraged, while giving consideration to values relating to recreation, watershed, wildlife, range and forage, and aesthetic enjoyment.
  - (C) Residual hazards to the public health and safety are eliminated.

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#### **88.03.020 Incorporation of SMARA and State Regulations**

- (a) **Incorporation of SMARA and State Regulations.** The provisions of the California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (Public Resources Code Section 2710 et seq.), Public Resources Code Section 2207, and the regulations implementing the act (California Code of Regulations Section 3500 et seq.) ("State Regulations") are made a part of this Chapter by reference with the same force and effect as if the provisions were specifically and fully contained in this Chapter; except that when the provisions of this Chapter are more restrictive than correlative State provisions, this Chapter shall prevail.
- (b) **Amendments to SMARA.** In the event that the State amends SMARA to the extent that it adds to or conflicts with this Chapter, State law shall prevail.

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#### **88.03.030 Applicability**

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to all public and private property in the unincorporated areas of the County.

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#### **88.03.040 Permit, Plan, And Financial Assurance Requirements**

- (a) **Approval of Conditional Use Permit, Reclamation Plan, and financial assurance required.** Unless exempted by SMARA, State Regulations, or Subsection (b) (Exemptions), below, any person who proposes to engage in surface mining operations

shall, before the commencement of the operation, obtain County approval of a Conditional Use Permit, Reclamation Plan, and financial assurances for reclamation in compliance with this Chapter. An exemption from these approval requirements shall not automatically exempt a project or activity from the application of other County regulations, ordinances, or policies (e.g., the application of CEQA; the requirements of Conditional Use Permits or other permits; the payment of development impact fees; the imposition of other dedications and exactions as may be allowed under the law; etc.).

**(b) Exemptions.** This Chapter shall not apply to the following activities, subject to the exceptions noted in Subsection (a), above:

- (1) Excavations or grading conducted for farming or for the purpose of restoring land following a flood or natural disaster.
- (2) Onsite excavation and onsite earthmoving activities that are an integral and necessary part of a construction project and that are undertaken to prepare a site for construction of structures, landscaping, or other land improvements, including the related excavation, grading, compaction, or the creation of fills, road cuts, and embankments, whether or not surplus materials are exported from the site, subject to all of the following conditions:
  - (A) All required permits for the construction, landscaping, or related land improvements have been approved by a public agency in compliance with applicable provisions of State law and locally adopted plans and ordinances, including the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
  - (B) The County's approval of the construction project:
    - (I) Is consistent with the General Plan.
    - (II) Included consideration of the onsite excavation and onsite earthmoving activities in compliance with CEQA.
  - (C) Surplus materials shall not be exported from the site unless and until the site accepting the surplus materials has also been approved for development according to the appropriate procedures of the agency having land use jurisdiction.
  - (D) Surplus materials shall not be exported from the site unless and until actual construction work has commenced and shall cease if it is determined that construction activities have terminated, have been indefinitely suspended, or are no longer being actively pursued.
- (3) Operation of a plant site used for mineral processing, including associated onsite structures, equipment, machines, tools, or other materials, including the onsite

stockpiling and onsite recovery of mined materials, subject to all of the following conditions:

- (A) The plant site is located on lands with an appropriate land use zoning district designation commensurate with the activity according to the General Plan (e.g., Regional Industrial (IR), Special Development (SD), etc.).
  - (B) None of the minerals being processed are being extracted onsite.
  - (C) Reclamation work has been completed in compliance with the approved Reclamation Plan for mineral extraction activities that occurred onsite after January 1, 1976.
- (4) Prospecting for, or the extraction of, minerals for commercial purposes and the removal of overburden in total amounts of less than 1,000 cubic yards in any one location of one acre or less.
  - (5) Limited surface mining operations that are required by Federal law in order to protect a mining claim, if those operations are conducted solely for that purpose (otherwise known as “assessment work.”)
  - (6) Other surface mining operations that the State Mining and Geology Board determines to be of an infrequent nature and that involve only minor surface disturbances.
  - (7) Emergency excavations or grading conducted by the Department of Water Resources or the Reclamation Board for the purpose of averting, alleviating, repairing, or restoring damage to property due to imminent or recent floods, disasters, or other emergencies.
  - (8) Road construction and maintenance for timber or forest operations, if the land is owned by the same person or entity and if the excavation is conducted adjacent to timber or forest operation roads. This exemption shall only be available if slope stability and erosion are controlled in compliance with State Mining and Geology Board Reclamation Regulations and, upon closure of the site, the person closing the site implements, where necessary, revegetation measures and post-closure uses in consultation with the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. This exemption shall not apply to onsite excavation or grading that occurs within 100 feet of a Class One watercourse or 75 feet of a Class Two watercourse, or to excavations for materials that are, or have been, sold for commercial purposes.

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**88.03.050 Vested Rights**

- (a) **Pre-SMARA and post-SMARA right to conduct surface mining operations.** A Conditional Use Permit shall not be required for any person who has obtained a vested right to conduct surface mining operations before January 1, 1976, as long as the vested right continues and as long as no substantial changes have been made in the operation except in compliance with SMARA, State regulations, and this Chapter. Where a person with vested rights has continued surface mining in the same area subsequent to January 1, 1976, the person shall obtain County approval of a Reclamation Plan covering the mined lands disturbed by the subsequent surface mining. In those cases where an overlap exists (in the horizontal and/or vertical sense) between pre-SMARA and post-SMARA mining, the Reclamation Plan shall require reclamation proportional to that disturbance caused by the mining after January 1, 1976 (i.e., the effective date of SMARA).
- (b) **Other requirements applicable to vested mining operations.** All other requirements of State law and this Chapter shall apply to vested mining operations.

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**88.03.060 Application Filing, Processing, and Review**

- (a) **Application filing.**
- (1) Applications for a Conditional Use Permit and/or Reclamation Plan for surface mining or land reclamation projects shall be made on forms provided by the Department and filed in compliance with Chapter 85.03 (Application Procedures).
  - (2) The forms for Reclamation Plan applications shall require, at a minimum, each of the elements required by SMARA (Public Resources Code Sections 2772-2773) and other State regulations, and any other requirements deemed necessary to facilitate an expeditious and fair evaluation of the proposed Reclamation Plan, to be established at the discretion of the Director. For surface mining operations that are exempt from a Conditional Use Permit in compliance with this Chapter, the Reclamation Plan application shall include information concerning the mining operation that is required for processing the Reclamation Plan. All documentation for the Reclamation Plan shall be submitted to the County at one time.
  - (3) As many copies of the Conditional Use Permit application and the Reclamation Plan application as may be required by the Director shall be submitted to the Department.

- (4) Applications shall include all required environmental review forms and information prescribed by the Director.

**(b) Fees.**

- (1) **Establishment of fees.** The County shall establish processing fees that it deems necessary to cover the reasonable costs incurred in implementing this Chapter and the State regulations, (e.g., costs of processing of applications, annual reports, inspections, monitoring, enforcement, compliance etc.). The fees shall be included in the Planning Fee Schedule.
- (2) **Payment of fees.** The fees shall be paid by the operator, as required by the County, at the time of filing of the Conditional Use Permit application, Reclamation Plan application, and at other times that are determined by the County to be appropriate in order to ensure that reasonable costs of implementing this Chapter are borne by the mining operator.

**(c) Processing.**

- (1) Within 30 days of acceptance of an application for a Conditional Use Permit for surface mining operations and/or a Reclamation Plan as complete, the Department shall notify the State Department of Conservation of the filing of the application(s).
- (2) Whenever mining operations are proposed in the 100-year **floodplain** of any stream, as shown in Zone A of the Flood Insurance Rate Maps issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and within one mile, upstream or downstream, of any State highway bridge, the Department shall also notify the State Department of Transportation that the application has been received.
- (3) The Department shall process the application(s) through environmental review in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.) and the County's Environmental Review Guidelines.
- (4) Subsequent to the appropriate environmental review, the Department shall prepare a staff report with recommendations for consideration by the Commission.
- (5) Before final approval of a Reclamation Plan and financial assurances (as required in this Chapter), or any amendments to the Reclamation Plan or existing financial assurances, the Director shall:

- (A) Certify to the State Department of Conservation that the Reclamation Plan and/or financial assurance complies with the applicable requirements of State law, and
- (B) Submit the Reclamation Plan, financial assurances, or amendments to the State Department of Conservation for review.

**(d) Review by Commission and State.**

- (1) In compliance with Public Resources Code Section 2774(d), the State Department of Conservation (DOC) shall be given:
    - (I) Thirty days to review and comment on the Reclamation Plan; and
    - (II) Forty-five days to review and comment on the financial assurance.
  - (2) The Commission shall evaluate written comments received, if any, from the DOC during the comment periods.
  - (3) Staff shall prepare a written response describing the disposition of the major issues raised by the State for the Commission's approval. In particular, when the Commission's position is at variance with the recommendations and objections raised in the State's comments, the written response shall address, in detail, why specific comments and suggestions were not accepted. The Commission staff report including the staff prepared responses to the DOC, along with the minutes of the hearing, shall constitute the written response to the State.
- (e) Public hearing.** Upon completion of the environmental review procedure and filing of documents required by the Director, a public hearing before the Commission shall be held to consider approval of the Conditional Use Permit or Reclamation Plan for the proposed or existing surface mine in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 2774.
- (f) Action by Commission.** The Commission shall then take action to approve, conditionally approve, or deny the Conditional Use Permit and/or Reclamation Plan, and to approve the financial assurances in compliance with Public Resources Code Section 2770(d).
- (g) Conditional approval.** If a Conditional Use Permit is being processed concurrently with the Reclamation Plan and it becomes necessary to comply with permit processing deadlines, the Commission may conditionally approve the Conditional Use Permit with the condition that the Department shall not issue the Conditional Use Permit for the mining operations until cost estimates for financial assurances have been reviewed

by the State Department of Conservation and final action has been taken on the Reclamation Plan and financial assurances.

- (h) **Approved Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan copies provided to State.** The Department shall forward a copy of each approved Conditional Use Permit for mining operations and/or approved Reclamation Plan, and a copy of the approved financial assurances to the State Department of Conservation within 30 days of approval.
- (i) **Statement of Responsibility.** Before commencing mining operations, the property owner and/or mining operator shall sign a Statement of Responsibility accepting responsibility for reclaiming mined lands in compliance with the Reclamation Plan. The Department shall retain the Statement of Responsibility in the mining operation's permanent record. Upon sale or transfer of the operation, the new operator shall submit a new Statement of Responsibility in compliance with Subsection (j) (Transfer of ownership), below.
- (j) **Transfer of Ownership.** Upon sale or transfer of a mining operation and for the purpose of documenting a transfer of ownership of an approved Conditional Use Permit or Reclamation Plan, a new property owner and/or mining operator of a mining operation shall submit the following documents before taking over a mining operation:
  - (1) The new operator of a mining operation shall file a Transfer of Ownership application with the Department. The Director shall approve the application and the Transfer of Ownership form shall be placed in the Department's permanent record.
  - (2) The new property owner and/or mining operator of a mining operation shall file a new Statement of Responsibility with the Department. The Director shall approve the Statement of Responsibility and the new Statement of Responsibility shall be placed in the Department's permanent record.
- (k) **Findings for approval of permits and plans.**
  - (1) **Conditional Use Permits.** In addition to the findings required by Chapter 85.06 (Conditional Use Permits/Minor Use Permits), Conditional Use Permits for surface mining operations shall include a finding that the project complies with the provisions of SMARA and State regulations.
  - (2) **Reclamation Plans.** In order to approve Reclamation Plans, all of the following findings shall be made in the affirmative:
    - (A) The Reclamation Plan complies with SMARA (Public Resources Code Sections 2772-2773 and any other applicable provisions).



- (B) The Reclamation Plan complies with applicable requirements of State regulations (California Code of Regulations Sections 3500-3505 and 3700-3713).
- (C) The Reclamation Plan and potential use of land reclaimed in compliance with the Plan are consistent with this Chapter and the General Plan and any applicable resource plan or element.
- (D) The Reclamation Plan has been reviewed in compliance with CEQA and the County's environmental review guidelines, and all significant adverse impacts from reclamation of the surface mining operations are mitigated below a level of significance or to the maximum extent feasible.
- (E) The land and/or resources, such as water, will be reclaimed to a condition that is compatible with, and blends in with, the surrounding natural environment, topography, and other resources, or suitable off-site development will compensate for related disturbance to resource values.
- (F) The Reclamation Plan will reclaim the mined lands to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternative land uses consistent with the General Plan and applicable resource plan.
- (G) A written response to the State Department of Conservation has been prepared, describing the disposition of major issues raised by that Department. Where the County's position is at variance with the recommendations and objections raised by the State Department of Conservation, the response shall address, in detail, why specific comments and suggestions were not accepted.

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#### **88.03.070 Additional Conditions of Approval**

- (a) **Protection of mines from incompatible uses.** Mine development is encouraged in compatible areas before encroachment of conflicting uses. Mineral resource areas that have been classified by the State Department of Conservation's Division of Mines and Geology or designated by the State Mining and Geology Board as Mineral Resource Zones (MRZ), as well as existing surface mining operations that remain in compliance with the provisions of this Chapter, shall be protected from intrusion by incompatible land uses that may impede or preclude mineral extraction or processing, to the extent possible for consistency with the General Plan. Before approving a use that would otherwise be incompatible with mineral resource protection, conditions of approval may be applied to encroaching development projects to minimize potential conflicts.

- (b) **Mapping of identified resource areas.** In compliance with Public Resources Code Section 2762, the General Plan and resource maps shall be updated to reflect mineral information (classification and/or designation reports) within 12 months of receipt from the State Mining and Geology Board of the information. Land use decisions within the County shall be guided by information provided on the location of identified mineral resources of regional significance. Conservation and potential development of identified mineral resource areas shall be considered and encouraged. Recordation on property titles of the presence of important mineral resources within the identified mineral resource areas may be encouraged as a condition of approval of any development project in the impacted area.

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#### 88.03.080 Financial Assurances

- (a) **Security required as condition of approval.** To ensure that reclamation will proceed in compliance with the approved Reclamation Plan, the County shall require as a condition of approval security that will be released upon satisfactory performance.
- (1) **Acceptable types of security.** The applicant may post security in the form of a surety bond, trust fund, irrevocable letter of credit from an accredited financial institution, or other method acceptable to the County and the State Mining and Geology Board as specified in State regulations, and that the County reasonably determines are adequate to perform reclamation in compliance with the surface mining operation's approved Reclamation Plan.
  - (2) **Required payees.** Financial assurances shall be made payable to the County and the State Department of Conservation. In the case where the approved Reclamation Plan involves unpatented land under the control of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), National Park Service, or U. S. Forest Service, the appropriate agency shall also be added as a third payee.
- (b) **Purpose of security.** Financial assurances shall be required to ensure compliance with elements of the Reclamation Plan, including the following:
- (1) Revegetation and landscaping requirements.
  - (2) Reclamation of aquatic or wildlife habitat.
  - (3) Reclamation of water bodies and water quality.
  - (4) Slope stability and erosion and drainage control.
  - (5) Disposal of hazardous materials.

- (6) Removal of equipment and buildings that are not part of an approved end use.
- (7) Other measures, if necessary.

**(c) Cost estimates for security.**

- (1) Cost estimates for the financial assurance shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval before the operator actually obtains financial assurances.
- (2) The Director shall forward a copy of the cost estimates, together with supporting documentation, to the State Department of Conservation for review.
- (3) If the State Department of Conservation does not comment within 45 days of receipt of these estimates, it shall be assumed that the cost estimates are adequate, unless the County has reason to determine that additional costs may be incurred.
- (4) The Director shall have the discretion to approve the financial assurance if it meets the requirements of this Chapter, SMARA, and State regulations.

**(d) Cost estimates to determine amount of security required.**

- (1) The amount of the financial assurance shall be based upon the estimated costs of reclamation stipulated in the approved Reclamation Plan, including any maintenance of reclaimed areas as may be required, subject to adjustment for the actual amount required to reclaim lands disturbed by surface mining activities since January 1, 1976, and new lands to be disturbed by surface mining activities in the upcoming year.
- (2) Cost estimates shall be prepared by the mine operator, a licensed engineer, or other professional experienced in the reclamation of mined lands.
- (3) The estimated amount of the financial assurance shall be based on the following:
  - (A) An analysis of physical activities necessary to implement the approved Reclamation Plan.
  - (B) The unit costs for each of the physical activities.
  - (C) The number of units of each of the physical activities.
  - (D) The actual administrative costs.

- (4) Financial assurances to ensure compliance with revegetation, reclamation of water bodies, reclamation of aquatic or wildlife habitat, and other elements of the approved Reclamation Plan shall be based upon cost estimates that include:
  - (A) Labor.
  - (B) Equipment.
  - (C) Materials.
  - (D) Mobilization of equipment.
  - (E) Administration.
  - (F) Reasonable profit by a commercial operator other than the permittee.
- (5) A contingency factor of 10 percent shall be added to the cost of financial assurances to cover the County's reasonable expenses for the administrative and legal fees required to foreclose on the financial assurance instrument.
- (6) In projecting the costs of financial assurances, it shall be assumed without prejudice or insinuation that the surface mining operation could be abandoned by the operator and, consequently, the County or State Department of Conservation may need to contract with a third party commercial company for reclamation of the site.
- (e) **Time period that security required to remain in effect.** The financial assurances shall remain in effect for the duration of the surface mining operation and any additional period specified in the Reclamation Plan for the purpose of monitoring until reclamation is completed (including any maintenance required).
- (f) **Annual adjustment in amount of security.** The amount of financial assurances required of a surface mining operation for any one year shall be adjusted annually to account for new lands disturbed by surface mining operations, inflation, and giving credit for reclamation of lands accomplished in compliance with the approved Reclamation Plan. The financial assurances shall include estimates to cover reclamation for existing conditions and anticipated activities during the upcoming year, excepting that the permittee may not claim credit for reclamation scheduled for completion during the coming year. The annual SMARA inspection by the County shall, in most cases, be used to validate the submitted estimate.
- (g) **Submittal of revised security figures.** Revisions to financial assurances shall be submitted to the Director each year before the anniversary date for approval of the financial assurances. The financial assurance shall cover the cost of existing

disturbance and anticipated activities for the next calendar year, including any required interim reclamation. If revisions to the financial assurances are not required, the operator shall explain, in writing, why revisions are not required.

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**88.03.090 Reclamation Standards**

**(a) Applicable State law.**

- (1) Reclamation Plans shall comply with the provisions of SMARA (Public Resources Code Sections 2772-2773) and State reclamation regulations (California Code of Regulations Sections 3500-3505).
- (2) Reclamation Plans approved after January 15, 1993, Reclamation Plans for proposed new mining operations and any substantial amendments to previously approved Reclamation Plans shall also comply with the reclamation standards in California Code of Regulations Sections 3700-3713.

**(b) Additional performance standards.** The performance standards in Division 3 (Countywide Development Standards) shall apply to Reclamation Plans. In addition, the applicable Review Authority may impose additional performance standards as developed in review of individual projects, as warranted.

**(c) Phasing of reclamation.**

- (1) Reclamation activities shall be initiated at the earliest possible time on those portions of the mined lands that will not be subject to further disturbance. Interim reclamation may also be required for mined lands that have been disturbed and that may be disturbed again in future operations. Reclamation may be done on an annual basis, in stages compatible with continuing operations, or on completion of all excavation, removal, or fill, as approved by the County.
- (2) Each phase of reclamation shall be specifically described in the Reclamation Plan and shall include all of the following information:
  - (A) The beginning and expected ending dates for each phase.
  - (B) All reclamation activities required.
  - (C) Criteria for measuring completion of specific reclamation activities.
  - (D) Estimated costs for completion of each phase of reclamation.

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**88.03.100 Interim Management Plans**

- (a) **Deadline for submittal of Interim Management Plan (IMP).** Within 90 days of a surface mining operation becoming idle, the operator shall submit to the Department a proposed Interim Management Plan (IMP).
- (b) **IMP submittal requirements.**
  - (1) The proposed IMP shall fully comply with the requirements of SMARA and all Conditional Use Permit conditions and shall provide measures the operator will implement to maintain the site in a stable condition, taking into consideration public health and safety.
  - (2) The proposed IMP shall be submitted on forms provided by the Department and shall be processed as an amendment to the Reclamation Plan.
  - (3) An IMP shall not be considered a project for the purposes of environmental review.
- (c) **Continuation of security required.** Financial assurances for idle operations shall be maintained as though the operation were active, or as otherwise approved through the idle mine's IMP.
- (d) **State Department of Conservation review.** Upon receipt of a complete proposed IMP, the Department shall forward the IMP to the State Department of Conservation for review. The IMP shall be submitted to the State Department of Conservation at least 30 days before approval by the Director.
- (e) **Director's action on IMP.** Within 60 days of receipt of the proposed IMP, or a longer period mutually agreed upon by the Director and the operator, the Director shall review and approve or deny the IMP in compliance with this Chapter. The operator shall have 30 days, or a longer period mutually agreed upon by the operator and the Director, to submit a revised IMP. The Director shall approve or deny the revised IMP within 60 days of receipt. If the Director denies the revised IMP, the operator may appeal that action in compliance with Chapter 86.08 (Appeals).
- (f) **Duration of approved IMP.** The IMP may remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years, at which time the Director may renew the IMP for another period not to exceed five years, or require the surface mining operator to commence reclamation in compliance with its approved Reclamation Plan.

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**88.03.110     Annual Report**

Surface mining operators shall forward an annual surface mining report to the State Department of Conservation and to the Department on a date established by the State Department of Conservation, upon forms furnished by the State Mining and Geology Board. New mining operations shall file an initial surface mining report and any applicable filing fees with the State Department of Conservation within 30 days of initial permit approval, or before commencement of operations, whichever is sooner. Applicable fees, together with a copy of the annual inspection report, shall be forwarded to the State Department of Conservation at the time of filing the annual surface mining report.

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**88.03.120     Inspections**

- (a) **Inspection within 6 months of Annual Report.** The Department shall arrange for inspection of a surface mining operation within six months of receipt of the Annual Report required in Section 88.13.110 (Annual Report), to determine whether the surface mining operation is in compliance with the approved Conditional Use Permit and/or Reclamation Plan, approved financial assurances, and State regulations.
- (b) **Minimum 1 inspection per calendar year.** In no event shall less than one inspection be conducted in any calendar year.
- (c) **Eligible inspectors.** The inspections may be made by a State registered geologist, State registered civil engineer, State licensed landscape architect, or State registered forester, who is experienced in land reclamation and who has not been employed by the mining operation in any capacity during the previous 12 months, or other qualified specialists, as selected by the Director.
- (d) **Inspection forms.** Inspections shall be conducted using a form approved and provided by the State Mining and Geology Board.
- (e) **Notification of inspection to State.** The Department shall notify the State Department of Conservation within 30 days of completion of the inspection that the inspection has been conducted, and shall forward a copy of the inspection notice and any supporting documentation to the mining operator.
- (f) **Payment for inspection.** The operator shall be solely responsible for the reasonable cost of the inspection.

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### **88.03.130      Violations and Penalties**

If the Director, based upon an annual inspection or otherwise confirmed by an inspection of the mining operation, determines that a surface mining operation is not in compliance with this Chapter, the applicable Conditional Use Permit, and/or the Reclamation Plan, the County shall follow the procedures outlined in Public Resources Code, Sections 2774.1 and 2774.2 concerning violations and penalties, as well as the provisions of Chapter 86.09 (Enforcement) for initiating enforcement action, which could include the revocation of a Conditional Use Permit.

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### **88.03.140      Post-Approval Procedures**

- (a) **Transfer of Ownership and Statement of Responsibility.** See Subsection 88.03.060(i) (Statement of Responsibility) and Subsection 88.03.060(j) (Transfer of Ownership), above, for provisions governing ongoing post-approval responsibilities and evidence of transfer of property ownership.
- (b) **Other post-approval procedures.** The procedures and requirements in Division 6 (Development Code Administration), related to permit implementation, time limits, extensions, appeals, and revocations, shall apply following the decisions on Conditional Use Permits and Reclamation Plans.

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**89.01.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Purpose of Chapter.** The purpose of this Chapter is to require the payment of drainage fees for most new construction that is within an adopted Local Area Drainage Plan.
- (b) **Purpose of fees.** The fees shall be paid prior to the issuance of Building Permits for the purposes of defraying the actual or estimated costs of constructing planned drainage facilities.
- (c) **Authority for Chapter.** The authority for this Chapter is derived from the power granted to local governments by the Constitution of the State of California to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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**89.01.020 Establishment of Area Drainage Plans**

- (a) **Applicable within adopted Local Area Drainage Plans.** The provisions of this Chapter shall only affect those unincorporated portions of the County that are within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Drainage Plan.
- (b) **Area will require construction of drainage facilities.** The Board in adopting a Local Area Drainage Plan shall find and determine that development or redevelopment of the property in the Plan Area will require the construction of the facilities described in the Plan Area and that the drainage fees are fairly apportioned within the drainage area.
- (c) **The drainage fees shall be fairly apportioned based on one of the following:**
  - (1) On the basis of benefits conferred on property proposed to be developed or redeveloped;

- (2) On the need for drainage facilities created by the development and the development of other property in the drainage area; or
  - (3) On the basis of the proportionate storm water run-off from each parcel.
- (d) **Fees shall not exceed pro rata share.** Fees to be paid shall not exceed the pro rata share of the amount of the total actual or estimated costs of all facilities within an area which would be assessable on the property if the costs were apportioned uniformly on a per acre basis.
- (e) **Adoption of Area Drainage Plan.** The Board, in adopting or amending the Local Area Drainage Plan, shall do all of the following:
- (1) Identify the purpose of the fee.
  - (2) Identify the use to which the fee is to be put. If the use is financing public facilities, then the facilities should be identified. The facilities may be identified by reference to any public document which identifies the facilities for which the fee is charged.
  - (3) Confirm that there is a reasonable relationship between:
    - (A) The fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed;
    - (B) The need for the public facility and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed; and
    - (C) The amount of the fees and the cost of the flood control facilities, or portion thereof, attributable to the development on which the fee is imposed.
- (f) **Compliance with Government Code Section 66004 required.** Local Area Drainage Plans and/or the drainage fee may be adopted by the Board, and thereafter amended at any time, only after first holding a public hearing. The requirements of Government Code Section 66004 shall be followed prior to holding a public hearing establishing or modifying a fee for a Local Area Drainage Plan.

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#### **89.01.030 Fee Collection and Accounting**

- (a) **Deposit of drainage fees.** Except as otherwise provided in Subsection 89.01.030(c), below, whenever a Building Permit, Grading Permit, or other County approval in connection with new construction is requested within the boundaries of a Local Area Drainage Plan, the specified drainage fee shall be deposited to the appropriate Planned Drainage Facilities Fund. Any interest income earned by the money in the fund shall also be deposited in the fund. The amount of the drainage fee shall be specified within the schedule of fees for each Local Area Drainage Plan. The established fee shall be

paid to the County prior to the issuance of Building Permits, Grading Permits, or other County approvals in connection with new construction.

- (b) **Deposited into a Drainage Facilities Fund.** Drainage fees required by this Chapter shall be paid to the County and deposited into a Drainage Facilities Fund. A separate fund shall be established for each Drainage Area. Monies in the funds shall be expended solely for the construction and reimbursement for the construction of drainage facilities, including related administration expenses, within the area from which the fees comprising the fund were collected, and/or to reimburse the local agency for the cost of engineering, right-of-way acquisition, and administrative services required to design and construct facilities within the Local Area Drainage Plan.
- (c) **Money may be advanced by local agency.** Money may be advanced by a local agency to design and construct drainage facilities, related administrative services, or to acquire necessary right-of-way within the area of an adopted Local Area Drainage Plan. Money so advanced shall be reimbursed to the local agency from the appropriate Planned Drainage Facilities Fund.

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#### **89.01.040 Drainage Fee Calculation**

- (a) **Parcels with less than one acre.** Fees assessed at the time of the issuance of a Building Permit, Grading Permit, or other County approval related to new construction shall be based upon the total area of the parcel; provided, the parcel has a net area of less than one acre.
- (b) **Parcels with one acre or more.** Fees assessed at the time a Building Permit, Grading Permit, or other County approval related to new construction is issued on a parcel which has a net area of one acre or more shall be based on:

The area of the developed portion of the parcel or one acre, whichever is greater. As used in this Chapter, the phrase "area of developed portion of the parcel" shall mean the area of that portion of the parcel lying within a single rectangle which encloses all improvements, landscaped areas, parking areas, and storage areas; plus the area of all improvements related to the required access that are outside the area of the described rectangle.

- (c) **Fee to be determined by Building Official.** The amount of fees assessed and the area on which the fee is based shall be determined by the Building Official. The Building Official may require an applicant to submit all information necessary to calculate the fee(s).

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**89.01.050 Credit and Exceptions****(a) Developer agreement.**

- (1) When required for the implementation of an adopted Local Area Drainage Plan, an agreement may be entered into between a developer and the County whereby the developer may advance money for the construction of facilities, or design of the facilities within a Local Area Drainage Plan. Subject to the restrictions in Subparagraph (a)(2), below, the sole security to the developer for repayment of money or other consideration advanced shall be money subsequently accruing in the appropriate Planned Drainage Facilities Fund. Reimbursement shall be for the amount agreed upon in advance only and shall not include interest or other charges. The agreement shall expire 15 years after the date it was entered into, and any subsequent money paid into the fund shall accrue to the fund without obligation to a developer whose agreement has expired.
- (2) The County may designate that up to 25 percent of the funds collected in a Planned Drainage Facilities Fund be utilized for reimbursement for any agreement entered into in compliance with Subparagraph (a)(1), above. Other than the amount so designated by the County, Planned Drainage Facilities Funds shall not be used as reimbursement for any agreements authorized by Subparagraph (a)(1), above.

**(b) Consideration in lieu of payment of drainage fees.** An agreement may be entered into between a developer and the County whereby considerations (e.g., actual construction, dedication of right-of-way, or design work by a civil engineer) may be accepted in lieu of part or all of the payment of drainage fees, and the Board shall first find that the alternative is acceptable and is equal to or greater in value than the required fee, prior to approving an agreement.

**(c) Exemptions from drainage fees.** Drainage fees shall not be required as a condition of Building Permits on existing developed parcels for:

- (1) Maintenance and repair of existing improvements.
- (2) Reconstruction, when permits are issued within two years of the destruction of a structure due to earthquakes, fire, vandalism, wind, or other natural or man-made disasters.
- (3) Construction of carports, garages, patio covers, storage buildings, swimming pools, and similar structures, accessory to a single-family residence.
- (4) Other construction or reconstruction which does not involve grading causing an increased rate of runoff when the construction or reconstruction falls within the boundaries of the rectangle described in Section 89.01.040 (Drainage Fee Calculation), above, as the "area of the developed portion of the parcel," as it existed prior to the effective date of an applicable area drainage plan. The applicant shall be responsible for providing sufficient information to establish that the proposed grading would not increase the rate of runoff. Assessment of

fees due to grading shall apply only to that portion of the parcel on which grading would contribute to an increased rate of runoff.

- (d) **Credit for prior payment.** If a drainage fee for a parcel, or portion thereof, has been previously paid, credit shall be given for prior payment toward any fee payment required by this Chapter.
- (e) **Chapter not applicable to other assessments for same facilities.** The provisions of this Chapter shall not be applicable to property subject to other assessments for the same drainage facilities.

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#### **89.01.060 Surplus and Refunds**

- (a) **Use of surplus funds.** After completion of facilities and the payment of all claims from any Planned Drainage Facilities Fund, the Board shall determine by resolution or other legislative action the amount of the surplus, if any, remaining in any of these funds. Any surplus funds shall be used, in those amounts as the Board may determine, for one or more of the following purposes:
  - (1) For transfer to the County General Fund; provided, the amount of the transfer shall not exceed five percent of the total amount expended from the particular fund and the funds transferred are used to support the operation and maintenance of those facilities for which the fees were collected;
  - (2) For the construction of additional or modified facilities within the same Local Area Drainage Plan; or
  - (3) As a refund in the manner provided in Subsection B., below.
- (b) **Refunds.** Any surplus remaining shall be refunded in the following manner:
  - (1) There shall be refunded to the current owner(s) of property for which a fee was previously collected, the balance of the monies in the same proportion which each individual fee collected bears to the total of all individual fees collected from the particular drainage area.
  - (2) Where property for which a fee was previously collected has subsequently been subdivided into more than one parcel, each current owner of a parcel shall share in the refund payable to the owner(s) of the property for which a fee was previously collected in the same proportion which the area of each individual parcel bears to the total area of the property for which a fee was previously collected.
  - (3) There shall be transferred to the County General Fund any remaining portion of the surplus which has not been paid to or claimed by the persons entitled thereto within two years from the date either of the completion of the improvements, or

the adoption by the Board of a resolution declaring a surplus, whichever is last to occur.

- (c) **Refunds made in compliance with Government Code Section 66001.** Subject to the provisions of Subsections (a) and (b), above, commencing on the fifth year after imposition of a fee for an Local Area Drainage Plan and annually thereafter, the Board shall hold a hearing with respect to any portion of the fee remaining unexpended or uncommitted five or more years, and shall refund to the then owner(s) of parcels or units in development projects within the Local Area Drainage Plan on a pro rata basis any unexpended or uncommitted fees plus interest accrued thereon, for which the Board is unable to demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the need for the fee and the purpose for which it was charged. When applicable, refunds shall be made in compliance with Government Code Section 66001.

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#### **89.01.070      Subject Areas**

The provisions of this Chapter shall be applied only to areas within the boundaries of Local Area Drainage Plans that have been adopted by the Board, and shall have no force or effect in any other portion of the County. The fees, plan areas, regulations, and rules are contained in the associated texts of each Local Area Drainage Plan.

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**CHAPTER 89.02 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES FINANCING**

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**Sections:**

- 89.02.010 Purpose and General Provisions
- 89.02.020 Jurisdiction Limitations
- 89.02.030 Requirements
- 89.02.040 Procedure
- 89.02.050 Exemptions

**89.02.010 Purpose and General Provisions**

- (a) **Purpose of Chapter.** The purpose of this Chapter is to provide for the development of park and recreational facilities, through subdivision regulations, in an area where the need for parks has been expressed by the community, and a public agency exists to administer these facilities.

(b) **General Provisions.**

- (1) Each subdivider of land for residential use shall, as a condition to the approval of a parcel map or final map, dedicate lands or pay fees in lieu thereof, or a combination of both, for park or recreational purposes.
- (2) Dedication and fee requirements shall be conveyed to the designated public agency or into a special County fund established for this purpose, prior to approval of the parcel map or final map.

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**89.02.020 Jurisdiction Limitations**

The requirement for dedication of land or payment of fees shall be contingent upon a Board resolution adopted at a public hearing specifying the requirements and procedures for a community area. The area shall be served by a public agency legally empowered to improve, maintain, and operate the dedicated land in compliance with the General Plan.

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**89.02.030 Requirements**

Land or fees required under this Chapter shall be conveyed or paid directly to the County or the public agency. The County, or public agency, after accepting the land or funds, shall develop the land or use the funds in compliance with this Section.

- (a) **Use of fees and land.** The fees, land, or combination thereof are to be used only for the purpose of providing park or recreational facilities within the agency which will serve or benefit future residents of the subdivision.
- (b) **Establishment and development time.**
  - (1) The Board, in agreement with the public agency having park responsibility, shall specify by resolution at the time approval is given to the final map when the development of a park or recreation facility to serve the subject subdivision will begin.
  - (2) The starting date shall be reasonable with respect to the following criteria:
    - (A) The need for the park or facility;
    - (B) Weather constraints;
    - (C) Minimized disruption of the neighborhood; and
    - (D) The accumulation of the necessary funds and land.
- (c) **Land disposition.** In the event that opportunities for better recreation facilities than those provided by the dedication materialize, the dedicated land may be sold with the proceeds from the sale being used for suitable park and recreation facilities which better serve the neighborhood in which that subdivision is located.
- (d) **Payment of fees.** Only the payment of fees shall be required in subdivisions of less than 50 parcels unless agreed otherwise by the Board and the subdivider.
- (e) **Standards for dedication.**
  - (1) The amount of land to be dedicated or the fees to be paid shall bear a reasonable relationship to the use or benefits of the park and recreation facilities by the future residents of the subdivision.
  - (2) The Board, upon the recommendation of the designated public agency having park responsibility, shall set by resolution the ratio of park acres for each 1,000 of population anticipated from the future subdivision.
  - (3) The ratio may be set to maintain the existing level of park acres per 1,000 population served by the public agency.
- (f) **Amount of park fees required.** When the requirements of this Chapter are complied with solely on the basis of providing park fees, the minimum amount of fees to be paid shall be computed by using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{NSP (L + D)}}{1,000} = \text{minimum fee}$$

WHERE: N = number of proposed dwelling units  
 S = planned park acreage per 1,000 population  
 P = population per dwelling unit on a scale and density set by the responsible public agency  
 L = fair market value per acre of land being subdivided  
 D = average cost per acre to develop a park as determined by the public agency

- (g) **Amount of land required.** Whenever the requirements of this Chapter are complied with solely on the basis of providing park land, the minimum amount of land required shall be the amount which could be purchased with the fees computed in Subsection (f), above.
- (h) **Determination of fair market value.** The fair market value shall be determined as of the date of filing of the parcel map or final map in compliance with the following:
- (1) The fair market value as determined by the Board based upon the market value of the land as a part of the subdivision, not as raw acreage, in compliance with the current practice of the County Assessor;
  - (2) If the subdivider objects to the evaluation, the subdivider may, at the subdivider's own expense, obtain an appraisal of the property by a qualified real estate appraiser from the general area, approved by the County, which appraisal may be accepted by the Board if found reasonable; or
  - (3) The County and subdivider may agree to the fair market value.
- (i) **Combination of park land and fees required.** When only a portion of the required park land is dedicated as required in Subsection (g), above, a fee computed in compliance with Subsection (f), above shall be paid for any additional land that would have been required to be dedicated.

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#### 89.02.040 Procedure

The requirements of this Chapter shall be complied with prior to the approval of the parcel map or final map, the provision of park land in whole or in part, the payment of a park fee, or by a combination of both as required by the Advisory Agency.

- (a) **Subdivider.** At the time of filing a tentative map, parcel map, or minor subdivision plot plan for approval, the subdivider shall, as part of the filing, state in writing whether it is desired to dedicate property for park and recreational purposes or to pay a

fee in lieu of dedication. If the subdivider desires to dedicate land for this purpose, the area shall be designated on the tentative tract or parcel map as submitted.

- (b) **Action of the Advisory Agency.** At the time of the tentative tract map approval, the Advisory Agency shall determine as part of the approval, whether to require a dedication of the land within the subdivision, payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, or a combination of both.
- (c) **Prerequisites for approval of parcel and final maps.** Where dedication is offered and accepted, it shall be accomplished in compliance with the provisions of the Subdivision Map Act. Where fees are required, the same shall be deposited with the County or Local agency prior to the approval of the parcel map or final map.
- (d) **Determination of dedication or fees.** The Advisory Agency shall determine whether to require land dedication, payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, or a combination of both, by consideration of the following criteria:
  - (1) The Open Space Element of the General Plan;
  - (2) The access, geology, location, and topography of land in the subdivision available for dedication;
  - (3) The shape and size of the subdivision and the land available for dedication; and
  - (4) The desires and plans of the public agency which will provide the services.
- (e) **Compliance with applicable plans.** Park and recreational areas where required shall be developed in conjunction with any bikeway, equestrian, and pedestrian linkage ways and in compliance with the County's Conservation and Open Space policies and any applicable community or specific plans.
- (f) **Credit for private open space.** Where private open space for park and recreational purposes is provided in a proposed subdivision and the space is to be privately owned and maintained by the future residents of the subdivision, the areas shall be credited up to 75 percent against the requirement of a dedication for park and recreation purposes, as identified in Subsection 89.02.030(g), above, or the payment of fees in lieu of dedication, as identified in Subsection 89.02.030(f), above; provided, the Advisory Agency finds it is in the public interest to do so, and that the following standards are met:
  - (1) The court areas, yards, setbacks, and other open areas required to be maintained by the building, land use district, and zoning regulations shall not be included in the computation of private open space;
  - (2) The private ownership and maintenance of the open space is adequately provided for by written agreement;

- (3) The use of the private open space is restricted for park and recreational purposes by recorded covenants which run with the land in favor of the future owners of the property within the tract;
- (4) The proposed private open space is reasonably adaptable for use for park and recreational purposes, taking into consideration factors which include access, geology, location, shape, size, and topography of the private open space land; and
- (5) The facilities proposed for the open space are in substantial compliance with the provisions of the General Plan, and are approved by the Commission.

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#### **89.02.050 Exemptions**

The provisions of this Chapter do not apply to the following types of development:

- (a) Condominium projects. Condominium projects which consist of the subdivision of airspace in an existing apartment building which is more than five years old, when no new dwelling units are added;
- (b) Industrial subdivisions. Industrial subdivisions;
- (c) Parcel maps for shopping centers. Parcel maps for a subdivision containing less than five parcels for a shopping center containing more than 300,000 square feet of gross leasable area and no residential development or uses; and
- (d) Parcel maps for nonresidential developments. Subdivisions containing less than five parcels and not used for residential purposes; provided, that a condition shall be placed on the approval of the parcel map that if a Building Permit is requested for construction of a residential structure(s) on one or more of the parcels within four years of approval, a fee in compliance with this Chapter shall be paid by the owner of each parcel as a condition of the issuance of the Building Permit.

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**CHAPTER 89.03 TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES FINANCING**

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**Sections:**

- 89.03.010 Purpose
- 89.03.020 Establishment of Local Area Transportation Facilities Plans
- 89.03.030 Fee Payment
- 89.03.040 Local Transportation Facilities
- 89.03.050 Fee Calculation
- 89.03.060 Agreements between the County and a Developer
- 89.03.070 Exclusions
- 89.03.080 Refunds
- 89.03.090 Subject Areas

**89.03.010 Purpose**

- (a) **Purpose of Chapter.** The purpose of this Chapter is to require the payment of transportation facilities fees for new development that is within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.
- (b) **Purpose of fees.** The fees shall be for the purposes of defraying the actual or estimated costs of constructing transportation facilities that are necessary to accommodate vehicular traffic generated by new development within the Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan from which the fees are collected.
- (c) **Authority for Chapter.** The authority for this Chapter is derived from the power granted to local governments by the Constitution of the State of California to preserve the public health, safety, and general welfare.

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**89.03.020 Establishment of Local Area Transportation Facilities Plans**

- (a) **Applicable within Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.** The provisions of this Chapter shall only affect those unincorporated portions of the County that are located within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.
- (b) **Duties of the Board.** The Board, in adopting or amending a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan, shall do all of the following:
  - (1) Identify the purpose of the fee.
  - (2) Identify the uses which are supportive of the fee and the transportation facilities which will be provided with the fees.
  - (3) Confirm that a reasonable relationship exists between:

- (A) The fee's use and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed;
  - (B) The need for the transportation facilities and the type of development project on which the fee is imposed; and
  - (C) The amount of the fee and the cost of the transportation facility, or portion thereof, attributable to the development on which the fee is imposed.
- (c) **Major thoroughfares and bridges.** The transportation facilities which constitute major thoroughfares as identified in Government Code Section 66484 and the canyons, freeways, railways, or streams for which bridges are required, shall be identified in the circulation, transportation, or flood control element of the General Plan in the area of the Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan at least 30 days prior to implementation of a fee for the facilities. Major thoroughfares shall be in addition to, or a reconstruction of, existing major thoroughfares, and bridges shall be original bridges or additions to existing bridges.
- (d) **Compliance with Government Code Section 66004 and 66484 required.** Local Area Transportation Facilities Plans and/or the transportation facilities fee may be adopted by the Board, and thereafter amended at any time, only after holding a public hearing. The requirements of Government Code Section 66004 shall be followed prior to holding a public hearing establishing or increasing a fee for transportation facilities, and, if major thoroughfares or bridges are included, the provisions of Government Code Section 66484 shall also be followed.
- (e) **Filing of written protests by property owners.** A public hearing concerning fees to construct major thoroughfares or bridges is subject to protest by the owners of property within the plan area. If, prior to the conclusion of a public hearing, there is a written protest, filed with the Clerk of the Board, by the owners of more than one-half of the area of the property to be benefited by the improvement, and sufficient protests are not withdrawn so as to reduce the area represented to less than one-half of that to be benefited, then the proposed proceedings shall be abandoned, and the Board shall not, for the 12 months following the filing of that written protest, commence or carry on any proceedings for the same improvement or acquisition in compliance with Government Code Section 66484.
- (f) **Recordation of fee ordinance.** Adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plans and any subsequent amendment of the plans shall be filed with the Clerk of the Board and any ordinance which implements a fee for major thoroughfares or bridges within a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan shall be recorded with the San Bernardino County Recorder's Office.

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**89.03.030 Fee Payment**

- (a) **Transportation facilities fees required.** Except as otherwise provided in Section 89.03.070 (Exclusions), below, whenever a structure or mobilehome Setdown Permit is issued within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan, transportation facilities fees shall be required in the amount specified in the Schedule of Fees for the plan, and shall be paid within the time periods specified in Subsections (b), (c), and (d), below.
- (b) **Fees required by a Building Permit.** Fees required in compliance with this Chapter as a result of a Building Permit shall be paid no earlier than the date of issuance of the Building Permit by the Office of Building and Safety, and no later than the date of final building inspection.
- (c) **Fees required by a mobilehome not in a Mobilehome Park.** Fees required in compliance with this Chapter for those mobilehomes not located within a legally established Mobilehome Park shall be paid no earlier than the date of issuance of the mobilehome Setdown Permit and not later than the date of the issuance of the Certificate of Occupancy.
- (d) **Fees required by a mobilehome in a Mobilehome Park.** Fees required in compliance with this Chapter for those mobilehomes to be located within a legally established Mobilehome Park shall be paid no earlier than the date of issuance of the Building Permit for the construction of each space or combination of spaces, and no later than the date of final inspection for the spaces.
- (e) **Compliance with Schedule of Fees.** The amount of the fee required shall be that which is in effect in the Schedule of Fees for the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan on the date of payment of the fees.

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**89.03.040 Local Transportation Facilities**

- (a) **Local Transportation Facilities Fund.**
  - (1) Transportation facilities fees required in compliance with this Chapter, within the boundaries of a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan, shall be deposited into a Local Transportation Facilities Fund.
  - (2) A separate fund shall be established for each Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan and fees collected within the boundaries of the plan shall be deposited into the applicable fund.
  - (3) Any interest income earned by money in the fund shall also be deposited in the fund.

- (4) The fees shall cease to be required within the boundaries of a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan when they have been collected in an amount adequate to pay for all of the transportation facilities proposed in the plan.
- (b) **Use of funds.** Monies in a Transportation Facilities Fund shall be expended solely for the construction, financing, or purchase of transportation facilities within the boundaries of the Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan from which the fees comprising the fund were collected, and/or to reimburse the County for the cost of engineering, property acquisition, and administrative services required to construct, design, finance, or purchase facilities in the Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.
- (c) **Monies advanced by the County.** Monies may be advanced by the County to construct, design, finance, or purchase transportation facilities, or related administrative services, and to acquire necessary property or rights-of-way within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan. Money so advanced shall be reimbursed to the County from the applicable Local Transportation Facilities Fund.

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#### **89.03.050 Fee Calculation**

- (a) **Fees shall not exceed estimated cost of providing the facilities.** Fees assessed on new residential and nonresidential development within the boundaries of an adopted Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan shall not exceed the estimated cost of providing the transportation facilities identified in the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan. For the purposes of this Chapter, the types of structures and/or uses defined as nonresidential shall be as specified in each separate Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.
- (b) **Calculation in compliance with plan.** Specific fees required for new development shall be calculated as prescribed by the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.

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#### **89.03.060 Agreements between the County and a Developer**

- (a) **Advances.**
- (1) An agreement may be entered into between a developer and the County whereby the developer may advance money for the construction, financing, or purchase of facilities, or design of the facilities, within the boundaries of a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan; provided, the sole security to the developer for repayment of money or other consideration advanced shall be money subsequently accruing in the applicable Local Transportation Facilities Fund.

- (2) Reimbursement shall only be for the amount agreed upon in advance, and shall not include interest or other charges.
  - (3) The total amount of money reimbursed within a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan for one fiscal year shall not exceed approximately 25 percent of the fees collected within the plan area during the same fiscal year, except as may otherwise be provided in the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.
  - (4) The agreement shall expire 20 years after the date it was entered into, and any subsequent money paid into the fund shall accrue to the fund without obligation to the developer whose agreement has expired.
- (b) **Agreements for consideration in-lieu of fees.** An agreement may be entered into between a developer and the County whereby considerations (e.g., dedication of land, right-of-way, actual construction, equipment, facilities, or design work by a civil engineer) may be accepted in-lieu of part or all of the payment of transportation facilities fees. Prior to approving an agreement, the Board shall find that the in-lieu consideration is equal to or greater in value than the required fee.

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#### **89.03.070 Exclusions**

- (a) **Intent of exclusions.** The intent of this Section is to exclude from the payment of transportation facilities fees the replacement of structures or uses with new structures or uses, that generate the same or a lesser amount of vehicular traffic than those being replaced on the same parcel, including:
- (1) Legally established existing structures, or uses in operation (including mobilehome parks), on the effective date of the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan. Expansion of the structures or uses shall be subject to the fees.
  - (2) Replacements of structures or uses for which fees have been paid in compliance with this Chapter where the replaced structure or use generates the same or less traffic as the structure or use for which the fees were originally paid.
- (b) **Residential exclusions.** No transportation facilities fees shall be required for residential Building Permits or residential mobilehome Setdown Permits for the following activities:
- (1) Alterations, construction, and repairs of accessory storage buildings, carports, garages, patio covers, spas, swimming pools, amateur radio devices or earth stations, boundary or decorative fences, or any other residential accessory structures.

- (2) Replacement of a legally established residential dwelling unit, including a unit involuntarily destroyed or damaged by fire, flood, or other accidents or catastrophe; provided, that:
  - (A) The replacement will not result in an increase in the number of residential dwelling units; and
  - (B) The proposed type of residential dwelling unit (e.g., single-family, multi-family, mobilehome, etc.) is within a fee category, as identified in the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan, for which the per dwelling unit fee amount is less than or equal to the per dwelling unit amount of the fee category for the dwelling unit to be replaced. If the proposed type of residential dwelling unit is within a fee category for which the fee amount is greater than the amount of the fee category for the dwelling unit being replaced, the amount of the fee required shall be the difference between the two fee categories.
- (c) **Nonresidential exclusions.** No transportation facilities fees shall be required for nonresidential uses or structures for the following activities:
  - (1) Alterations and repairs.
  - (2) Replacement of nonresidential structures or uses if:
    - (A) New or replacement construction will not increase the area or square footage upon which fees are assessed as prescribed in the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan; and
    - (B) The proposed type of structure or use is within a fee category (as identified in the applicable Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan) that has a fee amount that is less than or equal to the amount of the fee category for the structure or use to be replaced. If the proposed type of structure or use is within a fee category that has a fee amount that is greater than the amount of the fee category for the structure or use being replaced, the amount of the fee required shall be the difference between the two fee categories.
- (d) **Relationship to other transportation facilities assessments.**
  - (1) The provisions of this Chapter shall not be applicable to property subject to other assessments which wholly provide for the same transportation facilities as the applicable Local Transportation Facilities Plan.
  - (2) Where the assessments partially provide for the facilities, the fees or in lieu considerations required through the Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan shall be imposed at a level that only reflects the additional costs of providing the facilities.

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**89.03.080 Refunds**

- (a) **Refund of unexpended or uncommitted fees.** Commencing on the seventh year after impositions of a fee for a Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan and annually thereafter, the Board shall hold a hearing with respect to any portion of the fee remaining unexpended or uncommitted five or more years, and shall refund to the then owners of parcels or units in development projects within the plan areas on a prorata basis any unexpended or uncommitted fees plus interest accrued thereon, for which the Board is unable to demonstrate a reasonable relationship between the need for the fee and the purpose for which it was charged. Refunds shall be made in compliance with Government Code Section 66001.
- (b) **Refund of surplus monies.** After completion of facilities and the payment of all claims from any Local Transportation Facilities Fund, the Board shall determine by resolution or other legislative action the amount of the surplus monies, if any, remaining in any of these funds. Any surplus shall be refunded in compliance with Government Code Section 66001.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**89.03.090 Subject Areas**

The provisions of this Chapter shall be applied only to unincorporated areas within the boundaries of Local Area Transportation Facilities Plans that have been established by the Board, and shall have no force or effect in any other portion of the County. The fees, plan areas, regulations, and rules are contained in the associated texts of each Local Area Transportation Plan.

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**810.01.010 Purpose**

This Chapter provides definitions of terms and phrases used in this Development Code, many of which are technical or specialized, or that may not reflect common usage. If any of the definitions in this Chapter conflict with definitions in other provisions of the County Code, these definitions shall control for the purposes of this Development Code. If a word is not defined in this Chapter, within the text of this Development Code or in other provisions of the San Bernardino County Code, the Director shall determine the correct definition.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.020 Definitions of Specialized Terms and Phrases**

As used in this Development Code, the following terms and phrases shall have the meaning ascribed to them in this Section, unless the context in which they are used clearly requires otherwise. Whenever the word or phrase being defined is followed by “(see Land Use Tables),” the word or phrase is used in the land use tables in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).

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**810.01.030 Definitions, “A.”**

- (a) **Access.** The physical arrangement for ingress to and egress from a parcel or structure (e.g., driveway, walkway, stairs, etc.)
  - (1) **Access Envelope.** An area delineated on the site plan to which all clearing and land disturbance for construction of access must be defined.
  - (2) **Access Rights.** The right, claim, title or privilege of access, by pedestrians or vehicles, or a public road or way.
  - (3) **Approved Access.** See “Approved Access.”
  - (4) **Legal Access.** For divisions of land resulting in parcels of less than 20 acres, legal access is defined as:
    - (A) A dedicated right-of-way;
    - (B) A dedication to the County of San Bernardino and to the public in general, an easement for public road, County highway and public utility purposes of a width as established by the Circulation Element of the General Plan. The easement or road constructed on the dedicated land shall not become a County highway until and unless the Board of Supervisors by appropriate resolution, has caused the road to be accepted into the County Maintained Road System;
    - (C) An existing traveled way that is substantially in compliance with County road standards, where a prescriptive right by the user has been established for public use by court decree.
    - (D) **Private road easement.**
  - (5) **Non-access.** Access rights that have been relinquished by appropriate dedication certificate and labeled on a recorded final map and/or parcel map.
  - (6) **Nonvehicular Access.** Vehicular access rights to abutting lots or right-of-way have been relinquished by appropriate dedication certificate and labeled on a recorded Final Map and/or Parcel Map or by separate instrument.

- (7) **Vehicular Access Rights.** The right of access of owners or occupants of abutting lands to a public road or way, other than as pedestrians.
- (b) **Accessibility for the Disabled.** Accessible services, structure or facilities are those that may be entered and used by individuals despite handicapping conditions. Accessibility also includes responding to the needs of people with sight or hearing disabilities, in addition to those with developmental, activity, manual or mobility impairments, so that they may enjoy the full and free use of those services, structures or facilities.
- (c) **Accessory Building Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (d) **Accessory Crop Production (see Land Use Tables).** One or more of the activities included in the definition of “Crop Production, Horticulture, Orchard, Vineyard” occurring incidental to a primary residential use on the same site. This does not include wholesale or retail nurseries.
- (e) **Accessory Dwelling (see Land Use Tables).** A dwelling unit that is accessory and incidental to a primary agricultural, residential, commercial, industrial or institutional land use on the same site, and is for the purpose of providing a residence for one or more people needed to maintain, operate and/or secure the primary non-residential land use on the property. Accessory dwellings include:
- (1) **Caretaker Housing.** The residential occupancy of a dwelling unit by the owners, operators or caretaker employed to guard or operate part or all of the site where the caretaker dwelling is located as an accessory use. The caretaker unit may be located either above the first floor or behind a primary commercial use.
- (2) **Labor Quarters.** Residential occupancy of single or multiple dwelling units with individual, shared or no kitchen facilities to provide housing for the employees and their families of agricultural, mining, logging, major construction, scientific exploration or other remote land uses.
- (f) **Accessory Office.** See “Office.”

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- (g) **Accessory Structure.** A subordinate structure, the use of which is incidental to that of the main structure on, or main use of, the land. The use of an accessory structure may be for either a primary or an accessory use allowed by the appropriate land use zoning district.
- (1) **Agricultural Accessory Structure (see Land Use Tables).** A structure for sheltering animals, or agricultural equipment (e.g., tools, supplies, hay, feed, etc.). Examples of these structures include barns, non-commercial greenhouses, coops, corrals, and pens. Does not include pasture fencing, which requires no County approval when in compliance with Chapter 83.06 (Fences, Hedges, and Walls).
- (2) **Residential Accessory Use or Structure (see Land Use Tables).** Any use and/or structure that is customarily a part of, and clearly incidental and secondary to a residence, and does not change the character of the residential use. This definition includes the following detached accessory structures, and other similar structures normally associated with a residential use of property. See also “Agricultural Accessory Structure.”
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| ▪ garages                      | ▪ studios                                |
| ▪ gazebos                      | ▪ swimming pools                         |
| ▪ greenhouses (non-commercial) | ▪ tennis and other on-site sports courts |
| ▪ spas and hot tubs            | ▪ workshops                              |
| ▪ storage sheds                |  |
- Also includes the indoor storage of automobiles, personal recreational vehicles and other personal property, accessory to a residential use.
- (h) **Accessory Use (see Land Use Tables).** A subordinate use, which may be permanent or temporary. The use is incidental and supported by the primary use. Example: A carport or garage for a single-family dwelling.
- (i) **Accessory Wind Energy System.** See “Wind Energy System.”
- (j) **Action.** The decision made by the Director on a land use application coupled together with the appropriate findings, environmental determination and conditions of approval.
- (k) **Active Thermal System.** See “Thermal System, Active.”

**(I) Adult-Oriented Business (see Land Use Tables).**

**(1) Adult-Oriented Business.** A business where employees or patrons expose “specified anatomical areas” or engage in “specified sexual activities”, or any business that offers to its patrons services or entertainment characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, exposing, describing, discussing or relating to “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas.” Adult oriented businesses do not include bona fide medical establishments operated by properly licensed and registered medical personnel with appropriate medical credentials for the treatment of patients. In determining whether a use is an adult oriented business, only conduct or activities that constitute a regular and substantial course of conduct shall be considered. Isolated instances of conduct or activities described in this section as characterizing an adult oriented business shall not be considered except where the activities, taken together, constitute a regular and substantial course of conduct. Adult oriented businesses include the following:

**(A) Adult Bookstore.** An establishment having, as a substantial portion of its stock in trade, and offering for sale for any form of consideration, any one or more of the following:

- (I)** Books, magazines, periodicals or other printed matter, or photographs, films, motion pictures, video cassettes, slides or other visual representations that are characterized by an emphasis upon the depiction or description of “specified anatomical areas”;
- (II)** Instruments, devices or paraphernalia that are designed for use in connection with “specified sexual activities;” or
- (III)** Goods that are replicas of, or that simulate, “specified anatomical areas”, or that are designed to be placed on or in “specified anatomical areas”, or to be used in conjunction with “specified sexual activities” to cause sexual excitement.

**(B) Adult Cabaret.** A bar, nightclub or similar establishment that features dancers, strippers, or similar entertainers who expose “specified anatomical areas” of their bodies.

**(I) Adult Theater.** A place, building, enclosure or structure, partially or entirely used for live performances or presentations, motion pictures, or pictures or images projected or produced from slides, films, video or other media, including, but not limited to, coin-operated or slug operated or electronically or mechanically controlled still or motion picture machines, projectors, video screens or other image producing devices, which place, building, enclosure or structure is used for presenting matter characterized by an emphasis on depicting, exposing, describing or relating to “specified sexual activities” or “specified anatomical areas,” for observation by patrons therein.

- (II) **Sexual Novelty Store.** An establishment having, as a substantial portion of its stock in trade, goods that are replicas of, or that simulate, “specified anatomical areas” or “specified sexual activities,” or goods that are designed to be placed on or in “specified anatomical areas,” or to be used in conjunction with “specified sexual activities,” to cause sexual excitement.
- (2) **Specified Anatomical Areas.** Shall include any of the following human anatomical areas:
- (A) Less than completely and opaquely covered genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, anuses or female breasts below a point immediately above the top of the areola; or
  - (B) Human male genitals in a discernibly turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.
- (3) **Specified Sexual Activities.** Include all the following:
- (A) The fondling or other erotic touching of the following human anatomical areas: genitals, pubic regions, buttocks, anuses or female breasts;
  - (B) Sex acts, normal or perverted, actual or simulated, including intercourse, oral copulation, or sodomy;
  - (C) Masturbation, actual or simulated; or
  - (D) Excretory functions as part of or in connection with any of the activities set forth in Subsection (1) through (3) above.
- (m) **Advertising, Outdoor.** See “Outdoor Advertising.”
- (n) **Advertising Structure.** Any structure of any kind or character erected or maintained for advertising purposes, upon which any advertising sign may be placed, including advertising statuary.
- (o) **Affordable Housing.** Housing with the contract rent or price, including all housing costs, which is affordable by low and very low (lower and low or moderate) income households as defined by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) pursuant to the United States Housing Act of 1937 for the Riverside-San Bernardino Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area (PMSA)
- (p) **Affordable housing cost.** The cost defined in the Health and Safety Code Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5 for owner-occupied and tenant-occupied units. The housing manager, on or about July 1 of each calendar year shall publish the maximum affordable housing costs for sales prices and rents as calculated in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Health and Safety Code.

- (q) **Affordable Rent.** An amount based on the Section B existing program fair market rates established in compliance with 24 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 882 effective at the time of occupancy less the utility allowance then in effect.
- (r) **Affordable Rent - Lower Income.** A monthly rent that does not exceed an amount determined by calculating 30 percent of 50 percent of the San Bernardino median income (as published annually by the State Department of Housing and Community Development) adjusted in the case of a studio unit for one person household, in the case of a one bedroom unit for a two person household, in the case of a two bedroom unit for a three person household and in the case of a three bedroom unit for a four person household. For the current published median income, go to <http://housing.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/rep/state/incNote.html>.
- (s) **Affordable unit.** An ownership or rental-housing unit, including senior housing, occupied by and available to households of low and very low incomes at an affordable housing cost, adjusted for household size as defined in Chapter 83.03 (Affordable Housing Incentives Density Bonus), with deed restrictions as identified in Chapter 83.03 in favor of the County.
- (t) **Agriculture.** The tilling of soil, the raising of crops, horticulture, small livestock farming, dairying or animal husbandry. This includes all uses customarily incidental thereto, except the following: slaughterhouses, feed yards, hog farms, fertilizer works, bone yards, plants for the reduction of animal matter, or any other industrial or agricultural use that is determined by the Planning Commission to be similarly objectionable because of noise, odor, smoke, dust or fumes.
- (u) **Agricultural Accessory Structure (see Land Use Tables).** See “Accessory Structure.”
- (v) **Agricultural Commissioner.** The Agricultural Commissioner of San Bernardino County or authorized designee.
- (w) **Agricultural Grading.** Grading on land designated for exclusive agricultural use. See also “Grading.”
- (x) **Agricultural Preserve.** Designated areas of existing, viable and productive agricultural land within which land conservation contracts can be enforced under the provisions of the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Williamson Act), to stay in agricultural use for a designated period of time. Under the contracts, the property owner is granted certain tax advantages for the continuation of agricultural use of the land.
- (y) **Agricultural Produce Sales Stand (see Land Use Tables).** See “Produce Stand.”
- (z) **Agricultural Support Service (see Land Use Tables).** A use that directly supports or that is accessory or incidental to an established agricultural use within the general vicinity. These services do not adversely affect surrounding properties, groundwater or

infrastructure, are supportive of the farm community, and are fully compatible with agricultural uses. These uses include:

- (1) Agricultural chemicals, fuel and fuel oil, nonflammable bottled gas.
- (2) Animal husbandry services, veterinary services for large and small animals, horseshoeing, agricultural processing.
- (3) Animal waste processing, stockyards, organic fertilizer, feed lots.
- (4) Farm machinery equipment and supplies, display, sale and repair.
- (5) Farm produce sales and supply (feed, hay, grain and grain products, fertilizer).
- (6) Farm products packaging and processing.
- (7) Feed storage, farm products warehousing and storage (except stockyards).

**(aa) Agriculture Land, Prime.** Includes any of the following:

- (1) All land that qualifies for a rating as Class I or Class II in the Resource Conservation District land use capability classifications.
- (2) Land that qualifies for a rating 80 through 100 in the State Storie Index Rating.
- (3) Land that supports livestock used for the production of food and fiber and that has an annual carrying capacity equivalent to at least one animal unit per acre as defined by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- (4) Land planted with fruit or nut bearing trees, vines, bushes or crops that have a nonbearing period of less than five years and that will normally return during the commercial bearing period on an annual basis from the production of unprocessed agricultural plant production not less than \$200 per acre.
- (5) Land from which the production of unprocessed agricultural plant products has returned an annual gross value of not less than \$200 per acre for three of the previous five years.

**(bb) Agricultural Use.** The use of land for the cultivation of food or fiber or the grazing or pasturing of livestock, usually for commercial purposes.

**(cc) Agritourism.** The act of visiting a working farm, ranch, agricultural, or horticultural operation for the purpose of active involvement in the educational, entertainment, or recreational activities offered by the farm or operation.



**(dd)Agritourism enterprise (see Land Use Tables).** An enterprise conducted by an owner of a working farm, ranch, agricultural, or horticultural operation in order to generate income for the farm or operation that is in addition to income derived from the primary farming, ranching, or agricultural activities. Activities and events are designed to educate the public about farming and ranching activities; promote the heritage and culture of farming, ranching, and a rural lifestyle, and promote the products of a farm or ranch. Activities and events may take place indoors or outdoors. Indoor facilities may include classrooms, meeting rooms, overnight accommodations, party facilities, renovated barns, etc. Outdoor facilities may include picnicking areas, trails, riding rings, paddocks, and similar areas for education, entertainment, and recreation. Examples of activities and events include:

- Agricultural food and craft shows
- Agricultural heritage museums and tours
- Barn dances (including square dancing)
- Cattle drives
- Cider pressing/tasting
- Craft skills demonstrations (weaving, candle dipping, clothes making, etc.)
- Crop mazes
- Educational and interpretive seminars, clinics, walks, workshops
- Farm equipment displays
- Farm visits
- Food festivals
- Food service
- Gardens (harvesting flowers, greenery, herbs, dried flowers, berries, vegetables)
- Gift shops
- Guided crop tours
- Harvest festivals
- Hayrides
- Historical reenactments (e.g., Revolutionary War or Civil War battle reenactments)
- Living history events where families can experience the lives of 18th or 19th century farmers, pioneers, ranchers, etc.
- Horse and pony rides
- Living History displays
- Music festivals
- Pet farms
- Picnicking
- Ranch skills demonstrations (horseshoeing, leatherwork, camp cooking, horse training, etc.)
- Retreats
- School tours
- Storytelling
- Wagon rides
- Wine tasting
- U-pick farm or orchard

- (ee) **Airport or Heliport (see Land Use Tables).** Any area of land or water designed and set aside for the landing and taking off of any aircraft. An airport or heliport must be utilized in the interest of the public for these purposes, have a valid airport permit from the State of California Aeronautics Division, have airspace clearance as required by the Federal Aviation Agency, and have approval under the County Adopted General Plan of Airports. Military airports are not required to obtain the listed Federal, State, or County approvals.
- (ff) **Airport Hazard.** Any structure or tree or use of land that obstructs the airspace required for the flight of aircraft in landing or taking off at an airport, or is otherwise hazardous to the landing or taking off of aircraft.
- (gg) **Aliquot Part.** A notation used by the Public Land Survey System to represent the exact subdivision of a section of land. Aliquot parts are described as a half or quarter of the largest subdivision of the section, except fractional lots which cannot be described by aliquot parts. The divisions shall not be less than five acres.
- (hh) **Alley.** A public thoroughfare, not exceeding 30 feet in width for the use of pedestrians or vehicles, that affords only a secondary means of access to the abutting property.
- (ii) **Alluvial Fan.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (jj) **Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act.** Also, formerly known as the Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones Act of 1972 (Public Resources Code Section 2621 *et seq.*). The purpose of this Act is to provide for public safety in hazardous fault zones. The Act requires the delineation of potential damage areas along known active faults throughout California. It requires local governments to withhold approval of construction permits in those zones until geologic investigation has determined that the site is not threatened by surface displacement from future faulting.
- (kk) **Alterations.** See “Structural Alterations.”
- (ll) **Ambulance, Taxi, or Limousine Dispatch Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A base facility where ambulances, taxis, limousines, armored cars, tow trucks, and similar vehicles for specialized transportation are stored, and from which they are dispatched, and/or where ambulance vehicles and crews not based at a hospital or fire department stand by for emergency calls. Does not include storage facilities for towed vehicles, which is classified under “Storage - Vehicle.”
- (mm) **Animal Keeping (see Land Use Tables).** See Chapter 84.04 (Animal Keeping) and Chapter 82.07 (Additional Agricultural Overlay District).
- (nn) **Animals, Beneficial or Endangered.**
- (1) **Beneficial.** Those species that do not contribute to a strain on an ecosystem. They may also serve to eradicate pest species for agricultural or health purposes.

- (2) **Endangered.** An animal species that has been diminished in quantities sufficiently large enough to raise questions regarding the future propagation of the species.

(oo) **Animal Hospital.** See “Veterinary Clinic, Animal Hospital (see Land Use Tables).”

(pp) **Animal-Proofed.** Resistant to animals (such as dogs, coyotes, raccoons) opening, tipping over or otherwise gaining access to trash thereby causing trash to be scattered.

(qq) **Antenna.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”

(rr) **Anti-drain Valve.** A valve that has been designed to be located under a sprinkler head to help keep water within the irrigation system and to prevent the drainage of the sprinkler head when the system is non-operational.

(ss) **Apparel and Other Finished Products.** See “Manufacturing Operation I and II.”

(tt) **Application Rate.** The depth of water that has been applied to a given area, measured in inches per minute, or inches per hour, or gallons per hour.

(uu) **Applied Water.** The portion of water that is supplied by an irrigation system for landscaped areas.

(vv) **Apex.** See “Flood Hazard.”

(ww) **Apartment.** A room, or suite of rooms that when combined constitute a single dwelling unit in a multiple dwelling structure and that are designed for, intended for, suitable as a residence for, and/or occupied by one family.

(xx) **Applicant.** The property owner(s), or authorized agent of the owner(s) who is legally authorized to act for the owner(s) of record.

(yy) **Approved Access.**

- (1) A dedicated right of way to the County of San Bernardino, an easement for public road, County Highway and public utility purposes, of a width as established by the Circulation Element of the County General Plan. The road constructed thereon shall not be brought into the County maintained road system until and unless the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, by appropriate resolution, has caused the road to be accepted into the County Road System.
- (2) An existing traveled way where a prescriptive right by user has been established for public use by a Court decree.
- (3) A traveled way that was in existence before 1967, as determined by the County Surveyor. The traveled way must connect to a publicly maintained roadway and must meet each of the following criteria:

- (A) Have all-weather capability for normal passenger car use.
  - (B) Be of adequate width to provide two-way vehicular access.
  - (C) Be improved and maintained by the use of hand or power machinery or tools in order to allow relatively regular and continuous use. A traveled way maintained solely by the passage of vehicles does not constitute "Approved Access."
- (4) Approved Access shall not be approved by the County Surveyor unless the access:
- (A) Substantially conforms to the alignment shown in the Circulation Element of the County General Plan or Community Plan where applicable; and
  - (B) May practically and feasibly be applied to road use. The approved access provisions apply to divisions of land resulting in lots of 20 acres or more.

**(zz)** **Approved Structure.** See "Structure, Approved."

**(aaa)** **Architectural Lighting.** See "Lighting, Outdoor."

**(bbb)** **Area of Regional Significance.** See "Surface Mining Operations."

**(ccc)** **Area of Shallow Flooding.** See "Flood Hazard."

**(ddd)** **Area of Special Flood Hazard.** See "Flood Hazard."

**(eee)** **Area of Statewide Significance.** See "Surface Mining Operations."

**(fff)** **Art Gallery.** See "Library."

**(ggg)** **Attached Lighting.** See "Lighting, Outdoor."

**(hhh)** **Auction Yard.** See "Swap Meet, Outdoor Market, Auction Yard."

**(iii)** **Auto and Vehicle Sales and Rental (see Land Use Tables).** A retail or wholesale establishment selling and/or renting automobiles, trucks and vans, trailers, motorcycles, and bicycles (bicycle sales are also included under "General Retail"). Vehicles for sale may be displayed outdoors or indoors, as authorized by the required Conditional Use Permit.

May also include repair shops and the sales of parts and accessories, incidental to vehicle dealerships. Does not include: the sale of auto parts/accessories separate from a vehicle dealership; mobile home, recreational vehicle, or watercraft sales (see "Mobile Home, RV and Boat Sales"); tire recapping establishments; businesses dealing exclusively in used parts, (see "Recycling - Scrap and Dismantling Yards"); or "Service Stations," which are separately defined.

**(iii) Automobile Parking Space.** See “Parking Space, Automobile.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.040 Definitions, “B”**

- (a) **Backflow Prevention Device.** A safety device used to prevent pollution or contamination of the water supply due to the reverse flow of water from the irrigation system.
- (b) **Backfilling.** As it pertains to landscape construction, is the refill of an excavation area, usually with native soil material that has been excavated from the project site.
- (c) **Bail Bond Service (see Land Use Tables).** A business that provides bail bonds for incarcerated persons.
- (d) **Bar/Tavern (see Land Use Tables).** A business in which alcoholic beverages are sold for on-site consumption and that is not part of a larger restaurant. Includes bars, taverns, pubs, and similar establishments where any food service is subordinate to the sale of alcoholic beverages. May also include beer brewing as part of a microbrewery (“brew-pub”), and other beverage tasting facilities. Does not include adult oriented businesses (see “Adult-Oriented Business.”).
- (e) **Base Flood.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (f) **Basement or Cellar.** A room of a structure partly or wholly underground and having more than one half of its height below the average level of the adjoining ground. A basement, having more than one half of its height above the average level of the adjoining ground, shall be considered a story.
- (g) **Bed and Breakfast Inn (B&B) (see Land Use Tables).** An accessory use to a single dwelling where a limited or specified number of guest rooms are made available to transient guests for rent to provide overnight sleeping accommodations on a less than weekly basis. Bed and Breakfast Uses are subdivided into three basic categories as follows:
  - (1) **Host Home.** A single dwelling containing one to two guest rooms that are available for rent to transient guests to provide sleeping accommodations on a less than weekly basis where the dwelling is occupied by the owner of the property.
  - (2) **Bed and Breakfast Home.** A single dwelling containing three to five guest rooms that are available for rent to transient guests to provide sleeping accommodations on a less than weekly basis where the dwelling is occupied by the owner of the property.
  - (3) **Bed and Breakfast Inn/Lodge.** An existing single dwelling that has been designated a Historical Structure containing a at least of six but no more than 10 guest rooms that are available for rent to transient guests to provide sleeping accommodations on a less than weekly basis where the dwelling is occupied by the owner of the property.
- (h) **Beneficial Animals.** See “Animals.”

- (i) **Block.** The property abutting on one side of a street between two nearest intersection streets, railroad right of way or other natural barrier, provided however, that where a street curves so that any two chords thereof form an angle of 120 degrees or less measured on the lot side, each curve shall be construed as an intersection street.
- (j) **Board, or Board of Supervisors.** The Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino, State of California.
- (k) **Boarding House.** A dwelling with not more than five guest rooms, with not more than one person per room, where lodging and meals are provided for compensation on a weekly or greater basis, not including those facilities defined as social care facilities.
- (l) **Boat Sales.** See “Mobile Home, Boat or RV Sales.”
- (m) **Borrow Pit.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (n) **Broadcasting Antennae and Towers (see Land Use Tables).** Any structure or device (e.g., antennas, towers, etc.) used for radio and television broadcasting and receiving.
- (o) **Broadcasting Studio (see Land Use Tables).** Commercial and public communications use including radio and television broadcasting and receiving stations and studios, with facilities entirely within buildings. Does not include transmission and receiving apparatus, including antennas and towers, which are instead defined under “Broadcasting Antennae and Towers”.
- (p) **Buffer.** A strip of land established to separate incompatible or different land uses. Normally a buffer area is landscaped and retained as open space. The term may be used more broadly to describe any area or use that separates two unlike land uses, such as the use of multi-family housing between single-family housing and commercial uses.
- (q) **Building.** Any structure built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, fowl, chattels or property of any kind.
- (r) **Building and Landscape Materials Sales (see Land Use Tables).** A retail establishment selling hardware, lumber and other large building materials, plant materials, and other landscaping materials. Includes paint, wallpaper, glass, fixtures. Includes all these stores selling to the general public, even if contractor sales account for a major proportion of total sales. An establishment that primarily sells electrical, plumbing, heating, and air conditioning equipment and supplies is classified in “Wholesaling and Distribution.”
- (s) **Building Coverage.** The alterations of a lot by the creation of surface area upon which a building rests. It is the building footprint. The percentage surface coverage does not include roadways, swimming pools, tennis courts, solar collection devices or related apparatus. See also “Lot Coverage.”

- (t) **Building Envelope.** The area delineated on development plans in which all clearing and land disturbance for building construction must be confined unless otherwise authorized by this Development Code. If not delineated, it is the area of a lot not included within a required front yard, rear yard, side yard or side street yard setback area, or any recorded easement, or offer of dedication.
- (u) **Building Height.** See Section 83.02.040 (Height Measurement and Height Limit Exceptions).
- (v) **Building Official.** The Deputy Director of Land Use Services for Building and Safety, charged with the administration and enforcement of this Development Code, or an authorized designee.
- (w) **Building Site.** The ground area occupied or to be occupied by a building or group of buildings, together with all open spaces as required by this Development Code.
- (x) **Business Structure.** See “Structure, Business or Industrial.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)



**810.01.050 Definitions, “C.”**

- (a) **Café.** See “Restaurant, Café, Coffee Shop (see Land Use Tables).”
- (b) **Calf Growing Ranch.** Any premises used for the raising or keeping of 10 or more weaned calves.
- (c) **California Building Code.** The currently adopted edition of the California Building Code with California Amendments as published by the International Conference of Building Officials.
- (d) **Camouflage Facility.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility).”
- (e) **Camp, or Campground (see Land Use Tables).** A site used or intended for use for temporary occupancy by campers traveling by automobiles or otherwise, which may include individual campsites, but where utility hookups for recreational vehicles are typically not provided. See also “Recreational Vehicle Park.” Other types of camping facilities regulated by this Development Code include the following.
  - (1) **Camp, Organized.** A site with program and facilities established for the primary purpose of providing an outdoor group living experience with social, spiritual, educational, or recreational objectives normally for five days or more during one or more seasons of the year.
    - (A) These camps are located on a permanent site and have a well-defined program of organized supervised activities in which campers are required to participate. There is present at the camp a qualified program director and a staff adequate to carry out the daily program activities, which are mainly out of doors.
    - (B) An establishment that rents or leases facilities on an individual family or group basis for the principal purpose of sporting or other unorganized recreational activities are not considered an organized camp.
  - (2) **Camp, Public.** A site used or intended to be used, let or rented for camping purposes by two or more camping parties in trailers, tents or other movable or temporary dwellings.
- (f) **Capital Facilities.** Physical facilities or equipment, such as roads, libraries, schools, government buildings, water and sewer systems.
- (g) **Caretaker Housing.** See “Accessory Dwelling.”
- (h) **Carnival.** The exhibiting or conducting of a traveling show or of entertainment open to the public, including any caravan, museum, menagerie, animal collection, circus, sideshow, burlesque show, rodeo, carnival, animal exhibition, feats of horsemanship, acrobatic performance, “wild west” show, or any other show or entertainment similar in character.

- (i) **Carport.** A permanent roofed structure with no more than two enclosed sides, used or intended to be used for shelter and storage.
- (j) **Casita.** See “Guest House.”
- (k) **Cattery (see Land Use Tables).** See “Kennels and Catteries.”
- (l) **Cellular Radiotelephone Service (CRS).** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”
- (m) **Cemetery (see Land Use Tables).** Land used, or intended to be used, for the permanent internment of dead human bodies or the cremated remains of dead human bodies, or land dedicated for cemetery purposes  
“Pet Cemetery” shall be a cemetery for domesticated animals and shall be in compliance with applicable State and County regulation, including mapping and applicable Conditional Use Permit requirements.
- (n) **Centerline.** The centerline of a street shall mean the right of way centerline as established by the County Surveyor, the City Engineer of any city within the County, or the State Division of Highways of the State of California. If no centerline has been established and in any case in which the foregoing definition is not applicable, the reviewing authority shall designate the centerline.
- (o) **Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor.** An individual who is certified to perform landscape irrigation audits, by an accredited educational institution or a professional trade organization, such as the Irrigation Association.
- (p) **Certify.** To authenticate or vouch for in writing, and signed by the certifying party, that the submitted data is true, as represented, or that the requirements of the regulations have been satisfied.
- (q) **Channel Acquisition.** The buying or leasing of drainage courses for the purpose of routing or controlling water runoff or floods.
- (r) **Chemicals and Related Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations II.”
- (s) **Child Care.** See “Day Care.”
- (t) **Church.** See “Places of Worship.”
- (u) **Circulation Element.** Any street, highway, boulevard, freeway, parkway, road, lane, alley, public easement or public right of way designed or designated for the use of pedestrians or vehicles by the General Plan and any applicable specific plan.
- (v) **Clay Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”

(w) **Club.** An association of persons, whether incorporated or unincorporated and organized for some common nonprofit purpose, but not including a group organized solely or primarily to render a service customarily carried on as a business.

(x) **Coffee Shop.** See “Restaurant, Café, Coffee Shop (see Land Use Tables.”

(y) **Collection Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”

(z) **Collector.** See “Road System.”

(aa) **Co-location Wireless Telecommunication Facility.** See “Wireless Telecommunications Facility”

(bb) **Commercial Coach.** A vehicle with or without motive power, designed and equipped for human occupancy for industrial, professional or commercial purposes, and shall include vehicles containing mobile offices.

(cc) **Commercial Entertainment - Indoor (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments providing indoor amusement and entertainment services for a fee or admission charge, including:

- bowling alleys
- coin-operated amusement arcades
- dance halls, clubs and ballrooms
- electronic game arcades (video games, pinball, etc.)
- ice skating and roller skating
- pool and billiard rooms as primary uses

This use does not include adult oriented businesses, which are separately defined. Four or more electronic games or coin operated amusements in any establishment, or a premises where 50 percent or more of the floor area is occupied by amusement devices, are considered an electronic game arcade as described above; three or fewer machines are not considered a land use separate from the primary use of the site.

(dd) **Commercial Entertainment - Outdoor (see Land Use Tables).** A facility for various outdoor recreational activities, where a fee is charged for use. Examples include:

- amusement and theme parks
- go-cart tracks
- golf driving ranges
- miniature golf courses
- skating parks
- water slides

May also include commercial facilities customarily associated with the above outdoor commercial recreational uses, including bars and restaurants, video game arcades, etc.

- (ee) **Commercial Kennels and Catteries** (see **Land Use Tables**). See “Kennels.”
- (ff) **Commercial Mobile Radio Service**. See “Wireless Telecommunications Facility”
- (gg) **Commercial Use**. One or more of the land use types listed in the tables of “Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements) in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) under the headings of “Recreation, Education & Public Assembly Uses,” “Retail,” “Services, Business and Professional,” and/or “Services, General.” “Agricultural Support Services” are also considered as a commercial uses.
- (hh) **Commission**. The Planning Commission of the County of San Bernardino.
- (ii) **Common Carrier**. Any corporation or business that performs a service for, or delivers a commodity to the public or any portion thereof via a pipeline or other transmission line or device for which any compensation or payment whatsoever is received and is subject to the Federal Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended by Public Law 93-153.
- (jj) **Common Interest Development**. A real property development that consists of, or will consist of, separately owned lots, parcels, areas, or spaces with either or both of the following features:
- (1) One or more additional contiguous or noncontiguous lots, parcels, areas, or spaces owned in common by the owners of the separately owned lots, parcels, areas, or spaces.
  - (2) Mutual, common, or reciprocal interests in, or restrictions upon, all or a portion of these separately owned lots, parcels, areas, or spaces, or both and, in which the owners of the separately owned lots, parcels, areas, or spaces have rights, directly or indirectly, to the beneficial use and enjoyment of all or a portion of the lots, parcels, areas, or spaces.
- The estate in a separately or commonly owned lot, parcel, area, or space may be an estate of inheritance or perpetual estate, an estate for life, an estate for years, or any combination of the foregoing.
- Either common ownership of the additional contiguous or noncontiguous lots, parcels, or areas or the enjoyment of the mutual, common, or reciprocal interests in, or restrictions upon, the separately owned lots, parcels, areas or spaces or both, may be through ownership of shares of stock or membership in an association or otherwise. Shares of stock, if any exist, shall be deemed to be interests in a common interest development and real estate development for purposes of Corporations Code Section 25100(f).
- (kk) **Common Open Space**. See “Open Space, Common”

- (ll) **Community Apartment Project.** A common interest development in which an undivided interest in land is coupled with the right of exclusive occupancy of any apartment located thereon. This use includes apartment complexes that were converted to allow for individual ownership of units that were not constructed to condominium building standards.
- (mm) **Community Celebration.** Those public affairs sponsored by chambers of commerce or community service groups in unincorporated communities for the promotion of community spirit by public parades, carnivals, and other outdoor activities.
- (nn) **Community Gardens (see Land Use Tables).** A private or public facility for the non-commercial cultivation of fruits, flowers, vegetables, or ornamental plants by more than one person or family.
- (oo) **Community Noise Equivalency Level (CNEL).** The CNEL is a measure of the cumulative noise exposure level in the community. It results from a summation of average noise levels based on the average energy level of the sound over a 24-hour period, with an increased weighing factor applied to the evening and night time period.
- (pp) **Community room.** A small facility (up to 1,500 sq. ft.), in a multiple-family project furnished more as a large living room, and may not have a kitchen or may only have a sink and counter for small meetings and other get-togethers.
- (qq) **Compatible.** When used in relation to a structure, indicates that the structure is built so that its appearance is similar to that of the principal unit to which the structure is accessory or to the general character of the neighborhood with regards to color, materials, construction, lighting, signs, or the emission of sounds, noises and vibrations.
- (rr) **Compatible Land Uses.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (ss) **Compliance Investigation.** Any building permit inspection, mobile home setdown inspection, Code compliance investigation, or any review by any County Agency, Department or office, or their designee to determine compliance with rules, regulations, standards and conditions of approval established either by or to implement the provisions of the San Bernardino County Code.
- (tt) **Composite Development Plan.** A map or plan on file with the Building and Safety Division that reflects additional information related to the development of lots created by a Final or Parcel Map recorded after March 1, 1986. Notes on this plan or map are for informational purposes and indicate conditions and criteria that exist on the property that were known and identified as of the date of the recordation of the Final or Parcel Map. Authority for this plan is derived from California Government Code Section 66434.2.
- (uu) **Complex Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (vv) **Complex Occupant Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (ww) **Composting.** Processing waste in a controlled environment to produce a stable product by microbiologically degrading organic matter under aerobic conditions.

(xx) **Composting operations.** A facility where organic matter that is derived primarily from off-site is to be processed by composting and/or is processed for commercial purposes. Activities of a composting facility may include management, collection, transportation, staging, composting, curing, storage, marketing, or use of compost.

(yy) **Compressed Gas.** Any mixture or material having in the container either an absolute pressure exceeding 40 pounds per square inch at 70°F, or an absolute pressure exceeding 104 pounds per square inch at 130°F, or both; or any liquid flammable material having a vapor pressure as defined in Section 5415 in Title 8 (Industrial Relations) of the California Code of Regulations.

(zz) **Condominium.** A condominium consists of an undivided interest in common in a portion of real property coupled with a separate interest in space called a unit, the boundaries of which are described on a recorded condominium plan in sufficient detail to locate all boundaries thereof. The area within these boundaries may be filled with air, earth, or water, or any combination thereof, and need not be physically attached to land except by easements for access and, if necessary, support.

(1) The description of the unit may refer to:

- (A) Boundaries described in the recorded condominium plan;
- (B) Physical boundaries, either in existence, or to be constructed, such as walls, floors, and ceilings of a structure or any portion thereof;
- (C) An entire structure containing one or more units; or
- (D) Any combination thereof.

(2) An individual condominium within a condominium project may also include a separate interest in other portions of the real property. A condominium is an estate in real property. The estate may, with respect to the duration of its enjoyment, be either:

- (A) An estate of inheritance or perpetual estate;
- (B) An estate for life;
- (C) An estate for years (i.e., leasehold or subleasehold); or
- (D) Any combination of the foregoing.

(aaa) **Condominium Plan.** A plan consisting of:

- (1) A description or survey map of a condominium project, which shall refer to or show monumentation on the ground;
- (2) A three dimensional description of a condominium project, one or more dimensions of which may extend for an indefinite distance upwards or downwards, in sufficient detail to identify the common areas and each separate interest; and

- (3) A certificate consenting to the recordation of the condominium plan in compliance with this Development Code and signed and acknowledged by the following:
- (A) Record owner of fee title to the property included in the condominium project;
  - (B) All lessors and lessees of the estate for years in the case of a condominium project that will terminate upon the termination of an estate for years;
  - (C) All life tenants and remainder interests in the case of a condominium project subject to a life estate;
  - (D) Either the trustee or the beneficiary of each recorded deed of trust;
  - (E) Mortgagee of each recorded mortgage encumbering the property.

Owners of mineral rights, easements, rights of way, and other nonpossessory interests do not need to sign the condominium plan. A condominium plan may be amended or revoked by a subsequently acknowledged recorded instrument executed by all the persons whose signatures would be required to record a condominium plan in compliance with Subsection 3, above.

- (bbb) Condominium Project.** A common interest development consisting of condominiums.
- (ccc) Conference/Convention Facility (see Land Use Tables).** One or more structures accommodating multiple assembly, meeting, and/or exhibit rooms, and related support facilities (e.g., kitchens, offices, etc.).
- (ddd) Conservation.** The planned management, protection and use of natural resources in order to prevent the wasteful exploitation, destruction or neglect of these resources. Implicit in conservation is the concept of wise use as distinguished from nonuse or preservation.
- (eee) Consistency.** A review to ensure that all plans and actions conform to guidelines set forth in the General Plan and any applicable or Specific Plans.
- (fff) Construction and Heavy Equipment Sales and Rental (see Land Use Tables).** Retail establishments selling or renting construction, farm, or other heavy equipment. Examples include cranes, earth moving equipment, tractors, combines, heavy trucks, etc.
- (ggg) Construction Contractor (see Land Use Tables).** Office, and indoor and/or outdoor storage facilities operated by, or on behalf of a contractor licensed by the State of California for storage of large equipment, vehicles, and/or other materials commonly used in the individual contractor's type of business; storage of scrap materials used for repair and maintenance of contractor's own equipment; and buildings or structures for uses such as repair facilities.
- (hhh) Construction Projects.** A construction activity that is subject to approval of either a County ministered permit, or approval of a discretionary decision on a land use application.



- (iii) **Contiguous or Contiguous Property.** In actual close contact; touching; bounded or traversed by. “Contiguous property” shall be those properties that touch property lines of any parcel including those properties that touch the property lines of a subject parcel when the lines are projected across public or private rights of way, easements, roads, streets, or railroad rights of way.
- (jjj) **Convenience and Support Services (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments that provide convenience or support services to people in employment locations or to the traveling public in locations away from developed commercial centers. These limited services include food, beverage, gasoline, retail services and minor automobile service.
- (kkk) **Convenience Store (see Land Use Tables).** A retail store of 3,500 square feet or less in gross floor area that carries a range of merchandise oriented to convenience and/or travelers' shopping needs.
- (lll) **Conventional Spray Irrigation.** Is the use of aerial/overhead sprinklers to distribute irrigation water to landscaped areas (e.g. pop-up and fixed spray heads, impact rotors, rotary nozzles, rotors, etc.).
- (mmm) **Conversion Factor (0.62).** 0.62 is the conversion factor for the Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA) and the Estimated Annual Water Use (EAWU) calculations. This number converts the acre-inches per acre, per year to gallons per square foot, per year.
- (nnn) **Cooling Opportunities, Passive or Natural.** The ability to orient or site a structure, including a dwelling on its lot in order to take optimum advantage of prevailing breezes for cooling purposes.
- (ooo) **Corner Lot.** See “Lot.”
- (ppp) **Correctional Institution (see Land Use Tables).** An incarceration facility owned and operated by a Federal, State, local government or private entity.
- (qqq) **Corrosive Soils.** See “Soil.”
- (rrr) **County.** The County of San Bernardino, State of California.
- (sss) **County Code.** County of San Bernardino Code.
- (ttt) **County Fire Department.** See “Fire Department.”
- (uuu) **County Procedures.** Any policies or procedures that have been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and are described, delineated and on file for use and examination by the public in the Office of Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
- (vvv) **County Standards.** Any current improvement standards or design standards that have been adopted by the Board of Supervisors, and are described, delineated and on file for use and examination by the public in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.



(www) **County Surveyor.** The County Surveyor of San Bernardino County, or authorized designee.

(xxx) **County Veterinarian.** Any veterinarian of the County designated by the Department of Public Health

(yyy) **Court.** An open, unoccupied space, other than a yard, that is bounded on two or more sides by a building or buildings and is created by the required separation of the buildings.

(zzz) **Crematorium (see Land Use Tables).** A location containing properly installed, certified apparatus intended for use in the act of cremation

(aaaa) **Crop Production, Horticulture, Orchard, Vineyard (see Land Use Tables).** Commercial agricultural production field and orchard uses, including the production of the following, primarily in the soil on the site and not in containers, other than for initial propagation before planting in the soil on the site, and/or in containers occupying one acre or less:

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| ▪ field crops       | ▪ ornamental crops             |
| ▪ flowers and seeds | ▪ tree nuts                    |
| ▪ fruits            | ▪ trees and sod                |
| ▪ grains            | ▪ vegetables                   |
| ▪ melons            | ▪ wine grapes and table grapes |

Also includes associated crop preparation services and harvesting activities, such as mechanical soil preparation, irrigation system construction, spraying, crop processing and retail sales in the field, not including sales sheds.

(bbbb) **Cultural Resource Damage.** Any destruction or harm done to or inflicted upon any paleontological, archaeological or historical remains that could contribute to the study and interpretation of biological and cultural development.

(cccc) **Curb Cut.** The lowering of a curb to permit access by vehicles, wheelchairs, carts and pedestrians.

(dddd) **Commercial Solar Energy Generation Facility.** The components and subsystems that, in combination, convert solar energy into electric or thermal energy primarily for the purpose of off-site consumption, and may include other appurtenant structures and facilities. The definition includes, but is not limited to, photovoltaic power systems and solar thermal systems.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); Amended Ordinance 4162 (2012); Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012); Amended Ordinance 4213 (2013)

**810.01.060 Definitions, "D."**

- (a) **Dairy.** Any premises where milk is produced for sale or distribution and where 10 or more cows or goats are in lactation.
- (b) **Days.** Any reference to day or days shall mean calendar days, unless otherwise specified.
- (c) **Days, Business.** Any day a specified Office, Department or other agency is open to the public for normal business. This term shall normally exclude all Saturdays, Sundays and any holiday that is recognized and observed by the specified Office, Department or other agency.
- (d) **Day Care, Adult (see Land Use Tables).** A state-licensed facility that provides nonmedical care and supervision for adult clients for periods of less than 24 hours for any client.
- (e) **Day Care, Child (see Land Use Tables).** Facilities that provide non-medical care and supervision of minor children for periods of less than 24 hours. These facilities include the following, all of which are required to be licensed by the California State Department of Social Services.
  - (1) **Day Care Center.** Commercial or non-profit child day care facilities designed and approved to accommodate 15 or more children. Includes infant centers, preschools, sick-child centers, and school-age day care facilities. These may be operated in conjunction with a school or church facility, or as an independent land use.
  - (2) **Family Day Care Home.** As defined by Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78, a home that regularly provides care, protection, and supervision for 14 or fewer children, in the provider's own home, for periods of less than 24 hours per day, while the parents or guardians are away, and is either a large family day care home or a small family day care home.
  - (3) **Large Family Day Care Home.** As defined by Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78, a day care facility in a single-family dwelling where an occupant of the residence provides family day care for seven to 14 children, inclusive, including children under the age of 10 years who reside in the home.
  - (4) **Small Family Day Care Home.** As defined by Health and Safety Code Section 1596.78, a day care facility in a single-family residence where an occupant of the residence provides family day care for eight or fewer children, including children under the age of 10 years who reside in the home.
- (f) **Debris Flow (mudflow).** The downhill movement of saturated debris often a mixture of mud, rock and vegetation.

- (g) **Decibel (dBA).** A measure of sound pressure on a logarithmic scale, with respect to a standard reference value.
- (h) **Decision.** Any decision to approve, disapprove, or modify a request to develop, divide, or otherwise utilize land or to alter or establish land use regulations.
- (i) **Density Bonus.** A density increase over the otherwise maximum allowable residential density under the applicable land use plan designation and land use zoning district. Also, see Government Code Section 65915.
- (j) **Department.** The Department of Land Use Services of the County of San Bernardino.
- (k) **Dependent Housing (see Land Use Tables).** Residential occupancy of an accessory dwelling unit located on the same parcel as the principal dwelling unit that is occupied by:
  - (1) One or two adults, who have reached the age of 60, and are dependents of the residents of the primary unit;
  - (2) Court appointed conservatees of a resident of the principal unit; or
  - (3) Members of a very low income household as specified as Section 50105 of the Health and Safety Code and are related to the residents of the principal unit by birth, marriage, or adoption.
  - (4) One or two adults of any age who are dependent upon the residents of the primary unit for health care.

For the purposes of this section, “Dependent” means a related individual who is dependent upon the resident of the principal unit for financial support or health care. An individual will be determined to be a financial dependent if claimed by the resident of the primary unit as a dependent on his or her Federal or State income tax return. An individual will be determined to be a dependent for health care reasons if he or she is considered blind or disabled as defined in Section 1614(a) of Part A of Title XVI of the Social Security Act.

- (l) **Dependent Mobile Home.** See “Mobile Home, Dependent.”
- (m) **Desert Botanical Gardens (see Land Use Tables).** A public or private facility for the demonstration and observation of the cultivation of desert flowers, fruits, vegetables, or ornamental desert plants.
- (n) **Desert Native Plant.** See “Plant, Desert Native.”
- (o) **Desert Native Plant Expert.** See “Plant Expert, Desert Native.”

- (p) **Desert Region.** Desert Region shall mean and include all of the unincorporated area of San Bernardino County lying north and east of the Mountain Region as defined in this Division.
- (q) **Design.** Includes the planning and engineering of the following:
  - (1) Street alignments, grades and widths;
  - (2) Drainage and sanitary facilities and utilities, including alignment and grades thereof;
  - (3) Location and size of all required easements and rights of way;
  - (4) Fire roads and firebreaks;
  - (5) Lot size and configuration;
  - (6) Traffic access;
  - (7) Grading;
  - (8) Land to be dedicated for park or recreational purposes;
  - (9) Location of proposed and existing structures and improvements; and
  - (10) Other specific physical requirements in the plan and/or configuration of a subdivision as may be necessary to ensure consistency with, and implementation of this Development Code, the General Plan, and any applicable specific plan.
- (r) **Detailed Site Plan.** See “Site Plan, Detailed.”
- (s) **Design Flood.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (t) **Developer.** Any person, association, firm, corporation, partnership and other business entity or public agency installing or constructing a development. This includes any person, business entity or public agency seeking to perform earthwork grading on any project or development for which the conditions of approval require any specific or general features to be incorporated in the earthwork or which restrict or limit the earthwork grading in any way, other than in compliance with the grading provisions as prescribed in the California Building Code.
- (u) **Development.** The use to which land shall be put, the buildings to be constructed on it, and all alteration of the land and construction incident thereto. This shall include but not limited to buildings or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.
- (v) **Development Application.** Any application, review and/or process acted upon by the Department. See “Land Use Application.”

- (w) **Development Code.** A set of land use regulations adopted by San Bernardino County in conformance with the General Plan. All actions and undertakings necessary for project planning, land acquisition, demolition or construction of a project must conform with the County Code before approval. The Development Code is Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code.
- (x) **Development Moratorium.** A development moratorium shall include a water or sewer moratorium, as well as other actions of public agencies that regulate land use, development, or the provision of services to the land, other than the authority of the County to approve or conditionally approve the Tentative Map, which prevents, prohibits, or delays the approval of a Final or Parcel Map. A development moratorium is also deemed to exist for any period of time during which a condition imposed by the County could not be satisfied because the condition was one which, by its nature, necessitated action by the County, and the County either did not take the necessary action or by its own action or inaction was prevented or delayed in taking the necessary action before expiration of the Tentative Map.
- (y) **Development Perimeter.** A line that indicates the outer perimeter of structural development or proposed structural development of one structure or a group of structures within a development project. For the purposes of this Section, structures within one hundred feet of another structure shall be considered as part of the same group of structures. The development perimeter may be derived from one of the following methods:
- (1) A line formed by interlinking the exterior walls or exterior building envelope boundaries of a series of proposed or existing structures that form the perimeter of a development project;
  - (2) Where a development project indicates the location of buildings or building envelopes on a site plan, a composite development plan or a final development plan, the development perimeter may be delineated by the outer limit of the location of each building. The development perimeter between the planned location of each building shall be delineated by the shortest line between the outer faces of adjacent buildings or building envelopes or;
  - (3) The development perimeter may be derived through alternate means provided they meet or exceed the limitations described in Subsections 1 and 2 above.
- (z) **Development Permit.** A permit issued by the Building Official, Fire Marshall, or Chief of the Environmental Health Services Division for construction or land disturbance, including, but not limited to, Building Permits, Mobile Home Setdown Permits and Grading Permits.
- (aa) **Development Plan.** A detailed, comprehensive plan of development for a Special Development. The development plan applies limits and parameters for development derived from a development suitability analysis to a specific development scheme. Development Plans shall include a detailed description of the proposed development

and its effects including, but not limited to, a written text, diagrams or maps describing the program for development and the functional arrangement of structures and uses, the effect of such arrangement upon the physical characteristics of the site, available public services, the capacity of the existing circulation system and the existing and planned land use of adjacent properties. It includes a dimensioned site plan showing the location of all structures and lots in sufficient detail to permit recordation and the preparation of construction drawings.

**(bb) Development Project.** Any one or a series of related development applications that constitute a single development proposal.

**(cc) Development Restrictions.** Include, but are not limited to, any of the following restrictions on property:

- (1) Open space easements.
- (2) Transfer of development rights.
- (3) Conveyance of development rights to the County.
- (4) Land Use Zoning District restrictions on development.

**(dd) Development Review Committee.** A committee consisting of representatives from various public agencies whose functions are to review and make recommendations on development proposals.

**(ee) Development Suitability Analysis.** A comprehensive examination of the opportunities and constraints affecting development of a given site.

**(ff) Deviations.** Authorized variances from required distances, setbacks, areas or physical improvements.

**(gg) Directional Sign.** See “Sign.”

**(hh) Director.** The Director of Land Use Services or authorized designee.

**(ii) Director of Airports.** The Director of the County Airports Department or an authorized designee.

**(jj) Director of Department of Public Works.** The Director of the County Department of Public Works or an authorized designee.

**(kk) Director of Special Districts.** The Director of the Special Districts Department or an authorized designee.

**(ll) Disabled or Handicapped Person.** An individual who has a physical or mental impairment as defined by Titles II and III of the Americans with Disabilities Act and applicable state law.

- (mm) **Dismantlers.** See “Motor Vehicle Dismantling Facility.”
- (nn) **Display Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (oo) **Distribution.** See “Wholesaling and Distribution.”
- (pp) **Drainage Course.** A natural or man-made water course that could convey runoff either year around or intermittently.
- (qq) **Drainage Plan, Local Area.** A drainage plan adopted for a particular drainage area. These plans shall include a map of the area showing its boundaries, the location of existing and future drainage facilities and an accompanying text that contains an estimate of the total costs of constructing the local drainage facilities.
- (rr) **Dripline.** A line that may be drawn on the ground around a tree directly under its outermost branch tips which is projected vertically down to the ground and which identifies that area where rainwater tends to drop from the tree.
- (ss) **Dwelling, Multiple Family (see Land Use Tables).** A building or portion thereof used and/or designed as two or more independent dwelling units.
- (tt) **Dwelling, Single Family (see Land Use Tables).** A detached building designed and/or used as one dwelling unit.
- (uu) **Dwelling, Single Family Attached (see Land Use Tables).** A single family dwelling that is attached to not more than one other single family dwelling.
- (vv) **Dwelling Unit.** Any building or portion thereof, including a manufactured home or portion thereof, that contains living facilities, including provisions for sleeping, eating, cooking and sanitation as required by the California Building Code, for not more than one family, including domestic employees of the family.
- (ww) **Dwelling Unit, Second.** A second dwelling unit is an additional dwelling unit either attached or detached.
- (xx) **Dwelling Use in Conjunction with Commercial Use.** One or more dwelling units developed along with one or commercial uses in a mixed-use project.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012); Amended Ordinance 4169 (2012); Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)



**810.01.070 Definitions, “E.”**

- (a) **Earth Material.** Rock, natural soil or combination thereof.
- (b) **Easement.** A grant of one or more property rights by the property owner to and/or for the use by the public, a corporation, or another entity, including:
  - (1) **Road Easement.** Any property that is reserved for or in general use for road purposes to provide access for the public to otherwise inaccessible parcels of land, provided that the easements are not included in the definition herein of “street”.
  - (2) **Road Easement, Private.** Any property that is reserved for road purposes to provide access for property owners to their private property, provided that the easements are not included in the definition of “street” herein.
- (c) **Educational Animal Project.** An animal husbandry project under the supervision of an educationally oriented youth program or organization connected to a school or non-profit organization (e.g., 4-H, Future Farmers of America, etc.)
- (d) **Educational Institutions.** See “Schools.”
- (e) **Electrical Power Generation (see Land Use Tables).** A facility that generates and distributes electrical energy for sale. The electricity may be generated from oil, gas, coal or fuels or from “alternate” sources including water, wind, the sun, bio gas, municipal or agricultural wastes. This includes “cogeneration,” which means the sequential use of energy for the production of electrical and useful thermal energy. The sequence can be thermal use followed by electric power production or the reverse. See also “Wind Energy System.”
- (f) **Emergency Access Route.** See “Road System.”
- (g) **Endangered Animals.** See “Animals.”
- (h) **Endangered Species.** See “Rare or Endangered Species.”
- (i) **Enforcement.** For the purposes of this code, certain words relative to enforcement are defined as follows:
  - (1) “Abatement costs” means any and all costs or expenses reasonably related to the abatement or removal of conditions which violate any provision of this code or any permit or any condition of land use approval granted pursuant thereto or the correction of such violation, and shall include, but not be limited to, enforcement, investigation, collection, and administrative costs; and attorney’s fees.
  - (2) “Administrative costs” means all costs incurred by or on behalf of the County



from the first discovery of the violation of the this Development Code or any permit or condition of land use approval granted pursuant thereto through the appeal process and until compliance is achieved, including but not limited to, staff time in investigating the violation, inspecting the property where the violation occurred, preparing investigation reports, sending notices, preparing for and attending any appeal hearing, telephone contacts, and correspondence.

- (3) “Codified Ordinances of the County of San Bernardino,” and “San Bernardino County Code,” and “this code” shall mean the San Bernardino County Development Code (Title 8 of the San Bernardino County Code), including all pertinent provisions of state codes as adopted therein, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino acting pursuant to authority granted under the County Charter, California Government Code Sections 25126, 25127, and 25128; or other applicable law.
- (4) “Enforcement Officer” shall mean any County employee or agent of the County with the authority to enforce any provision of the Development Code, specifically:
  - (A) The Deputy Director, each Code Enforcement Supervisor, and each Code Enforcement Officer or other designated employee of the Code Enforcement Division of the Land Use Services Department;
  - (B) The Fire Chief/Fire Warden, each Deputy Chief, each Assistant Chief, each Division Chief, the Fire Marshal, Assistant Fire Marshal, each Fire Prevention Supervisor, and each Fire Prevention Officer or other designated employees of the County Fire Department;
  - (C) The Director and each Inspector or other designated employees of the Environmental Health Services Division of the Department of Public Health;
  - (D) The Program Manager and each Animal Control Officer or other designated employees of the Animal Care and Control Program of the Environmental Health Division of the Department of Public Health;
  - (E) The Sheriff-Coroner and each Deputy Sheriff (all ranks) or other designated employee of the Department of the Sheriff-Coroner;
  - (F) Any other Director and other designated employee of a county department as designated by the County Administrative Officer.
- (5) “Person” shall mean any natural person, firm, association, club, organization, corporation, partnership, business trust, company or other entity, which is recognized by law as the subject of rights or duties.
- (6) “Responsible party,” for the purpose of this Chapter shall mean each person committing or allowing the violation or causing a condition on a parcel of real

property located within the unincorporated area of the County of San Bernardino to violate any provision of this Development Code or any permit or any condition of land use approval granted pursuant thereto; each person who has an ownership interest in that property; and each person who, although not an owner, nevertheless has a legal right or legal obligation to exercise possession and control over that property. In the event the person who commits the violation or causes the violating condition is a minor, then the minor's parents or legal guardian shall be deemed the responsible party for that violation. In the event the violation or violating condition is most reasonably attributable to a business and not to an employee, then that business, to the extent it is a legal entity such that it can sue and be sued in its own name, and each person who is an owner of that business shall be deemed responsible parties.

- (j) **Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio Service.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”
- (k) **Entertainment Assembly.** See “Sports or Entertainment Assembly.”
- (l) **Entertainment Services.** See “Recreation and Entertainment Services.”
- (m) **Environmental Constraints.** Environmental factors that limit or inhibit the potential for land development, including, but not limited to, flood hazards, seismic hazards, air quality and water supply.
- (n) **Environmental Impact.** Projected long-term or short-term effects (adverse or beneficial) that a development project or plan may have on the natural and built environment if the project is carried out.
- (o) **Environmental Impact Report (EIR).** An environmental impact report (EIR) is the public document used by a governmental agency to analyze the significant environmental effects of a proposed project, to identify alternatives, and to disclose possible ways to reduce or avoid possible environmental damage.
- (p) **Environmental Review Guidelines.** Written procedures adopted by the Board of Supervisors for the purpose of implementing the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- (q) **Equestrian Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A commercial facility for horses, donkeys, and/or mules. Examples include horse ranches, boarding stables, riding schools and academies, horse exhibition facilities (for shows or other competitive events), and barns, stables, corrals and paddocks accessory and incidental to these uses. Does not include the simple pasturing of horses, donkeys, and/or mules, which is instead included in “Animal Keeping.” Does not include rodeo arenas, which are under “Rural Sports and Recreation.”
- (r) **Equipment Rental.** A service establishment that may offer a wide variety of household and business equipment, furniture, and materials for rental. Does not include construction equipment rental, which is separately defined.

- (s) **Erosion.** The wearing away of the ground surface as a result of the movement of wind or water or machine.
- (t) **Erosion, Accelerated.** Erosion caused by a human induced alteration of the vegetation, land surface, topography or runoff pattern. Evidence of accelerated erosion is often indicated by exposed soils, gullies, rills, sediment deposits or slope failures caused by human activities.
- (u) **Erosion Hazard.** The susceptibility of a site to erode based on condition of slope, rock type, soil and other site factors. Hazard may be determined based on a site-specific investigation and the soil disturbance may be caused by wind, water or machine.
- (v) **Established Landscape.** The point at which plant material within the landscaped areas have established a significant root growth. A typical timeframe for plant material establishment ranges between one to two years of growth.
- (w) **Estimated Annual Water Use (EAWU).** The estimated total water use per year for a landscape, as calculated with the formula found in County Code Subsection 83.10.060 (A)(3)(b).
- (x) **Exotic Animal.** Any warm-blooded or cold-blooded animal of the biological kingdom *Animalia* generally considered as wild, exotic, dangerous, venomous or not normally domesticated and as determined by County veterinarian. Includes genetically engineered animals.
- (y) **Expansive Soils.** See “Soil.”
- (z) **Exploration or Prospecting.** The search for minerals by geological, geophysical, geochemical, or other techniques. These include but are not limited to, sampling, assaying, drilling, or any surface or underground works needed to determine the type, extent, or quantity of mineral present.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.080 Definitions, “F.”**

- (a) **Fabricated Metal Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”
- (b) **Factory-built housing (modular unit).** A residential building, dwelling unit, or an individual dwelling room or combination of rooms thereof, or building component, assembly, or system manufactured in such a manner that all concealed parts or processes of manufacture cannot be inspected before installation at the building site without disassembly, damage, or destruction of the part, including units designed for use as a part of an institution for resident or patient care, that is either wholly manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an offsite location to be wholly or partially assembled onsite in accordance with building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and other regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to section 19990. Factory-built housing does not include a mobile home, as defined in Section 18008, a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 18010.5, or a commercial modular, as defined in Section 18012.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC).
- (c) **Fair Housing Laws.** The "Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988" (42 U.S.C. § 3601, et seq.), including reasonable accommodation required by 42 U.S.C. § 3604 (f)(3)(B), and the "California Fair Employment and Housing Act" (California Government Code Section 12900, et seq.), including reasonable accommodation required specifically by California Government Code Sections 12927 (c)(1) and 12955 (l), as any of these statutory provisions now exist or may be amended from time to time.
- (d) **Family.** A person or persons living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit.
- (e) **Family Day Care Home.** See “Day Care, Child.”
- (f) **Farm.** See “Ranch/Farm.”
- (g) **Farm Visit.** The activity of visiting a farm for short periods of time for the purpose of participating in or enjoying farm activities and/or other attractions offered.
- (h) **Fee Schedule.** A schedule of fees established by the Board of Supervisors in compliance with Division 6 (County Fees) or Title 1 (Government and Administration) of the San Bernardino County Code.
- (i) **FEMA.** The Federal Emergency Management Agency.
- (j) **Festival, Outdoor.** See “Outdoor Festival.”
- (k) **Final Map.** See the California Government Code, Title 7, Division 2 definition.

- (l) **Findings.** A set of conclusions that are required before specified permits, land use applications, deviations, ordinance changes or other entitlements may be granted.
- (m) **Fire Authority.** The San Bernardino County Fire Marshall, State Forest Ranger in charge of the California Department of Forestry, U.S. Forest Supervisor, or if within the jurisdiction of a Fire Protection District, the Board of Directors of the district.
- (n) **Fire Authority, Local.** The fire department or agency serving a subject area as specified by County Code Subsection 23.015(h).
- (o) **Fire Department.** The San Bernardino County Fire Department.
- (p) **Fire Flow.** The required rate of flow times duration for fire protection varies according to density and type of development.
- (q) **Fire Resistive or Fire Resistive Construction.** Construction to resist the spread of fire, details of which may be specified in the Building Code of the jurisdiction.
- (r) **Fire Resistive Rating.** The time that the material or construction will withstand the standard fire exposure as determined by a fire test made in conformity with the standard methods of fire tests of buildings, construction and materials in the U.B.C. Standards.
- (s) **Fire Safety Areas.** See Chapter 82.15 (Fire Safety Overlay District).
- (t) **Firewood Contractor (see Land Use Tables).** A business that cuts, sells, stores and/or delivers firewood.
- (u) **First Floor.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (v) **Fitness/health facility.** A fitness center, gymnasium, health and athletic club, which may include any of the following: swimming pool, sauna, spa or hot tub facilities; indoor tennis, handball, racquetball, archery and shooting ranges and other indoor sports activities. Does not include adult entertainment businesses.
- (w) **Fixture.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (x) **Fixed Wireless.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”
- (y) **Flag Lot.** See “Lot.”
- (z) **Flammable Liquid.** Any liquid having a flashpoint below 100°F and having a vapor pressure not exceeding 40 pounds per square inch (absolute) at 100°F. Class I liquids shall include those having flash points below 100°F and may be subdivided as follows:
  - (1) Shall include those having flash points below 73°F and having a boiling point below 100°F.

(2) Shall include those having flash points below 73°F and having a boiling point at or above 100°F.

(3) Shall include those having flashpoints at or above 73°F and below 100°F.

(aa) **Flammable Solid.** A solid substance, other than one classified as an explosive, that is liable to cause fires through friction, through absorption of moisture, through spontaneous chemical changes or as a result of retained heat from manufacturing or processing.

(bb) **Flood.** See “Flood Hazard.”

(cc) **Flood Boundary and Flooding Map.** See “Flood Hazard.”

(dd) **Flood Control District.** The San Bernardino County Flood Control District.

(ee) **Flood Control Engineer.** The Engineer of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District appointed by the Board of Supervisors, or an authorized designee.

(ff) **Flood Control Infrastructure.** Facilities constructed for the purpose of preventing or controlling flood waters, including dams, lined channels, and similar structures.

(gg) **Flood Hazard.** A substantial possibility of damage to life or property by overflow water, ponded water, or other water on the surface of the land, or by debris, or silt carried in the water. The following flood related terms are defined as follows:

(1) **Accessory structure.** For floodplain management purposes, an accessory structure is one that is either solely for the parking of no more than two cars or a small, low cost shed for limited storage.

(2) **Addition.** For floodplain management purposes, an addition is an improvement that increases the square footage of a structure. Commonly, this includes the structural attachment of a bedroom, den, recreational room, garage or other type of addition to an existing structure.

(3) **Alluvial Fan.** A geomorphologic feature characterized by a cone or fan-shaped deposit of boulders, gravel, and fine sediments that have been eroded from mountain slopes, transported by flood flows, and then deposited on the valley floors, and which is subject to flash flooding, high velocity flows, debris flows, erosion sediment movement and deposition, and channel migration.

(4) **Apex.** The point on an alluvial fan or similar landform below which the flow path of the major stream that formed the fan becomes unpredictable and alluvial fan flooding can occur. It is the point of highest elevation on an alluvial fan, which on undisturbed fans is generally the point where the major stream that formed the fan emerges from the mountain front.

- (5) **Area of shallow flooding.** An area designated AO or AH Zone on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM). The base flood depths range from one to three feet; a clearly defined channel does not exist; the path of flooding is unpredictable and indeterminate; and velocity flow may be evident. The flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.
- (6) **Area of special flood hazard.** See “Special flood hazard area.”
- (7) **Base Flood.** A flood that has a one percent chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year (also called the “100 year flood”).
- (8) **Base flood elevation (BFE).** The elevation shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map for Zones AE, AH, and A1-30, that indicates the water surface elevation resulting from a flood that has a one percent or greater chance of being equaled or exceeded in any given year.
- (9) **Certify.** To authenticate or vouch for in writing, and signed by the certifying party, that the submitted data is true, as represented, or that the requirements of the regulations have been satisfied.
- (10) **Encroachment.** The advance or infringement of uses, plant growth, fill, excavation, buildings, permanent structures or development into a floodplain which may impede or alter the flow capacity of a floodplain.
- (11) **Existing manufactured home park or subdivision.** A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including, at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed before October 17, 1978.
- (12) **Expansion** to an existing manufactured home park or subdivision. The preparation of additional sites by the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads).
- (13) **First Floor.** The lowest floor in a structure usable for living purposes, including the basement, which may include working, sleeping, eating cooking, recreation or a combination thereof.
- (14) **Flood.** A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from the overflow of inland waters; the unusual and rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters from any source; and/or mudslides (i.e., mudflows); any temporary rise in stream flow or water surface level that results in significant adverse effects in the floodplain. Adverse effects of floods may include damages from overflow of land areas, effects of temporary backwater or sewers and local drainage channels, bank erosion or channel shifts, unsanitary conditions or other unfavorable conditions resulting from deposition



of materials in stream channels during flood recessions, rise of ground water coincident with increased stream flow and interruption of traffic at bridge crossings.

**(15) Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).** The official map on which the Federal Emergency Management Agency or Federal Insurance Administration has delineated both the areas of special flood hazards and the risk premium zones applicable to the community. The following flood hazard zones are shown on the FIRM:

- (A) Zone A.** Areas that are subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event (100-year flood). Because detailed hydraulic analyses have not been performed, no base flood elevation or depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
- (B) Zone AE.** Areas that are subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event (100-year flood) determined by detailed methods. Base flood elevations are shown within these zones. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
- (C) Zone AH.** Areas that are subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (100-year flood) (usually areas of ponding) where average depths are between one and three feet. Base flood elevations derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown in this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
- (D) Zone AO.** Areas that are subject to inundation by 1-percent-annual-chance shallow flooding (100-year flood) (usually sheet flow on sloping terrain) nowhere average depths are between one and three feet. Average flood depths derived from detailed hydraulic analyses are shown within this zone. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
- (E) Zone A1-30.** Areas that are subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event (100-year flood), but which will ultimately be protected upon completion of an under-construction federal flood protection system. These are areas of special flood hazard where enough progress has been made on the construction of a protection system, such as dikes, dams, and levees, to consider it complete for insurance rating purposes. Zone A99 may only be used when the flood protection system has reached specified statutory progress toward completion. No base flood elevations or depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.
- (F) Zone A99.** Areas that are subject to inundation by the 1-percent-annual-chance flood event (100-year flood), but which will ultimately be protected upon completion of an under-construction federal flood protection system. These are areas of special flood hazard where enough progress has been made on the construction of a protection system, such as dikes, dams, and levees, to consider it complete for insurance rating purposes. Zone A99 may



only be used when the flood protection system has reached specified statutory progress toward completion. No base flood elevations or depths are shown. Mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply.

- (G) **Zone D.** Unstudied areas where flood hazards are undertermined, but flooding is possible. No mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements apply, but coverage is available in participating communities.
- (H) **Zone X.** Areas that are identified in the community FIS as areas of moderate or minimal hazard from the principal source of flood in the area. However, buildings in these zones could be flooded by severe, concentrated rainfall coupled with inadequate local drainage systems. Local storm water drainage systems are not normally considered in the community's FIS. The failure of a local drainage system creates areas of high flood risk within these rate zones. Flood insurance is available in participating communities but is not required by regulation in these zones.
- (16) **Flood Insurance Study.** The official report provided by the Federal Insurance Administration that includes flood profiles, the Flood Insurance Rate Map and the water surface elevation of the base flood.
- (17) **Floodplain or Flood-Prone Area.** The relatively flat area or lowlands adjoining the channel of a stream or watercourse and subject to overflow by flood waters.
- (18) **Floodplain management.** The operation of an overall program of corrective and preventive measures for reducing flood damage and preserving and enhancing, where possible, natural resources in the floodplain, including but not limited to emergency preparedness plans, flood control works, floodplain management regulations, and open space plans.
- (19) **Floodplain Administrator.** The Director of Public Works or his/her authorized designee.
- (20) **Floodplain management regulations.** This ordinance and other zoning ordinances, subdivision regulations, building codes, health regulations, special purpose ordinances (such as grading and erosion control) and other application of police power which control development in flood-prone areas. This term describes federal, state or local regulations in any combination thereof which provide standards for preventing and reducing flood loss and damage.
- (21) **Floodplain Review Areas.** See Chapter 82.14 (Flood Plain Safety Overlay District).
- (22) **Floodproofing.** Any combination of structural and nonstructural additions, changes, or adjustments to structures which reduce or eliminate flood damage to real estate or improved real property, water and sanitary facilities, structures, and their contents. For guidelines on dry and wet floodproofing, see FEMA Technical Bulletins TB 1-93, TB 3-93, and TB 7-93.

- (23) **Floodway.** The channel of a river or other water course and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot. Also referred to as "Regulatory Floodway."
- (24) **Floodway fringe.** That area of the floodplain on either side of the "Regulatory Floodway" where encroachment may be permitted.
- (25) **Fraud and victimization.** The exception granted must not cause fraud on or victimization of the public. In examining this requirement, the County will consider the fact that every newly constructed building adds to government responsibilities and remains a part of the community for fifty to one-hundred years. Buildings that are permitted to be constructed below the base flood elevation are subject during all those years to increased risk of damage from floods, while future owners of the property and the community as a whole are subject to all the costs, inconvenience, danger, and suffering that those increased flood damages bring. In addition, future owners may purchase the property, unaware that it is subject to potential flood damage, and can be insured only at very high flood insurance rates.
- (26) **Functionally Dependent Use.** A use that cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.
- (27) **Hardship.** The exceptional hardship that would result from a failure to grant the requested variance. The County requires that the variance be exceptional, unusual, and peculiar to the property involved. Mere economic or financial hardship alone is not exceptional. Inconvenience, aesthetic considerations, physical handicaps, personal preferences, or the disapproval of one's neighbors likewise cannot, as a rule, qualify as an exceptional hardship. All of these problems can be resolved through other means without granting a variance, even if the alternative is more expensive, or requires the property owner to build elsewhere or put the parcel to a different use than originally intended.
- (28) **Highest Adjacent Grade.** The highest natural elevation of the ground surface before construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.
- (29) **Historic Structure.** Any structure that is:
- (A) Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;

- (B) Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
  - (C) Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs that have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
  - (D) Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
    - (I) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
    - (II) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.
- (30) **Levee.** A man-made structure, usually an earthen embankment, designed and constructed in accordance with sound engineering practices to contain, control or divert the flow of water so as to provide protection from temporary flooding.
- (31) **Levee system.** A flood protection system which consists of a levee, or levees, and associated structures, such as closure and drainage devices, which are constructed and operated in accord with sound engineering practices.
- (32) **Lowest Floor.** For floodplain management purposes the lowest floor of the lowest enclosed area (including basement). An unfinished or flood resistant enclosure below the lowest floor, usable solely for parking of vehicles, building access or storage in an area other than a basement area is not considered a building's lowest floor; provided, that the enclosure is not built so as to render the structure in violation of the applicable non-elevation design requirements of this ordinance.
- (33) **Manufactured Home.** For floodplain management purposes, a structure, transportable in one or more sections, which is built on a permanent chassis and is designed for use with or without a permanent foundation when connected to the required utilities. For floodplain management purposes, the term "manufactured home" also includes park trailers, travel trailers and other similar vehicles placed on a site for greater than 180 consecutive days.
- (34) **Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision.** For floodplain management purposes, means a parcel (or contiguous parcels) of land divided into two or more manufactured home lots for sale or rent.
- (35) **Mean sea level.** For purposes of the National Flood Insurance Program, the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical

Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other datum, to which base flood elevations shown on a community's Flood Insurance Rate Map are referenced.

- (36) **New Construction.** For floodplain management purposes, structures for which “the start of construction” commenced on or after October 17, 1978, including any subsequent improvements to the structures.
- (37) **New manufactured home park or subdivision.** A manufactured home park or subdivision for which the construction of facilities for servicing the lots on which the manufactured homes are to be affixed (including at a minimum, the installation of utilities, the construction of streets, and either final site grading or the pouring of concrete pads) is completed on or after October 17, 1978.
- (38) **Obstruction.** Includes, but is not limited to, any dam, wall, wharf, embankment, levee, dike, pile, abutment, protection, excavation, channelization, bridge, conduit, culvert, building, wire, fence, rock, gravel, refuse, fill, structure, vegetation or other material in, along, across or projecting into any watercourse which may alter, impede, retard or change the direction and/or velocity of the flow of water, or due to its location, its propensity to snare or collect debris carried by the flow of water, or its likelihood of being carried downstream.
- (39) **One-hundred-year flood.** See "Base flood."
- (40) **Program deficiency.** A defect in a community's floodplain management regulations or administrative procedures that impairs effective implementation of those floodplain management regulations.
- (41) **Public safety and nuisance.** That the granting of an exception must not result in anything which is injurious to safety or health of an entire community or neighborhood, or any considerable number of persons, or unlawfully obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, or river, bay, stream, canal, or basin.
- (42) **Regulatory Floodway.** The channel of a river or other water-course and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot.
- (43) **Remedy a violation.** To bring the structure or other development into compliance with State or local floodplain management regulations, or if this is not possible, to reduce the impacts of its noncompliance. Ways that impacts may be reduced include protecting the structure or other affected development from flood damages, implementing the enforcement provisions of the ordinance or otherwise deterring future similar violations, or reducing State or Federal financial exposure with regard to the structure or other development.
- (44) **Rehabilitation.** An improvement made to an existing structure which does not affect the external dimensions of the structure.

- (45) **Riverine.** Relating to, formed by, or resembling a river (including tributaries), stream, brook, etc.
- (46) **San Bernardino County Flood Control District.** A district established by act of the State Legislature, empowered to protect the watercourses of the District and governed by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino acting as ex officio Governing Board of the District.
- (47) **Selected Flood.** A flood of a recurrence interval determined by the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors after a recommendation of the Engineer of the San Bernardino County Flood Control District.
- (48) **Sheet flow area.** See "Area of shallow flooding."
- (49) **Special Flood Hazard Area (SFHA).** An area in the floodplain subject to a one percent or greater chance of flooding in any given year. It is shown on a FIRM as Zone A, AO, A1-30, AE, AH or A99.
- (50) **Start of Construction.** Includes substantial improvement, and means the date the building permit was issued, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, placement, or other improvement was within 180 days of the permit date. The actual start means either the first placement of permanent construction of a structure on a site, such as the pouring of slab or footings, the installation of piles, the construction of columns, or any work beyond the state of excavation; or the placement of a manufactured home on a foundation. Permanent construction does not include land preparation, such as clearing, grading and filling; nor does it include the installation of streets and/or walkways; nor does it include excavation for a basement, footings, piers, or foundations or the erection of temporary forms; nor does it include the installation on the property of accessory buildings, such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main structure. **For a substantial improvement, the actual start of construction means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor, or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.**
- (51) **Standard Project Flood.** A flood that would result from a storm that is considered reasonably characteristic of the region in which the drainage area is located, giving consideration to the runoff characteristics of the drainage area and excluding rare combinations of meteorologic and hydrologic conditions. Such a flood provides a reasonable upper limit to be considered in designing flood control improvements and floodplain limits.
- (52) **Structure.** For floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building that is principally above ground; this includes a gas or liquid storage tank or a manufactured home.

- (53) **Substantial Damage.** Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before damaged condition would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred.
- (54) **Substantial Improvement.** Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures that have incurred “substantial damage,” regardless of the actual repair work performed. The term does not, however, include either (1) any project for improvement of a structure to correct existing violation of state or local health, sanitary, or safety code specification that have been identified by the local code enforcement official and that are the minimum necessary to assure safe living conditions or (2) any alteration of a “historic structure,” provided that the alteration will not preclude the structure's continued designation a “historic structure.”
- (55) **Violation.** The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with this ordinance. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in this ordinance is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.
- (56) **Water surface elevation.** The height, in relation to the National Geodetic Vertical Datum (NGVD) of 1929, North American Vertical Datum (NAVD) of 1988, or other datum, of floods of various magnitudes and frequencies in the floodplains of coastal or riverine areas.
- (hh) **Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM).** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (ii) **Floodplain.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (jj) **Floodplain Review Areas.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (kk) **Floodway.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (ll) **Flow Rate.** The rate in which the water flows through the pipes, valves, and emission devices of an irrigation system measured in gallons per minute, gallons per hour, or cubic feet per second.
- (mm) **Flow Sensor.** A device within the irrigation system that detects irregular flows indicating leaks, breaks, or another problem.
- (nn) **Food Truck Event – Major.** An event, other than a Community Event, where one or more mobile food facilities, as defined by the Environmental Health Services Division, operates at a designated single location, not to exceed one day, to sell or provide food to an individual, with an anticipated attendance of over 500 persons. A Major Event will be limited to six events per parcel per calendar year. A Major Event

which takes place on both a Saturday and Sunday on one weekend will be considered one event, for the purposes of calculating the number of events per parcel.

**(oo) Food Truck Event – Minor.** An event, other than a Community Event, where one or more mobile food facilities, as defined by the Environmental Health Services Division, operates at a designated single location in either a single one-day event, or a recurring event on more than one day, not to exceed 36 consecutive months, to sell or provide food to an individual, with an anticipated attendance of 500 persons or less.

**(pp) Food and Related Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”

**(qq) Freestanding Lighting.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”

**(rr) Freestanding Sign.** See “Sign.”

**(ss) Freeway.** Any dedicated or deeded public right of way to which the owners of abutting lands have no right or easement of access to or from their abutting lands. In addition, freeway shall include those rights of way designated by official action as freeways by the California State Highway Commission or the County Board of Supervisors. See “Road System.”

**(tt) Freight Container.** Container primarily used to transport goods on trucks, railroad cars, ships, aircraft or other forms of transportation.

**(uu) Front Lot Line.** See “Lot.”

**(vv) Front Wall.** The nearest wall of a building or other structure to the street upon which the building faces, but excluding cornices, canopies, eaves or any other architectural embellishments that may extend beyond the front wall, not to exceed a distance of four feet.

**(ww) Front Yard.** See “Yard.”

**(xx) Frontage, Lot.** See “Lot.”

**(yy) Frontage Road.** A minor street that is parallel to, and adjacent to, an arterial street or freeway, and that provides access to abutting properties and protection from through and fast traffic.

**(zz) Fuel Break.** Areas also known as greenbelts that separate communities or clusters of structures from native vegetation. Within the fuel break boundaries the vegetation is thinned out, pruned, modified or landscaped to effectively reduce the volume and flammability of fuel, thereby substantially reducing or preventing the rate of spread and intensity of wildland fires.

**(aaa) Fuel Dealer.** A retail trade establishment that sells fuel oil, butane, propane and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG), bottled or in bulk, to consumers.

**(bbb) Fuel Modified Area.** An area where living and dead vegetation is managed regularly, usually by trimming, removal or substitution of natural vegetation, in order to reduce fire hazard, by use of mechanical, chemical and biological means and/or prescribed burning.

**(ccc) Fully-Shielded Fixture.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”

**(ddd) Functionally Dependent Use.** See “Flood Hazard.”

**(eee) Furniture and Fixture Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I.”

**(fff) Future Right-of-Way.** Future right-of-way of streets shown in the Circulation Element of the General Plan shall be based upon the adopted County Road Standards assuming an equal dedication of right-of-way on both sides of the existing centerline, or shall otherwise be determined as shown on any adopted specific plan.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012); **Amended Ordinance 4169 (2012)**



**810.01.090 Definitions, “G.”**

- (a) **Garage, Private.** An accessory building or an accessory portion of the main building designed and/or used for the shelter or storage of motor vehicles belonging to the occupants of the main building.
- (b) **Garage, Public.** Any building, other than a private or storage garage, used for the storage, care or repair of motor vehicles and where any vehicles are equipped for operation or kept for hire or sale.
- (c) **Garage, Storage.** Any building, other than a public or private garage, used exclusively for the storage of motor vehicles.
- (d) **General Plan.** The San Bernardino County General Plan, including all elements, adopted in compliance with California Government Code, Title 7, Division 1, Chapter 3.
- (e) **General Retail (see Land Use Tables).** Stores and shops selling many lines of merchandise. Examples of these stores and lines of merchandise include:
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| ▪ antique stores   | are “Building and Landscape Materials Sales”)  |
| ▪ art galleries, retail  | ▪ furniture, furnishings, appliances   |
| ▪ art supplies, including framing services                         | ▪ hobby materials  |
| ▪ auto parts sales with no installation services                   | ▪ jewelry  |
| ▪ bicycles   | ▪ luggage and leather goods  |
| ▪ books, magazines, and newspapers                                 | ▪ musical instruments (small), parts and accessories (large instruments are under “Furniture, Furnishings, and Appliance Store”) |
| ▪ cameras and photographic supplies                                | ▪ orthopedic supplies  |
| ▪ clothing, shoes, and accessories                                 | ▪ small wares  |
| ▪ collectibles (cards, coins, comics, stamps, etc.)                | ▪ specialty shops  |
| ▪ consumer electronics   | ▪ sporting goods and equipment   |
| ▪ department stores  | ▪ stationery   |
| ▪ drug stores and pharmacies                                       | ▪ toys and games   |
| ▪ dry goods  | ▪ variety stores   |
| ▪ fabrics and sewing supplies                                      | ▪ videos, DVDs, records, CDs, including rental stores  |
| ▪ farm supply and feed stores                                      |  |
| ▪ florists and houseplant stores (indoor sales only (outdoor sales |  |

Does not include adult-oriented businesses or second hand stores, which are separately defined.

- (f) **Glare.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”

- (g) **Glass Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”
- (h) **Goals.** General statements that describe a desired end state toward which effort should be directed.
- (i) **Golf Course.** Golf courses, and accessory facilities and uses including: clubhouses with bar and restaurant, locker and shower facilities; driving ranges; “pro shops” for on-site sales of golfing equipment; and golf cart storage and sales facilities.
- (j) **Government Code.** The State of California Government Code.
- (k) **Government Office.** See “Office.”
- (l) **Grading.** Excavating, filling, leveling or smoothing, or combination thereof, for which a grading permit is required by the California Building Code. “Major grading” is grading in excess of one hundred (100) cubic yards, whereas “minor grading” is one hundred (100) cubic yards or less.
- (m) **Grading Provisions.** One or more standards in the San Bernardino County Grading Ordinance.
- (n) **Groceries, Specialty Foods (see Land Use Tables).** A retail business where the majority of the floor area open to the public is occupied by food products packaged for preparation and consumption away from the store. Includes retail bakeries, where any on-site baking is only for on-site sales.
- (o) **Ground Shaking Levels.** The physical movement of the land surface due to earthquakes, the extent of which is dependent upon the magnitude of the tremor, the subsurface material of the area, and the proximity to the epicenter of the quake. Ground shaking levels may be measured on the Modified Mercalli Intensity Scale.
- (p) **Group Housing (see Land Use Tables).** Residential occupancy of a building or set of buildings each of which contains group quarters in permanently fixed building or a portions thereof with shared or no kitchen privileges.
- (q) **Growth Monitoring.** A process that follows the amount and rate of population growth within a city or other specified area. It normally involves some estimation of population growth for small areas through the analysis of development applications (zone changes, subdivisions, etc.) from submittal, through review, to final approval and issuance of building permits.
- (r) **Guest House (see Land Use Tables).** Residential occupancy of a living unit, with bathroom plumbing only, separated from the primary dwelling by at least 10 feet, and located on the same parcel as the primary dwelling on a contiguous parcel in the same ownership. This unit is for use by the occupants or temporary guests of the occupants of the premises and is not rented or otherwise used as a separate dwelling, except when approved as a Dependent Unit.

- (s) **Guest Room.** A room that is designed for or used by one or more guests for sleeping purposes, but in which no provision is made for cooking.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010)

**810.01.100 Definitions, “H.”**

- (a) **Habitable Space (Room).** Space in a structure for living, sleeping, eating or cooking. Bathrooms, toilet compartments, closets, halls, storage or utility space, and similar areas, are not considered habitable space.
- (b) **Half Story.** See “Story, Half.”
- (c) **Hardscape.** Landscaping elements, other than plant materials, consisting of components such as decorative rock, boulders, masonry work, woodwork, stone walls, decorative concrete or brick patios, tile paths, wooden decks and wooden arbors. Hardscape does not include paving for driveways or parking of vehicles.
- (d) **Haul Road.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (e) **Hazardous Area.** An area subject to or containing elements that pose a potential threat to life or property. Flood plains, earthquake fault zones, nuclear or chemical waste disposal sites, or areas of inherently unsafe soil conditions are examples.
- (f) **Hazardous Excavation, Mining.** An unattended pit, shaft, portal or other surface opening that, if not secured by covering, fencing, or have access restricted by gates, doors, or other reasonable means, presents a threat to the physical safety of the public.
- (g) **Hazardous Fire Area.** Any land that is covered with grass, grain, brush, or forest, whether privately or publicly owned, that is so situated or is in such an inaccessible location that a fire originating upon the land would present an abnormally difficult job of suppression or would result in great and unusual damage through fire or resulting erosion.
- (h) **Hazardous Material.** A material or waste or combination of materials and wastes, that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may either:
  - (1) Cause, or significantly contribute to, an increase in mortality, serious irreversible illness or incapacitating reversible illness; or
  - (2) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, disposed of, or otherwise managed.
- (i) **Hazardous Waste.** Means either of the following:
  - (1) A waste, or combination of wastes, that because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics may either:
    - (A) Cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious irreversible or incapacitating reversible, illness.

- (B) Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.
  - (2) A waste that meets any of the criteria for the identification of a hazardous waste adopted by the State Department of Health Services in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 25141.
  - (3) Includes, but is not limited to, RCRA (Resource Conservation and Recovery Act) hazardous waste.
  - (4) Unless expressly provided otherwise, the term “hazardous waste” shall be understood to also include extremely hazardous waste and acutely hazardous waste.
- (j) **Hazardous Waste Operation or Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A hazardous waste operation or facility includes the following.
- (1) **Specified Hazardous Waste Facilities.** Off-site facilities that accept wastes from more than one generator. A facility must have carefully engineered and designed means for acceptance, storage, and treatment of the wastes as well as trained personnel operating the site.
  - (2) **Transfer and Storage Facilities.** Facilities that collect small quantities of hazardous waste and store them until it is economical to transfer the wastes to a treatment or disposal site.
  - (3) **Treatment Facilities.** Facilities that alter the chemical form, toxicity, or volume of a waste. They do this generally through the use of one of the following processes:
    - (A) Destruction or detoxification to transform a hazardous waste into a material safe for disposal;
    - (B) Concentration or volume reduction to facilitate the safe handling and disposal of hazardous components; and
    - (C) Immobilization to isolate the hazardous components from the environment.
  - (4) **Transportable Treatment Units (TTUs).** Temporary mobile facilities that treat hazardous waste at the site of generation.
  - (5) **Incineration Facilities.** Facilities that burn some wastes such as organic liquids and solids that cannot be reclaimed economically or are technically difficult to treat. Incinerators destroy the waste, leaving a small hazardous waste residue. They can be developed as on-site or off-site facilities and are often used in hospitals to burn infectious wastes.

- (6) **Solidification and Stabilization.** The two most common methods of immobilizing hazardous wastes, and involve changing a liquid to a solid or altering the characteristics of a solid to immobilize the contaminants. A variety of materials are used including cement, lime, and polymeric materials. This method is used for wastes that cannot be recycled, treated or destroyed. Often, wastes undergo several treatment methods; solidification or stabilization is usually the last method applied in a treatment train.
- (7) **Recycling Facilities.** Facilities that process hazardous wastes so that they may be reclaimed, used or reused. See “Recycling Facility.”
- (8) **Residuals Repository.** A hazardous waste facility or part of a facility that is permitted to accept for land disposal only non-liquid, treated hazardous waste (as defined in Section 25179.3(l), State Health and Safety Code). Non-liquid means non-liquid and containing less than 50 fifty moisture by weight as determined in compliance with Section 67425 of Title 22, California Code of Regulations.
- (9) **Land Disposal.**
- (A) Disposal of hazardous wastes on or into the land, including, but not limited to, landfill, surface impoundment, waste piles, deep-well injection, land spreading, and co-burial with municipal garbage.
  - (B) Treatment of hazardous wastes on or in the land, such as neutralization and evaporation ponds and land farming, where the treatment residues are hazardous wastes and are not removed for subsequent processing or disposal within one year.
  - (C) Storage of hazardous wastes on or in the land, such as waste piles and surface impoundments, other than neutralization and evaporation ponds, for longer than one year.
- (k) **Hazardous Waste Management Plan (HWMP).** The primary planning document for the management of hazardous waste in San Bernardino County prepared in compliance with Health and Safety Code Section 25135 et seq. The HWMP was adopted by the Board of Supervisors and approved by the California Department of Health Services in February 1990.
- (l) **Heating Opportunities, Passive or Natural.** The ability to orient or site any structure, including a dwelling on its lot in order to take optimum advantage of natural solar heating capabilities. Structures should wherever possible orient their longest/largest axis from east to west and include special treatment of the south facing wall.
- (m) **Heavy Processing Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (n) **Height.** See Section 83.02.040 (Height Measurement and Height Limit Exceptions)

- (o) **Hierarchy of Space.** Defined areas for public space (e.g., streets), community space (e.g., common open space, play areas, communal laundry, community center, etc.), and private space (e.g., individual units and private open space).
- (p) **Highest Adjacent Grade.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (q) **Historic Structure.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (r) **Historical Landmark and Structure (see Land Use Tables).** An individual structure or group of structures on a single lot, a site, an area, a district, or combination thereof, having a special historical, architectural, cultural, or aesthetic value.
- (s) **Holiday Lighting.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (t) **Hog Ranch.** Any premises used for the raising or keeping of 10 or more weaned animals.
- (u) **Home Occupation (see Land Use Tables).** Any occupation customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling by its inhabitants, the purpose being incidental to the use of the dwelling for dwelling purposes. These uses are regulated in Chapter 84.12 (Home Occupations).
- (v) **Homeless Shelter (see Land Use Tables).** A facility providing sleeping and eating facilities for the homeless.
- (w) **Host Home.** See “Bed and Breakfast Inn.”
- (x) **Hospital.** See “Medical Services, Hospital.”
- (y) **Hotel (see Land Use Tables).** Any building or portion of thereof containing six or more guest rooms, designed for and/or used by six or more guests for compensation on a daily basis, and with no provision for cooking in any individual room or suite, but not including social care facilities. These establishments provide lodging, and may also offer meals, various personal services, retail services and sometimes entertainment and recreational opportunities.
- (z) **Hotel, Residential (see Land Use Tables).** A hotel in which 75 percent or more of the available rooms are occupied by or reserved for permanent guests for compensation on a monthly or longer basis.
- (aa) **Housing, Caretaker.** See “Caretaker Housing.”
- (bb) **Housing, Dependent (see Land Use Tables).** See “Dependent Housing.”
- (cc) **Housing, Group (see Land Use Tables).** See “Group Housing.”
- (dd) **Hydrocollapsible Soils.** See “Soil.”

|     **(ee) Hydrozone.** A portion of the landscaped area that contains plant material with similar water needs/requirements. A hydrozone may be an irrigated or non-irrigated area.

|     **(ff) Hydrozone Plan.** A plan that outlines all the separate hydrozone areas created by planting material within the landscaped areas, both irrigated and non-irrigated.

|     Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); **Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)**



**810.01.110 Definitions, “I.”**

- (a) **Impound Facilities.** See “Motor Vehicle Storage/Impound Facilities.”
- (b) **Incineration Facilities.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (c) **Incompatible Land Uses.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (d) **Individual Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (e) **Idle.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (f) **Indoor Storage.** See “Storage, Warehouse.”
- (g) **Interior Lot.** See “Lot.”
- (h) **Interior Lot Line.** See “Lot.”
- (i) **Interior Side Yard.** See “Yard.”
- (j) **Industrial Structure.** See “Structure, Business or Industrial.”
- (k) **Industrial Use.** One or more of the land use types listed in the tables of “Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements) in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) under the heading of “Industry, Manufacturing & Processing, Wholesaling.”
- (l) **Industrial Use Requiring Extensive Buffering.** A general manufacturing operation (see “Manufacturing, General) determined by the review authority to require a remote location to operate without creating nuisance, health or safety problems for nearby residents or communities.
- (m) **Infiltration Rate.** The rate in which water enters the soil. This rate is expressed as the depth of water per unit of time (i.e., inches per hour).
- (n) **Intensity.** The density of development versus open space of an area or property. For example, a Multiple Dwelling land use is a higher land use intensity than Single Dwelling land use.
- (o) **Invasive Plant Species.** Plant material, which is non-indigenous species to an area that adversely affects the habitats they invade, either economically, environmentally, and/or ecologically. Invasive plant species may be regulated by the County’s agricultural agency as a noxious species. “Noxious weed” is any weed designated by the Weed Control Regulations in the Weed Control Act and identified on a Regional District noxious weed control list. A complete list of invasive plant material can be found in the California Invasive Plant Inventory and the USDA invasive and noxious weed database.

- (p) **Irrigation Audit.** An in-depth evaluation of the performance of an irrigation system, which is conducted by a Certified Landscape Irrigation Auditor. An irrigation audit includes, but is not limited to, an inspection, a systems tune-up, a systems test with distribution uniformity, the reporting of overspray and/or runoff that causes overland flow, and preparation of an irrigation schedule.
- (q) **Irrigation Efficiency (IE).** The measurement of the amount of water beneficially used divided by the amount of water applied. Irrigation efficiency is derived from measurements and estimates from irrigation system characteristics and management practices. The minimum irrigation efficiency rate shall be 0.71.
- (r) **Irrigation Head.** The device that delivers water to landscaped areas by means of a nozzle or emission device (e.g. pop-up and fixed spray heads, impact rotors, rotary nozzles, rotors, etc.)
- (s) **Irrigation Lateral Line.** The secondary pressurized pipeline that delivers water to the emitters, spray/irrigation heads, rotors, etc. from the valve.
- (t) **Irrigation Mainline.** The main pressurized pipeline that delivers water from the point-of-connection/water source to the valves or outlets within an irrigation system.
- (u) **Irrigation Schedule.** A list of irrigation run times per valve station, based on water use, plant material, and irrigation efficiency, throughout a given year.
- (v) **Irrigation System.** The designed networking of piping, valves, irrigation heads, sensors, and a controller.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.120 Definitions, “J.”**

- (a) **Junk and Salvage Facility.** Primary or accessory use of a parcel of land for open storage, dismantling and/or selling of old cast off, unused, scrap or salvage material of any sort. Materials shall include but to be limited to:
- (1) Copper, aluminum, brass, ferrous or nonferrous metals, whether fabricated or not.
  - (2) Rope, rags, paper, glass, rubber, plastic or other polymer material.
  - (3) Scrap lumber or other construction material.
  - (4) Appliances, batteries or junk, dismantled or wrecked motor vehicles or parts thereof.
  - (5) Trash, debris (organic and inorganic) or other waste material.
- (b) **Joint Location.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.130 Definitions, “K.”**

- (a) **Kennels and catteries (see Land Use Tables).** Facilities for the care of dogs and cats.
- (1) **Commercial Kennel or Cattery.** The boarding, breeding, raising or training of five or more dogs or cats of any age not owned by the owner or occupant of the premises, and/or for commercial gain. For the purposes of this section and of Section 84.04.050, a commercial kennel or cattery also includes the breeding of 5 or more dogs or cats of any age owned by the owner or occupant of the premises for commercial gain.
- (2) **Private Kennels or Cattery.** The keeping, raising, showing, or training of five to 15 dogs or cats over six months of age for personal enjoyment of the owner or occupants of the property, and for which commercial gain is not the objective. All such animals shall be spayed or neutered.
- (b) **Key Lot.** See “Lot.”
- (c) **Kitchen.** Any room, all or any part of which is designed or used for cooking and the preparation of food.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.140 Definitions, “L.”**

- (a) **Labor Camp (see Land Use Tables).** Premises used for residential purposes for temporary or seasonal periods by five or more persons employed to perform agricultural or industrial labor.
- (b) **Labor Quarters (see Land Use Tables).** See “Accessory Dwelling.”
- (c) **Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).** A commission created in compliance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.) to oversee proposals for organization and boundary changes, including the incorporation and disincorporation of cities, the formation and dissolution of special districts, and the consolidation, merger, annexation, and reorganization of cities and special districts.
- (d) **Lake.** A naturally occurring or artificially created body of water (impounded above or below surface level) with a designated holding capacity of at least one acre-foot of water. Does not include “Pond.” See also “Reservoir.”
- (e) **Lamp.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (f) **Land Clearing.** Removal of vegetation down to duff or bare soil, by any method.
- (g) **Land Disposal.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (h) **Land Disturbance.** Clearing, excavating, grading or other manipulation of the terrain.
- (i) **Land Use.** The manner in which land is developed and used. The general categories of land use include: residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, recreational, and planned development.
- (j) **Land Use Application.** An applicant-initiated request for County approval of a discretionary permit that is subject to one of the review processes specified by the County Code in Division 5 (Permit Application and Review Procedures) Ministerial permit actions (e.g., Building Permits, Mobile Home Setdown Permits, etc.) are not land use applications.
- (k) **Land Use Types.** Land use activities that are grouped together by their common performance characteristics in the tables in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) (e.g., agricultural, resource, and open spaces; industry, manufacturing & processing, wholesaling uses, etc.).
- (l) **Land Use Zoning District.** A land use regulatory district adopted in compliance with the provisions of Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) and the General Plan, establishing all necessary rules and regulations necessary to guide development within the area affected by the district.

- (m) **Landscape Architect.** An individual who holds a license to practice landscape architecture within the State of California per California Business and Professions Code, Section 5615.
- (n) **Landscape Area.** All planting areas, turf areas, and water features within a landscape design plan that are subject to the Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA, see “Maximum Applied Water Allowance”) calculation. The landscape area does not include footprints of buildings or structures, walkways, driveways, parking lots, decks, patios, decomposed granite or stone walks, areas with pavers, other pervious or non-pervious hardscapes, and other non-irrigated areas that have been designated for non-development purposes (e.g., opens spaces and existing native vegetation areas).
- (o) **Landscape Contractor.** An individual who holds a license to construct, maintain, repair, install, and/or subcontract the development of landscape systems within the State of California.
- (p) **Landscape Documentation Package.** A set of plans that includes a title page, planting plan, irrigation plan, hydrozone plan, rough and or precise grading plan, soil management report, and that complies with Chapter 83.10, Landscape Standards.
- (q) **Landslide.** The perceptible downward sliding of a mass of earth and/or rock.
- (r) **Large Collection Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (s) **Large Family Day Care Home.** See “Day Care, Child.”
- (t) **Leaching.** The washing or draining of dissolved minerals or pollutants from the soil surface to the subsurface.
- (u) **Lead Agency, Mining and Reclamation.** For the purposes of mining and reclamation, a city or county that has the principal responsibility for approving a surface mining operation, in compliance with the California Public Resources Code.
- (v) **Legal Access.** See “Access.”
- (w) **Library, Museum, Art Gallery, Outdoor Exhibit (see Land Use Tables).** Public or quasi-public facilities, examples of which include: aquariums, arboretums, art galleries and exhibitions, botanical gardens, historic sites and exhibits, libraries, museums, planetariums, and zoos. May also include accessory retail uses (e.g., gift/book shop, restaurant, etc.) Does not include commercial art galleries, which are included under “General Retail.”
- (x) **Lighting, Outdoor.** The following outdoor lighting related terms are defined as follows:
  - (1) **Architectural Lighting.** Lighting that is either directed towards a residence with the intent of highlighting an architectural feature or a light fixture that is architecturally ornamental in nature or purpose.

- (2) **Attached Lighting.** A light fixture that is attached to a structure.
  - (3) **Fixture.** The assembly that holds the lamp and may include an assembly housing, a mounting bracket or polo socket, lamp holder, ballast, a reflector or mirror and a refractor or lens.
  - (4) **Freestanding Lighting.** A light fixture that is not attached to a structure.
  - (5) **Fully-Shielded Fixture.** Outdoor lighting fixture shielded or constructed so that no light is emitted above the horizontal plane, and light rays are only emitted by the installed fixtures in a manner that does not direct light or light trespass onto adjacent property, on any other property within the line of sight (direct or reflected) of the light source, or to any member of the public who may be traveling on adjacent roadways or rights-of-way.
  - (6) **Glare.** Direct and unshielded light striking the eye to result in annoyance, discomfort or reduced visual performance to a reasonable person under the circumstances.
  - (7) **Holiday Lighting.** Seasonal displays of 60 days or less within one calendar year, using multiple low wattage bulbs (approximately 15 lumens or less) provided they do not constitute a fire hazard, create a nuisance, and are maintained in a safe condition.
  - (8) **Lamp.** The generic term for an artificial light source installed in the socket portion of the fixture, to be distinguished from the whole assembly. Commonly referred to as a “bulb”.
  - (9) **Light Pollution.** Artificial light generated and emitted into the night sky.
  - (10) **Light Trespass.** Light from any outdoor lighting onto neighboring property or property that is within a direct line from the light source that interferes with viewing of night sky, eliminates the ability to have darkness on the property or shines on any area on these properties or structures. A determination of light trespass shall be made in compliance with Chapter 83.07 (Glare and Outdoor Lighting).
  - (11) **Night Sky.** A clear sky, between dusk and dawn, with visible stars, despite necessary or desired illumination of private and public property.
  - (12) **Partially-Shielded Fixture.** A fixture employing a top shield to reduce upward light, but otherwise does not shield the lamp from view.
  - (13) **Pedestrian Lighting.** Freestanding lighting fixtures not exceeding a height of 36 inches from ground grade level.
- (y) **Light Pollution.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”

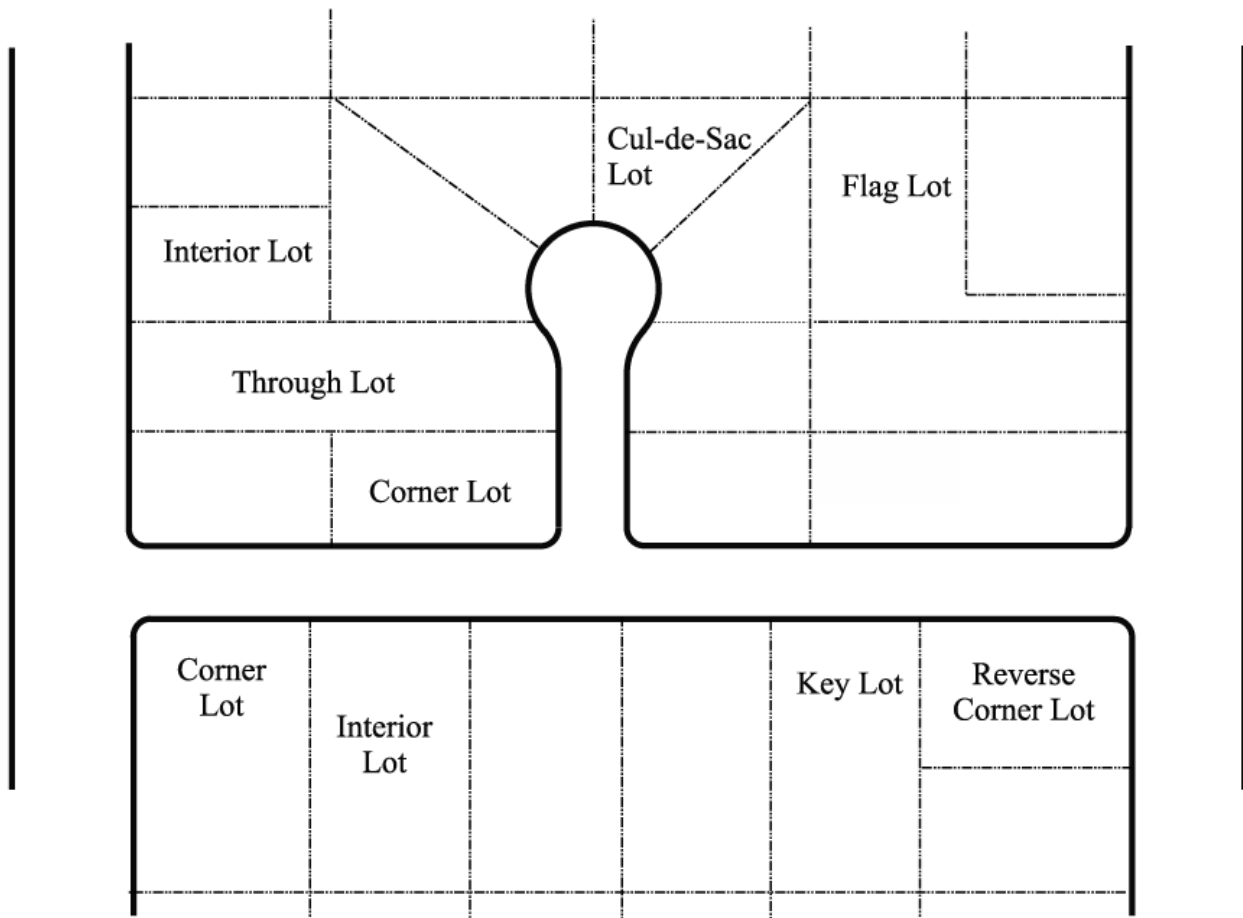
- (z) **Light Processing Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (aa) **Light Trespass.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (bb) **Liquefaction.** A temporary fluid condition in water saturated, loose, sandy soil caused by shock, such as an earthquake, which can cause serious soil settlement, slumping or failure of structure foundations.
- (cc) **Live/Work Unit (see Land Use Tables).** An integrated housing unit and working space, occupied and utilized by a single household in a structure, either single-family or multi-family, that has been designed or structurally modified to accommodate joint residential occupancy and work activity, and that includes:
  - (1) Complete kitchen space and sanitary facilities in compliance with the Building Code; and
  - (2) Working space reserved for and regularly used by one or more occupants of the unit.
- (dd) **Livestock Operations (see Land Use Tables).** Intensive commercial hooved animal keeping operations including dairies, feedlots, hog ranches, etc.
- (ee) **Load.** See “Occupant Load.”
- (ff) **Loading Space.** An off street space or berth on the same lot with a building or contiguous to a group of buildings for the temporary parking of a commercial vehicle while loading or unloading merchandise or materials, which abuts upon a street, alley or other appropriate means of access.
- (gg) **Local Agency.** The County of San Bernardino.
- (hh) **Local Area Transportation Facilities Plan.** See “Transportation Facilities Plan, Local Area.”
- (ii) **Local Ordinance.** A local ordinance that implements State Planning, Zoning, and Development Laws, enacted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Bernardino.
- (jj) **Local Street.** See “Road System.”
- (kk) **Local Water Purveyor.** An entity, including the local agency, a public agency, or private water company that provides retail water services to customers within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Bernardino.
- (ll) **Locational Standards.** Criteria utilized to establish the circumstances under which a particular base land use zoning district would be appropriate or desirable for a given area or site.



**(mm) Lodging Services.** Establishments engaged in the provision of lodging services, normally on a daily or weekly basis with incidental food, alcoholic beverages, sales and service intended for the convenience of the guests at a hotel, motel and tourist court or recreational vehicle park. Recreational vehicle parks shall not exceed twelve (12) spaces per acre.

**(nn) Lot.** An area shown on and created by a final map, official map or parcel map recorded with the County Recorder. Types of lots include the following (See Figure 10-1 Lot Types):

- (1) Corner Lot.** A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets, or bounded on two or more adjacent sides by street lines, provided that the angle of intersection does not exceed 135 degrees.
- (2) Flag lot.** A lot having access from the building site to a public street by means of private right-of-way strip that is owned in fee.
- (3) Interior Lot.** A lot other than a corner lot.
- (4) Key Lot.** The first interior lot to the rear of a reversed corner lot, the front line of which is a continuation of the side line of the reversed corner lot, exclusive of the width of an alley, and fronting on the street that intersects or intercepts the street upon which the corner lot fronts.
- (5) Reversed Corner Lot.** A corner lot that rears upon the side of another lot, whether or not across an alley. See Diagram Section 812.27005
- (6) Through Lot.** A lot having frontage on two parallel or approximately parallel streets.



**Figure 810-1**  
**Lot Types**

- (oo) **Lot Coverage.** The percentage of a lot that has been altered to create a surface area that is either impervious (i.e., does not absorb water) or is covered by primary and accessory structures footprints. See “Building Coverage.”
- (pp) **Lot Depth.** The horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines measured in the mean direction of the side lot lines.
- (qq) **Lot Dimension Ratio.** A land area ratio of width to depth that determines the shape of a lot.
- (rr) **Lot, Frontage.** The dimension of a lot or portion of a lot that abuts a street or an approved road easement, except the side of a corner lot.
- (ss) **Lot Line or Property Line.** Any recorded boundary of a lot. Types of lot lines are as follows:

- (1) **Front Lot Line.** In the case of an interior lot, a line separating the lot from the street; and in the case of a corner lot, a line separating the narrowest street frontage of the lot from the street, except in those cases where the latest tract deed restrictions or the recorded map specify another line as the front lot line. In the case of a corner lot where precise dimensions are not readily available and the lot appears to be substantially equal in street frontage or if the known dimensions of the lot lines are within 10 percent of one another, the reviewing authority shall have the discretion to determine the front lot line.
- (2) **Interior Lot Line.** Any lot line not abutting a street.
- (3) **Rear Lot Line.** A line that is opposite and most distant from the front lot line, and in the case of a triangular or other irregularly shaped lot, a line within the lot 10 feet in length, parallel to and at the maximum distance from the front lot line.
- (4) **Side Lot Line.** Any lot line other than the front or rear lot lines.
- (**tt**) **Lot Line Adjustment.** The adjustment of a lot line between two or more adjacent parcels, where the land taken from one parcel is added to an adjacent parcel, and where no additional parcels are thereby created or the number of parcels reduced.
- (**uu**) **Lot Merger.** A process by which contiguous lots are merged into one land holding. In order to be merged, the lots must be held by the same owner and the lots must have a common lot line. This process is subject to all of the requirements of the County Code and may be initiated by either the owners of the lots or the County.
- (**vv**) **Lot, Mobile Home Park.** See “Mobile Home Park Lot.”
- (**ww**) **Lot Size, Minimum.** The smallest unit of land permitted through subdivision within a specific land use zoning district, specified as minimum lot size in each land use zoning district in Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses).
- (**xx**) **Lot, Substandard.** See “Substandard Lot.”
- (**yy**) **Lot Width** The following method that yields the smallest dimension shall be chosen to measure lot width:
  - (1) The distance measured at the building setback line (BSL) along a line or arc that is parallel or concentric to the right of way; or
  - (2) The average horizontal distance between the side lot lines measured at right angles to the lot depth.
- (**zz**) **Lowest Floor.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (**aaa**) **Low Head Drainage.** Drainage from an irrigation head, which is caused by the flow of water down a systems lateral lines from a high point of elevation within the system. Such drainage causes water waste and unnecessary runoff.

**(bbb)Low Volume Irrigation.** The application of irrigation water at low pressure through a system of tubing or lateral lines; and the use of low volume emitters, such as a drip, drip line, bubblers and micro-sprays, which apply small volumes of water slowly at or near the root zone of plant material.

**(ccc)Low Water Use Landscaping.** Landscaping that has a plant factor of 0.3 or less.

**(ddd)Lumber and Wood Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

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- (a) **Maintained Public Street.** Any roadway maintained by a public agency for public use.
- (b) **Major Arterial Highway.** See “Road System.”
- (c) **Major Divided Highway.** See “Road System.”
- (d) **Major Event.** See “Special Event, Temporary.”
- (e) **Major Grading.** See “Grading.”
- (f) **Major Highway.** See “Road System.”
- (g) **Major Repair/Body Work.** See “Vehicle Services.”
- (h) **Managing Agency or Agent.** A person, firm or agency representing the owner(s) of a private home rental unit(s), or a person, firm or agency owning one or more private home rental units.
- (i) **Manufactured Home.** A structure manufactured on or after June 15, 1976 that meets the requirements of the National Manufactured Housing and Safety Act of 1974, transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width, or 40 feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and designed to be used as a dwelling unit with or without a permanent foundation when connected to utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that such term will include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph except the size requirements and with the respect to which manufacturer voluntarily files a certification and complies with the standards established under this part. See also “Flood Hazard.”
- (j) **Manufactured Home Park or Subdivision.** See “Flood Hazard” and “Mobile Home Park.”
- (k) **Manufacturing Operations.** The on-site production of goods by methods other than agricultural or extractive in nature.
- (l) **Manufacturing Operations I - Limited Manufacturing (see Land Use Tables).** Manufacturing operations that are totally enclosed within a structure and employ fewer than 20 employees on the largest shift. This land use generally involves the assembly of specific products rather than the manufacturing of the various components of the products. Limited exterior storage is permitted but is fully screened from public view.

- (1) **Apparel and Other Finished Products.** The manufacture of clothing and accessories by cutting and sewing purchased woven or knit textile fabrics and related materials. Typical uses include: garments, leather goods.
- (2) **Food and Related Products.** The processing or production of a natural or man-made solid or liquid food substances used for human or animal internal consumption. Typical uses include: food packaging, egg processing, butter or cheese processing.
- (3) **Fabricated metal products.** The fabrication or further processing and assembly of metal parts into equipment or machinery. Typical uses include: coating, engraving and allied services.
- (4) **Furniture and Fixtures.** The assembly of furniture and related fixtures. Typical uses include: assembly of household, office or other furniture.
- (5) **Lumber and Wood Products.** The assembly and finishing of wood articles, except furniture and related fixtures and miscellaneous household or office products made wholly or partially of wood. Typical uses include: cabinet shops.
- (6) **Miscellaneous Manufacturing.** The manufacture or repair of products not included in any other category and mainly consisting of small household or office luxuries, recreational goods or supplies and large scale printing operations. Typical uses include: jewelry, silverware and plated ware, and musical instruments.
- (7) **Paper and Related Products.** The manufacture of paper goods generally from purchased paper materials. Typical uses include: envelopes, bags, stationery, tablets and related products.
- (8) **Professional and Scientific Goods.** The manufacture of instruments for measuring, testing, sensing, analyzing and controlling natural or man-made objects, physical conditions or states. Typical uses include: engineering, laboratory, scientific, measuring and controlling instruments, optical, surgical, medical and dental instruments, photographic equipment and supplies, watches, clocks and clock operated devices.
- (9) **Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products.** The manufacture from natural, synthetic or reclaimed rubber, and from chemicals or rubber or plastic products. Typical uses include: fabricated rubber products.
- (10) **Stone, Clay, and Glass Products.** The manufacture of products from stone, clay, sand and other nonmetallic minerals, excluding fuels. Typical uses include: glass products made of purchased glass, pottery and related products.
- (11) **Textile Mill Products.** The preparation of fiber and subsequent manufacturing, drying, finishing or coating of fiber, thread, yarn, woven, knit, or nonwoven fabrics or miscellaneous textiles. Typical uses include: knitting mills, lace goods.

- (m) **Manufacturing Operations II - General manufacturing (see Land Use Tables).** Manufacturing operations that involve exterior storage, large equipment, large number of employees, or that have historically been controversial.
- (1) **Apparel and Other Finished Products.** The manufacture of clothing and accessories by cutting and sewing purchased furs and related materials. Typical uses include: fur dressing and dying.
  - (2) **Chemicals and Related Products.** The manufacture or processing of basic, organic, or inorganic chemicals. This includes chemicals to be used in making other products and finished chemical products used for direct consumption or as industrial supplies. Typical uses include: industrial chemicals, plastics materials, synthetic resins or rubber, paints, varnishes, lacquers, agricultural chemicals.
  - (3) **Food and Related Products.** The processing or production of a natural or man-made solid or liquid food substances used for human or animal internal consumption. Typical uses include: slaughter houses, poultry dressing plants and flour mills.
  - (4) **Fabricated metal products.** The fabrication or further processing and assembly of metal parts into equipment or machinery. Typical uses include: automobile assembly plants, fabricated structural metal, metal forging and stampings.
  - (5) **Furniture and Fixtures.** The manufacture of furniture and related fixtures. Typical uses include: manufacture of household, office or other furniture.
  - (6) **Lumber and Wood Products.** The cutting, planing, compression and finishing of wood articles, except furniture and related fixtures and miscellaneous household or office products made wholly or partially of wood. Typical uses include: logging camps, saw mills.
  - (7) **Paper and Related Products.** The manufacturing of pulp, paper (both recycles and paper products from wood), other cellulose fibers, used paper, and rag cloth. Typical uses include: paper mills, paper coating and glazing.
  - (8) **Petroleum Refining and Related Industries.** The modification, refining, and mixing or storage of fossil fuels that are composed of petroleum or coal. Typical uses include: petroleum refining, asphalt batch plants, lubricating oils and greases.
  - (9) **Primary Metal Industries.** The smelting, refining, rolling, drawing and alloying of metals, manufacture of metal castings and production of coke. Typical uses include: blast furnaces, steel works and rolling and finishing mills, foundries, smelting and refining of nonferrous metals.
  - (10) **Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastic Products.** The manufacture from natural, synthetic or reclaimed rubber, and from chemicals or rubber or plastic products.

Typical uses include: tires, inner tubes, rubber and plastic footwear, rubber and plastic hoses and belts.

- (11) **Stone, Clay, and Glass Products.** The manufacture of products from stone, clay, sand and other nonmetallic minerals, excluding fuels. Typical uses include: brick, tile, dish, glass and insulation manufacturing and concrete plants.
- (12) **Textile Mill Products.** The preparation of fiber and subsequent manufacturing, drying, finishing or coating of fiber, thread, yarn, woven, knit, or nonwoven fabrics or miscellaneous textiles. Typical uses include: broad woven fabric mills, dyeing and finishing textiles, floor covering mills.
- (n) **Masonry Construction.** As defined in the Uniform Building Code, 1991 Edition with amendments.
- (o) **Map Act.** California Subdivision Map Act, Government Code Section 66410 et seq.
- (p) **May.** A permissive or optional provision, regulation or specification.
- (q) **Maximum Applied Water Allowance (MAWA).** The upper limit of the annual amount of applied water allowed for an established landscape.
- (q) **Medical Marijuana Dispensary.**
  - (1) A medical marijuana dispensary is any facility or location, whether fixed or mobile, where marijuana is cultivated, made available, and/or distributed by or to three or more persons within the following categories: a primary caregiver, a qualified patient, or a patient with an identification card, as those terms are defined in Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5 and 11362.7 et seq. as such sections may be amended from time to time.
  - (2) A medical marijuana dispensary shall not include the following uses, provided that such uses may otherwise be lawfully established and operated and comply with this code and all other applicable laws, including, but not limited to, Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5 and 11362.7 et seq.:
    - (a) An in-patient “health facility” as defined by and licensed pursuant to Chapter 2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 1250);
    - (b) A “residential care facility for persons with chronic life threatening illness” as defined by and licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.01 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 1568.01);
    - (c) A “residential care facility for the elderly” as defined by and licensed pursuant to Chapter 3.2 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 1569);



- (d) A “home health agency” as defined by and licensed pursuant to Chapter 8 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 1725); and,
  - (e) A nonexempt “hospice” as defined by and licensed pursuant to Chapter 8.5 of Division 2 of the Health and Safety Code (commencing with Section 1745).
- (3) The word “marijuana” shall have the same meaning as that set forth in Health & Safety Code Section 11018. The term “medical marijuana” is marijuana used for medicinal purposes in strict accordance with Health and Safety Code Sections 11362.5 and 11362.7 et seq.
- (r) **Medical Services, Hospital (see Land Use Tables).** Hospitals and similar facilities engaged primarily in providing diagnostic services, and extensive medical treatment, including surgical and other hospital service. These establishments have an organized medical staff, inpatient beds, and equipment and facilities to provide complete health care. May include on-site accessory clinics and laboratories, accessory retail uses, and on-site ambulance dispatch facilities.
- (s) **Medical Services - Rehabilitation Center (see Land Use Tables).** A facility providing skilled nursing and/or medical care to persons recovering from injuries or dependencies.
- (t) **Meeting Facility, Public or Private (see Land Use Tables).** A facility for public or private meetings, including community centers, civic and private auditoriums, grange halls, mortuaries, union halls, meeting halls for clubs and other membership organizations, etc. Also includes functionally related internal facilities such as kitchens, multi-purpose rooms, and storage. Does not include conference and meeting rooms accessory and incidental to another primary use that are typically used only by on-site employees and clients, and occupy less floor area on the site than the offices they support (see “Offices”). Does not include: sports or other commercial entertainment facilities (see “Theater,” and “Sports and Entertainment Assembly”); or convention centers (see “Conference/Convention Facility”). Related on-site facilities including day care centers and schools are separately defined. Also see “Places of Worship.”
- (u) **Menagerie.** A private collection of three or more wild, exotic or dangerous animals that are raised, bred, trained and/or maintained without any public display or exhibition on the site.
- (v) **Microclimate.** The climate of a small, specific landscaped area that may contrast with the climate of the overall landscaped areas due to varying factors such as wind, sun/shade exposure, the density of planting material, and/or the proximity to adjacent reflective surfaces.
- (w) **Mined Lands.** Includes the surface, subsurface, and groundwater of an area where surface mining operations will be, are being, or have been conducted. This includes

private ways and roads appurtenant to any land excavations, workings, mining waste, and areas where structures, facilities, equipment, machines, tools or other materials or property that result from, or are used in, surface mining operations are located. See also “Surface Mining Operations.”

- (x) **Mineral Resources.** A collective term for all mineral deposits of a particular kind, or for mineral deposits in general.
- (y) **Minerals.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (z) **Minimum Lot Size.** See “Lot Size, Minimum.”
- (aa) **Mining and Reclamation Lead Agency.** See “Lead Agency.”
- (bb) **Mining and Reclamation Operator.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (cc) **Mining and Reclamation Plan.** A plan required by the County for all surface mining operations. The plan requires measures to be taken that provide for reclamation of mined lands to a usable condition that is readily adaptable for alternative land use and creates no danger to public health or safety.
- (dd) **Mining Hazardous, Excavation.** See “Hazardous Excavation.”
- (ee) **Mining Reclamation.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (ff) **Mining Waste.** Includes the residual of soil, rock, mineral, liquid, vegetation, equipment, machines, tools, or other materials or property directly resulting from, or displaced by, surface mining operations.
- (gg) **Mini-Storage.** See “Storage, Personal.”
- (hh) **Minor Grading.** See “Grading.”
- (ii) **Minor Event.** See “Special Event, Temporary.”
- (jj) **Minor Maintenance/Repair.** See “Vehicle Services.”
- (kk) **Minor Subdivision Plot Plan.** Any application plot plan requesting the subdivision of any parcel or parcels of land shown as a unit or contiguous units under one or a common ownership, and that is proposed for subdivision for the purpose of sale, lease, financing, or other conveyance, including gift, either immediate or in the future, into two, three or four lots, parts or parcels and a remainder parcel. For the purposes of this definition, a Minor Subdivision Plot Plan shall also mean a Tentative Parcel Map.
- (ll) **Mitigation Measures.** Necessary steps taken to lessen potential impacts of development or actions on the environment.

- (mm) **Mixed Land Use.** The unspecified mixture of compatible land uses within one building or within a section or sections of a community.
- (nn) **Mobile Home, Boat, or RV Sales (see Land Use Tables).** Retail establishments selling both mobile home dwelling units, and/or various vehicles and watercraft for recreational uses. Includes the sales of boats, campers and camper shells, jet skis, mobile homes, motor homes, and travel trailers.
- (oo) **Mobile Home, Dependent.** A mobile home or travel trailer coach not equipped with a toilet for sewage disposal.
- (pp) **Mobile Home.** A structure that was constructed prior to June 15, 1976, is transportable in one or more sections, which in the traveling mode, is eight body feet or more in width, or 40 feet or more in length, or, when erected on site, is 320 or more square feet, and designed to be used as a dwelling unit with or without a permanent foundation when connected to utilities, and includes the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that such term will include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph and complies with the state standards in effect at the time of construction. "Mobile home does not include commercial modulars, as defined in Section 18001.8, factory-built housing, as defined in Section 19971, a manufactured home, as defined in Section 18007, or a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 18010 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC).
- (qq) **Mobile Home Park/manufactured home land-lease community (see Land Use Tables).** An area or tract of land designed as a single unit where spaces for two or more mobile homes used for human habitation are rented or leased on a monthly or greater basis, or owned separately.
- (rr) **Mobile Home Park Lot.** A portion of a mobile home park designated or used for the occupancy of one trailer coach or camping party.
- (ss) **Mobile Home, Self-Contained.** A mobile home or trailer equipped with a toilet, water storage tank for potable water and a sewage holding tank.
- (tt) **Mobile Recycling Unit.** See "Recycling Facility."
- (uu) **Modular unit (Factory-built housing).** A residential building, dwelling unit, or an individual dwelling room or combination of rooms thereof, or building component, assembly, or system manufactured in such a manner that all concealed parts or processes of manufacture cannot be inspected before installation at the building site without disassembly, damage, or destruction of the part, including units designed for use as a part of an institution for resident or patient care, that is either wholly manufactured or is in substantial part manufactured at an offsite location to be wholly or partially assembled onsite in accordance with building standards published in the California Building Standards Code and other regulations adopted by the commission pursuant to section 19990. Factory-built housing does not include a mobile home, as defined in Section 18008, a recreational vehicle, as defined in Section 18010.5, or a

commercial modular, as defined in Section 18012.5 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC).

(vv) **Monopole.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”

(ww) **Monument Sign.** See “Sign.”

(xx) **Moratorium.** See “Development Moratorium.”

(yy) **Mortuary Services (see Land Use Tables).** An establishment providing services for preparing the human dead for burial or cremation and arranging and managing funerals. This excludes cemeteries, crematoriums and columbariums.

(zz) **Motel.** A building or group of two or more detached, semi detached or attached buildings containing guest rooms designed, used and intended, wholly or in part, for the accommodation of transients for compensation on a daily or weekly basis. These establishments provide lodging and parking for automobile travelers and the rooms are usually accessible from outdoor parking area. These establishments may include guest rooms with food preparation areas (kitchenettes) and are designed, intended or used primarily for the accommodation of automobile travelers. Included are lodging establishments designated as cabins, motor courts, and similar designations; not including those facilities defined in social care facilities or any jail, hospital, asylum, sanitarium, orphanage, prison or other building in which human beings are housed and detained under legal restraint.

(aaa) **Motor Vehicle.** A self-propelled device by which persons or property may be moved upon a highway, excepting a device moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

(bbb) **Motor Vehicle Dismantling Facility (see Land Use Tables).** Any premises used for the dismantling of wrecking of vehicles required to be registered under the Vehicle Code of the State of California. Activities may include the buying, selling or dealing in vehicles, their integral parts, or component materials thereof, and the storage, sale or dumping of dismantled, partially dismantled, wrecked or inoperative vehicles. See also “Recycling Facilities – Scrap and Dismantling Yard.”

(ccc) **Motor Vehicle Storage/Impound Facility (see Land Use Tables).** Any lot, lot area, or parcel of land used, designed, or maintained for the specific purpose of storing, impounding, or keeping motor vehicles, but not including dismantling or wrecking activities.

(ddd) **Mountain Major Highway.** See “Road System.”

(eee) **Mountain Region.** Areas within the following described boundary: Beginning at the intersection of the boundary line between San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties and the north line of Section 31 Township 4 North, Range 7 West, SBB&M, thence generally easterly and southerly along the National Forest boundary to its intersection with the boundary line between San Bernardino and Riverside Counties; thence

westerly along the County line to the southwest corner of Township 1 South, Range 1 East; thence generally northerly and westerly following the National Forest boundary to the intersection of north boundary of Section 24, Township 1 North, Range 8 West, SBB&M and the boundary line between San Bernardino and Los Angeles Counties; thence northerly along the County line to the point of beginning.

**(fff) Mountain Secondary Highway.** See “Road System.”

**(ggg) Mudslide.** The flow of mud and debris in a downslope direction due to slope failure, caused by poor structural and water retention properties of the soil. They are generally experienced after heavy precipitation, fast snowpack melt, an earthquake or any combination thereof.

**(hhh) Mulch.** Organic material such as leaves, bark, or inorganic material such as pebbles, stones, gravel, decorative sand, and decomposed granite that is left loose and applied to the soil surface for the beneficial purposes of reducing evaporation, suppressing weeds, moderating soil temperatures, and preventing soil erosion.

**(iii) Multi-Family Residential Projects.** Development project in which two or more attached or detached units are located, including apartments or condominiums.

**(jjj) Multiple Dwelling Unit (see Land Use Tables).** A multiple dwelling unit is a series or combination of dwelling units, either attached or detached, designed to house more than one family with individual, shared or no kitchen privileges (e.g. apartments, condominiums, boarding houses, residential hotels). See also “Dwelling, Multiple Family.”

**(kkk) “Multi-unit manufactured housing.”** Pursuant to California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) Section 18008.7, multi-unit manufactured housing means either of the following:

(1) A structure transportable under permit in one or more sections designed and equipped to contain not more than two dwelling units, a dormitory, or an efficiency unit as defined in Section 17958.1, to be used with a support system pursuant to Section 18613 or a foundation system pursuant to Section 18551.

(2) A structure transportable under permit in one or more sections, designed to be used with a foundation system for either of the following purposes:

(A) Three or more dwelling units, as defined in Section 18003.3.

(B) A residential hotel, as defined by paragraph (1) of subdivision (b) of Section 50519.

“Multi-dwelling unit manufactured housing” shall be constructed in compliance with all applicable department regulations. The egress and fire separation requirements of Title 24 of the California Code of Regulations (CCR) applicable to dormitories, hotels, apartment houses, and structures that contain two dwelling

units shall also be applicable to all multi-dwelling manufactured housing constructed for those purposes. The accessibility and adaptability requirements of Title 24 of the CCR applicable to dormitories, hotels and apartment homes shall also be applicable to multi-dwelling unit manufactured housing containing three or more dwelling units.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, all provisions of law that apply to manufactured homes shall apply to equally to multi-dwelling unit manufactured housing. For purposes of this section:

- (1) “Dormitory” means a room or rooms inhabited for the purposes of temporary residence by two or more persons
- (2) “Efficiency unit” has the same meaning as defined in Section 17958.1.

**(III) Multi-use Center.** An area of service, retail or publicly oriented facilities that are centrally located along collector streets or major arterials and serve the local residents.

**(mmm) Museum.** See “Library, Museum, Art Gallery, Outdoor Exhibit.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); Amended Ordinance 4140 (2011); **Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)**

**810.01.160 Definitions, “N.”**

- (a) **National Forest Lands.** Lands under the jurisdiction of U.S. Forest Service and within the boundaries of the San Bernardino and Angeles National Forests.
- (b) **Native Tree.** See “Tree, Native.”
- (c) **Native Vegetative Species.** All plant species indigenous to the State of California and compatible to the climate and elevation of the area to be landscaped.
- (d) **Natural Resources Development (see Land Use Tables).** The development and extraction of mineral deposits, natural vegetation and energy sources, together with the necessary incidental buildings, apparatus or appurtenances.
- (e) **Natural Hazards.** Any one or combination of naturally occurring phenomena (e.g., earthquakes, forest and brush fires, landslides, mudslides, etc.) that pose a potential threat to the manmade environment.
- (f) **Nature Preserve.** An area of land maintained in its natural state for the preservation of habitat or other natural resources
- (g) **New Construction.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (h) **Night Club (see Land Use Tables).** A facility with the primary function of providing entertainment, examples of which include live music and/or dancing, comedy, etc., which may serve alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption. Does not include adult entertainment businesses, which are separately defined.
- (i) **Night Sky.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (j) **Noise Contour.** A mapped line connecting points where the same sound pressure level prevails. Contours form bands of width emanating from a noise source, and approximate true ambient noise levels.
- (k) **Non-access.** See “Access.”
- (l) **Nonconforming or Nonconforming Use.** Any building, structure or portion thereof, or use of building or land that does not conform to the regulations of the San Bernardino County Code or applicable specific plan and that lawfully existed at the time the regulations, or an amendment thereto, with which it does not conform became effective.
- (m) **Nonvehicular Access.** See “Access.”
- (n) **Notice.** A method of conveying information pertaining to a pending land use decision that may affect members of the public.

- (o) **Nurseries (Retail) (see Land Use Tables).** The retail handling of any article, substance, or commodity related to the planting, maintenance, or harvesting of garden plants, shrubs, trees, packaged fertilizers, soils, chemicals, or other nursery goods and related products in small quantities to the consumer.
- (p) **Nurseries (Wholesale) (see Land Use Tables).** The growing, storage, and sale of garden plants, shrubs, trees, or vines for resale, including incidental retail sales conducted from within a building not exceeding 20 percent of the combined wholesale and retail sales volume during any year.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)



**810.01.170 Definitions, “O.”**

- (a) **Occupancy Group.** The California Building Code classification of the intended use or character of all areas of the structure/building.
- (b) **Occupant Load.** The number of persons for which the California Building Code required exiting system must be designed.
- (c) **Office.** This Development Code distinguishes between the following types of offices. See also “Professional Services.”
  - (1) **Accessory (see Land Use Tables).** Office facilities for administration, and/or on-site business and operations management, that are incidental and accessory to another business, sales, and/or service activity that is the primary use.
  - (2) **Government (see Land Use Tables).** Administration, clerical, or public contact and/or service offices of a local, state, or federal government agency or service facilities. Includes post offices, but not bulk mailing distribution centers, which are under “Truck Terminal.”
- (d) **Official Map.** An Official Map is a map prepared in compliance with this Development Code and shall be substituted for a final map when it is certified, filed and bound, but not before.
- (e) **Off-Highway or Off-Road Vehicle Race.** Any organized sporting event or rally where motorized vehicles are utilized in a contest of speed, or in a competitive trial of speed or skill or recreational event, all or a portion of which is conducted outside dedicated public rights-of-way maintained by a public agency.
- (f) **On-Site Detention.** Temporary storage of stormwater runoff on the site.
- (g) **On-Site Retention.** Permanent holding of stormwater runoff on the site through percolation to the ground.
- (h) **Open Lot Services.** Commercial establishments that are primarily involved in the delivery of their service from an open lot with relatively few support structures.
- (i) **Open Space.** Land where basic natural values have been retained. Open space can include wilderness areas, a small park in the middle of a city, pastures, forested areas, agricultural groves, vineyards, golf courses, floodwashes, etc. The function of open space may differ, depending upon the location. It may have a protective function, as in the case of open space in flood plain areas, where it serves to protect health and safety. It can have a structural or buffer function to space and separate conflicting land uses. It may serve a recreational function, or a scenic function to provide aesthetic views of forests or mountains.

- (j) **Operating Pressure.** Is the pressure, based on the recommendations of the irrigation equipment manufacture for optimal performance, at which an irrigation system with sprinkler/irrigation heads is designed. Operating pressure is usually indicated at the base of the sprinkler/irrigation head.
- (k) **Off-site Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (l) **On-Site Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (m) **Open Space, Common.** Open space within a single unified development owned, designed and set aside for all occupants of the development or by occupants of a designated portion of the development. Common open space is not dedicated to the public and is owned and maintained by a private organization made up of the open space users.
- (n) **Open Space, Private.** Open space directly adjoining the living areas of dwelling units, which is intended for all private enjoyment of the residents of the dwelling unit. Private open space shall in some manner be defined so that its boundaries are evident.
- (o) **Operator, Mining and Reclamation.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (p) **Outdoor Advertising.** A structure, of any kind or character, erected or maintained for outdoor advertising purposes, upon which any poster, bill, printing, painting or other advertisement of any kind whatsoever may be placed, including statuary, for advertising purposes.
- (q) **Outdoor Exhibit.** See “Library, Museum, Art Gallery, Outdoor Exhibit.”
- (r) **Outdoor Festival (see Land Use Tables).** Any music festival, dance festival, “rock” festival, or similar musical activity or gathering where live or prerecorded entertainment is presented to the public at facilities without permanent land use approval for the activity.
- (s) **Outdoor Lighting.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (t) **Outdoor Market.** See “Swap Meet, Outdoor Market, Auction Yard.”
- (u) **Overburden.** Soil, rock, or other materials that lie above a natural mineral deposit or in between deposits, before or after their removal by surface mining operations.
- (v) **Overlay Districts.** An area within which a set of standards and requirements are employed to deal with special physical characteristics such as flood plains or geologically hazardous areas. Overlay Districts are described in Division 2 (Allowed Land Uses and Permit Requirements) and are mapped and imposed in conjunction with, and in addition to, the underlying land use zoning district.
- (w) **Overspray.** The water that is applied beyond the landscaped areas onto pavement, walkways, structures, and other non-landscaped areas by the irrigation system.

- |     **(x) Owner.** A person or persons shown by the most current legally prepared document that has been recorded by the County Recorder's Office that transfers, grants or imports total or partial ownership of a parcel.
- |     **(y) Original Parcel.** See "Parcel, Original."
- |     **(z) Operative Vehicles.** See "Vehicles, Operative."

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4098 (2010), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.180 Definitions, “P.”**

- (a) **Paper and Related Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”
- (b) **Parcel.** Any real property described or created by map or deed. “Parcel” shall also refer to a legally defined lot, or contiguous group of lots in single ownership or under single control, and considered a unit for purposes of development. See also “Lot.”
- (c) **Parcel Map.** Means parcel map as defined in California Government Code, Title 7, Division 2, Chapter 2, Article 3.
- (d) **Parcel, Original.** Any improved or unimproved land shown on the latest County equalized assessment roll as a unit or contiguous units.
- (e) **Parcel, Remainder.** That portion of an original lot or parcel that is not a part of the subdivision but, after recordation of the final or parcel map may be sold subject to the recordation of a certificate of compliance or a conditional certificate of compliance. The designated remainder shall not be counted as a parcel for the purposes of determining whether a parcel map or final map is required.
- (f) **Parcel, Reserve.** A strip of land not less than one foot wide reserved for the purpose of regulating access to part width and dead-end streets until the time that the streets may be completed or extended.
- (g) **Park.** An outdoor recreation facility that may provide a variety of recreational opportunities including playground equipment, open space areas for passive recreation and picnicking, and sport and active recreation facilities.
- (h) **Park and Ride.** A voluntary system where participants drive to a centrally located public parking area or transportation facility in order to carpool or gain access to public transportation to another location.
- (i) **Parking Lots and Structures, Accessory (see Land Use Tables).** Off street parking spaces within parking lots and/or parking structures on the site of a primary land use that are intended for use by patrons, employees, and/or residents of the primary land use.
- (j) **Parking Area, Public (see Land Use Tables).** An open area, other than a street, used for the temporary parking of automobiles and available for public use, whether free, for compensation or as an accommodation for clients, customers or employees.
- (k) **Parking Space, Automobile.** Space within a public or private parking area or a building for the temporary parking or storage of one automobile.
- (l) **Partially-Shielded Fixture.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”

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- (m) **Passive Thermal System.** See “Thermal System, Passive.”
- (n) **Pawnshops.** See “Second-Hand Stores.”
- (o) **Pedestrian Lighting.** See “Lighting, Outdoor.”
- (p) **Pedestrian Walkway Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (q) **Perch Tree.** A dominant conifer, having open areas (dead limbs) in the upper portion of the tree located:
- (1) Within one-quarter mile of the shoreline of Lake Arrowhead, Erwin Lake, Baldwin Lake or Big Bear Lake; or
  - (2) In an identified area [i.e. Known Day Use Area or Potential Day Use Area] as shown on the U.S. Forest Service Bald Eagle Habitat Map.
- (r) **Permittee.** Any person undertaking development activities upon a site in compliance with a permit granted by the County.
- (s) **Person.** Any individual, firm, co partnership, joint venture, association, social club, fraternal organization, company, joint stock association, corporation, estate, trust, organization, business, business trust, public agency, school district, the State of California and its political subdivisions or instrumentalities, receiver, syndicate or any group or combination thereof, acting as a unit, including any trustee, receiver or assignee.
- (t) **Personal Communication Services (PCS).** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.”
- (u) **Personal Services (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments providing nonmedical services to individuals as a primary use. Examples of these uses include:
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| ▪ barber and beauty shops                            | ▪ massage (licensed, therapeutic, non-sexual) |
| ▪ clothing rental                                    | ▪ pet grooming with no boarding               |
| ▪ dry cleaning pick up stores with limited equipment | ▪ psychics, palm readers                      |
| ▪ home electronics and small appliance repair        | ▪ shoe repair                                 |
| ▪ laundromats (self service laundries)               | ▪ tailors                                     |
| ▪ locksmiths   | ▪ tanning salons                              |
|  | ▪ tattoo and body piercing services           |

These uses may also include accessory retail sales of products related to the services provided.

- (v) **Personal Storage.** See “Storage Personal Storage, Mini-Storage.”

- (w) **Pervious Surface.** A surface or material that allows water to pass through the material into the underlying surface.
- (x) **Pet Cemetery.** See “Cemetery.”
- (y) **Pet Farm.** A facility in which livestock, farm animals, and other animals are kept for public exhibition, viewing and contact, regardless of compensation, and which may include related accessory uses and activities (e.g., picnic areas, recreational activities, etc.). A pet farm shall not include retail pet stores and kennels, horse races, and activities such as State and County fairs, livestock shows, rodeos, field trials, and horsing events.
- (z) **Petroleum Refining and Related Industries.** See “Manufacturing Operations II.”
- (aa) **Phase.** Any contiguous part or portion of a single unified development project that is developed as a unit in the same time period.
- (bb) **Pipelines, Transmission Lines (see Land Use Tables).** Facilities primarily engaged in the pipeline transportation of crude petroleum; refined products of petroleum including gasoline and fuel oils; natural gas; mixed, manufactured or liquified petroleum gas; or the pipeline transmission of other commodities. Also includes pipeline surface and terminal facilities, including pump stations, bulk stations, surge and storage tanks. Power transmission includes facilities for the transmission of electrical energy for sale, including transmission lines for a public utility company. Also includes telephone, telegraph, cable television and other communications transmission facilities utilizing direct physical conduits. Does not include offices or service centers (classified in “Offices”), equipment and material storage yards (classified under “Storage Yards and Sales Lots”), distribution substations (classified under “Public Utility Facilities”), or power plants (classified under “Electrical Power Generation”). See also “Utility Facility.”
- (cc) **Places of Worship.** (see Land Use Tables). Facilities operated by religious organizations for worship, or the promotion of religious activities and instruction; together with accessory buildings and uses on the same site. Includes churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, etc. Related on-site facilities including day care centers and schools are separately defined.
- (dd) **Planned Development.** A large, integrated development consisting of residential, commercial or industrial uses, or a mixture of these uses and associated ancillary uses and structures; that is situated on one or more contiguous parcels or noncontiguous parcels separated solely by a road or other right of way or easement; and that is planned and developed as a unified project within a single development operation or series of development operations in compliance with a detailed comprehensive development plan.
- (ee) **Planning Agency.** The Planning Agency is a reviewing authority with the powers and charged with the duty of making investigations and reports on land use application and

to approve, conditionally approve or disapprove land use applications. The Planning Agency of San Bernardino County is described in Chapter 86.01 (Planning Agency).

**(ff) Planning Fee Schedule.** See “Fee Schedule.”

**(gg) Planning Permit.** Issued as a result of an approval of a land use application.

**(hh) Plant Factor.** The factor, when multiplied by the reference evapotranspiration rate  $E_{To}$ , estimates the amount of water that is needed by plant material. The plant factor range for low water use plant material shall be 0 to 0.3, the plant factor for medium water use plant material shall be 0.4 to 0.6, and the plant factor for high water use plant material shall be 0.7 to 1.0. These plant factors have been derived from the Department of Water Resources publication, *Water Use Classification of Landscape Species*, third edition (WUCOLS III).

**(ii) Plant, Desert Native.** Any tree, shrub, bulb or plant or part thereof, except its fruit, named in the California Desert Native Plants Act, as amended, (Food and Agricultural Code Section 8000a et seq.), which is growing wild. Also “Desert Native Plant” includes any of the species listed in Subsection 88.01.060(c) (Desert Native Plant Protection-Regulated desert native plants).

These plants do not include commercial nursery stock or planted landscaping, including those trees planted and/or growing outside their normal habitat, except where the plants have been transplanted in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management).

**(jj) Plant Expert, Desert Native.** A County Agricultural Commissioner Biologist, an arborist certified by the Western Chapter of the International Society of Arborists, or a person certified by the County Agricultural Commissioner for the desert area.

**(kk) Plant Material.** A living organism such as a tree, shrub, groundcover, succulent, grass (native and turf variety), annual, perennial, vines, herbs, ferns, and/or conifer used within a landscaped area, and needs permanent and/or supplemental irrigation.

**(ll) Plastic Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”

**(mm) Playground.** An area occupied by children’s play equipment, including climbing equipment, sandboxes, slides, swings, and/or similar equipment.

**(nn) Policies.** Statements, more specific than goals, that are guides for decision-making, imply commitments to goals and define directions for action toward fulfillment of these goals.

**(oo) Pond.** A naturally occurring or artificially created body of water (impounded above or below surface level) with a designated holding capacity of less than one acre-foot of water. Does not include “Lake or Reservoir.”

- (pp) **Potable Water.** Water that is meant for human consumption and has been treated to legal standards.
- (qq) **Precipitation Rate.** The application rate of water measured in inches per hour.
- (rr) **Preserve.** See “Nature Preserve.”
- (ss) **Prezone.** The process by which a city or County determines the actual future land use zoning districts for specified parcels of land before these parcels are annexed to the city.
- (tt) **Premature Development.** The building or construction of new projects in areas usually outside city limit boundaries or in areas where necessary public facilities cannot economically be provided by city or county jurisdictions.
- (uu) **Pressure Regulator.** A device used within an irrigation system to regulate pressure and maintain irrigation head radius control.
- (vv) **Primary Metal Industries.** See “Manufacturing Operations II.”
- (ww) **Primary Use.** A primary, principal or main use of a subject property that is allowed by the applicable land use zoning district independent of any other use of the property. A property may have more than one primary use of the property (e.g., a warehouse and an off-site sign could be both primary uses of a property. See also “Use.”
- (xx) **Private Garage.** See “Garage, Private.”
- (yy) **Private Home Rental, Short-Term.** A dwelling unit, including either a single-family detached or multi-family attached unit, owned, leased or rented on a less than 30-day basis. This definition includes a second dwelling unit on-site. This does not include the ongoing month-to-month tenancy granted to the same renter for the same unit.
- (zz) **Private Meeting Facility.** See “Meeting Facility.”
- (aaa) **Private Open Space.** See “Open Space, Private.”
- (bbb) **Private Stable.** See “Stable, Private.”
- (ccc) **Processing Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (ddd) **Produce Stand.** A temporary business established and operated for a specific time, selling raw, unprocessed fruits, vegetables, nuts, and other produce in its raw or natural state, and that is accessory to an on-site or adjacent agricultural operation.
- (eee) **Professional and Scientific Goods Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I.”



- (fff) **Professional Services (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments that provide advice, designs, information, medical treatment, commercial education, consultation, travel, job placement, advertising, finance, insurance and real estate services, generally from an office with no on-site storage of goods. This category includes all types of business offices and service-type businesses where service is basically on an individual-to-individual or firm-to-firm basis as opposed to services that are performed on objects or personal property.
- (ggg) **Projecting Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (hhh) **Property Line.** See “Lot.”
- (iii) **Property Owners Association.** A private organization composed of property owners of a single unified project that may own common property and shall be responsible for the maintenance and management of commonly owned property.
- (jjj) **Public Building.** A structure used for public assembly purposes in conjunction with an institutional use.
- (kkk) **Public Directional Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (lll) **Public Facilities.** Any civic or service oriented facility available to the general public such as schools, fire protection, water and sewerage, rapid or mass transit routes, public golf courses, libraries, public health centers, etc.
- (mmm) **Public Garage.** See “Garage, Public.”
- (nnn) **Public Improvements.** Includes traffic controls, streets, roads, highways, freeways, bridges, overcrossings, street interchanges, flood control or storm drain facilities, sewer facilities, water facilities, lighting facilities, and any other service and/or infrastructure improvement that is publicly maintained and operated by a public agency and/or quasi public agency, excepting utilities and common carriers.
- (ooo) **Public Meeting Facility.** See “Meeting Facility.”
- (ppp) **Public Parking Area.** See “Parking Area, Public.”
- (qqq) **Public Stable.** See “Stable, Public.”
- (rrr) **Public Safety Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A facility operated by a public agency including fire stations, other fire prevention and fire fighting facilities, police and sheriff substations and headquarters, including interim incarceration facilities. May include ambulance dispatch facilities on the same site.
- (sss) **Public Way.** Includes street, highway, avenue, boulevard, parkway, road, lane, walk, alley, channel, viaduct, subway, tunnel, bridge, public easement, public right of way, and other ways in which a public agency has a proprietary right.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4085 (2009), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.190 Definitions, “Q.”**

- (a) **Quality Control Engineer.** A registered civil engineer working under a contract with the County who is responsible to the County to assure compliance by the developer with the conditions of approval adopted by the County. This definition does not include the civil engineer responsible for professional inspection as required by the California Building Code.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.200 Definitions, “R.”**

- (a) **Raised Sleeping Beds.** A piece of furniture on, or in, which to lie and sleep and which is elevated off of the floor at least two feet. For the purposes of this definition, a single (or twin) bed will accommodate one person, while a double, queen or king bed will each accommodate two persons.
- (b) **Ranch/Farm.** An establishment primarily engaged in growing crops and raising animals. A ranch/farm may consist of a single tract of land or a number of separate tracts that may be held under different tenures (i.e., the ranch/farm operator may own one tract and rent another). A ranch/farm may be operated by the owner alone or with the assistance of members of the household or hired employees. See also “Agriculture,” “Agricultural Use,” and “Agritourism.” Does not include “Agricultural Support Service.”
- (c) **Rare or Endangered Species.** As used in the Development Code or the San Bernardino County Environmental Review Guidelines, shall be as defined in Section 15380 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.
- (d) **Rear Lot Line.** See “Lot.”
- (e) **Rear Yard.** See “Yard.”
- (f) **Reasonable Accommodation.** The following reasonable accommodation terms are defined as follows:
  - (1) **Minor Reasonable Accommodation.** Any deviation requested and/or granted from the strict application of the laws, rules, policies, practices and/or procedures of the County, including land use and zoning regulations of this Code, and which can be removed or terminated in 90 days or less after the need for the reasonable accommodation ends.
  - (2) **Major Reasonable Accommodation.** Any deviation requested and/or granted from the strict application of the laws, rules, policies, practices and/or procedures of the County, including land use and zoning regulations of this Code, resulting in a physical modification to the property which cannot be restored or terminated within 90 days or less after the reasonable accommodation is terminated
- (g) **Reclamation.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (h) **Recreational and Entertainment Services.** Establishments that provide leisure time activities and services that involve many people in a public assembly use where people either participate individually or are entertained by an activity. See also “Rural Sports and Recreation.”
- (i) **Recreational Use.** Public use of land for walking, hiking, skiing, riding, driving, picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, fishing, hunting or other outdoor games or sports for which land or facilities are provided for public participation.

- (j) **Recreational Vehicle (RV).** A motor home, travel trailer, truck camper or camping trailer, with or without self-propelled motive power, designed for human habitation for recreational or emergency occupation, and that may be moved upon a public highway without a special permit or chauffeur's license or both without violating any provision of the California Vehicle Code. A "Self Contained Recreational Vehicle" shall be a recreational vehicle with a kitchen sink, cooking appliance, refrigeration facilities, and a separate bathroom containing a water closet with a flush toilet, lavatory and bathtub or shower. A self-contained recreational vehicle shall have adequate provisions for the sleeping, bathing, sanitation, food preparation and eating by the number of people occupying the self contained recreational vehicle.
- (k) **Recreation Hall.** A relatively large room or hall (over 3,000 sq. ft.) within a multiple-family project with a kitchen for hosting fairly large events and concerts (60-80+ people) and may have an area set up, more or less permanently, for indoor games (e.g. ping pong tables, pool tables, foosball tables, etc.), for a library, for small gatherings, or for use as a mini cinema.
- (l) **Recreational Vehicle Park (RVP) (see Land Use Tables).** An area or tract of land, within an area where the land use zoning district allows recreational uses and where one or more lots are rented or leased or held out for rent, or lease to owners or users of recreational vehicles for temporary occupancy. Incidental food, alcoholic beverages, sales and service intended for the convenience of the guests at the recreational vehicle park are allowed.
- (m) **Recyclable Material.** Reusable material including but not limited to metals, glass, plastic and paper, which are intended for reuse, remanufacture, or reconstitution for the purpose of using the altered form. Recyclable material does not include refuse or hazardous material. Recyclable material may include used motor oil collected and transported in compliance with Health and Safety Code Sections 25250.11 and 25143.2(b)(4).
- (n) **Recycling Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A center for the collection and/or processing of recyclable materials. A "Certified Recycling Facility" or "Certified Processor" is a recycling facility certified by the California Department of Conservation as meeting the requirements of the California Beverage Container recycling and Litter Reduction Act of 1986. A recycling facility does not include storage containers or processing activity located on the premises of a residential, commercial, or manufacturing use and used solely for the recycling of material generated by that residential property, business or manufacturer. Recycling facilities may include the following:
  - (1) **Collection Facility.** A center for the acceptance, by donation, redemption, or purchase, of recyclable materials from the public. The facility does not use power-driven processing equipment except as provided by this Title. Collection facilities may include the following:
    - (A) **Reverse Vending Machine(s).** As defined below.

- (B) **Small Collection Facility.** Occupies an area of not more than 500 square feet and may include:
- (I) A mobile unit;
  - (II) Bulk reverse vending machines or a grouping of reverse vending machines occupying more than 50 square feet;
  - (III) Kiosk type units, which may include permanent structures;
  - (IV) Unattended containers placed for the donation of recyclable materials.
- (C) **Large Collection Facility.** May occupy an area of more than 500 square feet and may include permanent structures.
- (2) **Processing Facility.** A building or enclosed space used for the collection and processing of recyclable material. Processing means the preparation of material for efficient shipment, or to an end-user's specifications, by means such as baling, briquetting, compacting, flattening, grinding, crushing, mechanical sorting, shredding, cleaning, and remanufacturing. Processing facilities include the following:
- (A) **Light Processing Facility.** Occupies an area of under 45,000 square feet of gross collection, processing, and storage area and has up to an average of two outbound truck shipments per day. Light Processing Facilities are limited to baling, briquetting, crushing, compacting, grinding, shredding and sorting of source-separated recyclable materials and repairing of reusable materials sufficient to qualify as a Certified Processing Facility. A Light Processing Facility shall not shred, compact, or bale ferrous metals other than food and beverage containers.
  - (B) **Heavy Processing Facility.** Any processing facility other than a Light Processing Facility.
- (3) **Reverse Vending Machine.** An automated mechanical device that accepts at least one or more types of empty beverage containers, including, but not limited to aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles, and cartons, and issues a cash refund or a redeemable credit slip with a value not less than the container's redemption value as determined by the State. A Reverse Vending Machine may sort and process containers mechanically provided that the entire process is enclosed within the machine. In order to accept and temporarily store all three container types in a proportion commensurate with their relative redemption rates, and to meet the requirements of certification as a recycling facility, multiple grouping of Reverse Vending Machines may be necessary. A "Bulk Reverse Vending Machine" is a reverse vending machine that is larger than 50 square feet; is

designed to accept more than one container at a time; and will pay by weight instead of by container.

- (4) **Mobile Recycling Unit.** An automobile, truck, trailer or van, licensed by the Department of Motor Vehicles, which is used for the collection of recyclable materials. A Mobile Recycling Center also means the bins, boxes or containers transported by trucks, vans, or trailers, and used for the collection of recyclable materials.
- (5) **Scrap and Dismantling Yard.** Outdoor establishments primarily engaged in assembling, breaking up, sorting, and the temporary storage and distribution of recyclable or reusable scrap and waste materials, including auto wreckers engaged in dismantling automobiles for scrap, and the incidental wholesale or retail sales of parts from those vehicles. Includes light and heavy processing facilities for recycling (see the definitions above). Does not include: pawn shops, and other secondhand stores; the sale of operative used cars; or landfills or other waste disposal sites. See also “Motor Vehicle Dismantling Facility” and “Salvage Operations.”
- (o) **Recycling Facility, Accessory (see Land Use Tables).** A recycling facility as defined above, that is incidental to a primary industrial or commercial use.
- (p) **Recycled Water.** See “Non-Potable Water”
- (q) **Reference Evapotranspiration Rate (ET<sub>o</sub>).** The quantity of water, which evaporates from adjacent soils and/or other surfaces, and which also is transpired by plant material during a specified time. Specified times are normally collected as monthly and daily readings. Monthly and daily ET<sub>o</sub>’s can be found on the California Irrigation Management Information Systems (CIMIS) website.
- (r) **Regulatory Floodway.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (s) **Rehabilitation.** The restoration of deteriorated structures, neighborhoods and public facilities. It may involve repair, renovation, conversion, expansion, remodeling, reconstruction or any combination thereof.
- (t) **Rehabilitation Center.** See “Medical Services Rehabilitation Center.”
- (u) **Rehabilitated Landscape.** A re-landscaping project that meets the applicability requirements of Chapter 83.10, Landscaping Standards.
- (v) **Related Land Use.** A land use that is supportive of the predominant land use of an area. For example, a neighborhood commercial center is a supportive use in the residential land use category.
- (w) **Religious Assembly Facility.** See “Meeting Facility, Public or Private” and “Places of Worship.”

- (x) **Remainder Parcel.** See “Parcel, Remainder.”
- (y) **Remote Unit.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.”
- (z) **Repair Services (Non-automotive) (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments engaged in the provision of repair services to individuals, households and firms.
- (aa) **Reserve Parcel.** See “Parcel, Reserve.”
- (bb) **Reservoir.** A naturally occurring or artificially created body of water (impounded above or below surface level) with a designated holding capacity of at least one acre-foot of water. Does not include “Pond.” See also “Lake.”
- (cc) **Residential Accessory Use or Structure (see Land Use Tables).** See “Accessory Structure.”
- (dd) **Residential Development.** A project containing one or more residential dwelling units, including mobile homes, or a subdivision of land for the purpose of constructing one or more residential dwelling units.
- (ee) **Residential Hotel.** See “Hotel, Residential.”
- (ff) **Residential Use.** One or more of the dwelling unit types listed in the tables Division 2 (Land Use Zoning Districts and Allowed Land Uses) under the heading of “Residential.”
- (gg) **Residuals Depository.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (hh) **Responsible Person.** Any person who creates a condition that may lead to accelerated erosion. If a specific person cannot be identified, the owner of the land where the condition exists shall be considered the responsible person.
- (ii) **Restaurant, Café, Coffee Shop (see Land Use Tables).** A retail business selling ready-to-eat food and/or beverages for on- or off-premise consumption. These include eating establishments where customers are served from a walk-up ordering counter for either on- or off-premise consumption (“counter service”); and establishments where customers are served food at their tables for on-premise consumption (“table service”), that may also provide food for take-out.
- (jj) **Retail, General.** See “General Retail.”
- (kk) **Retail Sale.** A sale of commodities or goods for personal household or farm consumption directly to the ultimate consumer. Sales are normally in small quantities and may include the rendering of services incidental to and supportive of the sale of the merchandise.
- (ll) **Reversed Corner Lot.** See “Lot.”



- (mm) **Reverse Vending Machine.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (nn) **Reversion to Acreage.** The process by which subdivided real property may be reverted to acreage.
- (oo) **Review Authority.** Person, body or agency authorized to render land use decisions or provide technical recommendations to the Planning Agency.
- (pp) **Right-of-way.** Any strip or area of land, including surface, overhead, or underground, granted by easement, for construction and maintenance according to a designated use, such as drainage canals and ditches, electric power and telephone lines, gas, oil, water, and other pipelines, highways and roads and/or flowage or impoundment of surface waters.
- (qq) **Right-of-Way, Transportation.** See “Transportation Right-of-Way.”
- (rr) **Riparian habitat.** A natural plant community located along, and dependent upon, a water body or water course (e.g., sides of canyon bottoms, creeks, streams, rivers, etc.)
- (ss) **Road or Roadway.** An open way for vehicular traffic.
- (tt) **Road Easement.** See “Easement.”
- (uu) **Road Easement, Private.** See “Easement.”
- (vv) **Road System.** The classification of streets and highways by their diverse functions and design. The following is the commonly used hierarchy of streets and highways for planning purposes:
- (1) **Local Street.** A roadway allowing access to abutting land, serving local traffic only.
  - (2) **Collector.** A street used by traffic to travel from local streets to secondary or major highways; usually it allows direct access to abutting properties.
  - (3) **Emergency Access Route.** A two-lane street of high standards, designed, constructed and specifically identified as an emergency access route to serve as a collector or distributor of neighborhood traffic and as an alternative access route in an emergency situation.
  - (4) **Mountain Secondary Highway.** A controlled access, moderate speed, two-lane highway, designed and constructed to accommodate high volumes of intercommunity traffic.
  - (5) **Mountain Major Highway.** A limited access, high speed, four-lane highway, designed and constructed to accommodate large volumes of intercommunity traffic. The mountain expressway connects intensely developed areas and points of interest. It is a four-lane highway with intersections at grade. It is striped for

two lanes with shoulders in each direction. Turn lanes at intersections when necessary will require additional rights-of-way and roadway widths.

- (6) **Secondary Highway.** A street serving traffic from collector streets and major highways that provides for traffic movement to and from traffic generators and attractors; the street is subject to controlled access from the properties fronting on the right of way; intersecting streets are subject to appropriate spacing. It is a four-lane highway with intersections at grade. It is striped for two lanes with shoulders in each direction. Turn lanes at intersections when necessary will require additional rights-of-way and roadway widths.
  - (7) **Major Highway.** A street or thoroughfare that serves through traffic movement across urban areas or to major traffic generators and attractors; it is subject to controlled access from properties fronting on the right of way; intersecting streets are subject to appropriate spacing. It is a four-lane highway with intersections at grade. It is striped for two lanes with shoulders in each direction with turn lanes at intersections. Additional rights-of-way and roadway widths may be necessary for turn lanes.
  - (8) **Major Divided Highway.** A road or thoroughfare that that serves through traffic movement across urban areas, subject to controlled access from properties fronting on the right of way; intersecting streets are subject to appropriate spacing. It is a divided four-lane road with intersection at grade. It is striped for two lanes with shoulders in each direction with a raised median and turn lanes. Additional rights-of-way and roadway widths may be necessary for turn lanes.
  - (9) **Major Arterial Highway.** A road or thoroughfare that serves through traffic movement across urban areas, subject to controlled access from properties fronting on the right of way; intersecting streets are subject to appropriate spacing. It is a six-lane highway that may have grade separations at intersections. It is striped for three lanes with shoulders in each direction with turn lanes at intersections. Additional rights-of-way and roadway widths may be necessary for turn lanes.
  - (10) **Freeway.** A multilane highway with full grade separation (i.e., intersections are separated by under or overpasses), median strips and fencing or landscaping strips along the sides. It basically services intercity and interstate traffic. See also "Freeway."
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- (ww) **Rockfall.** Failure and rapid downhill movement of rocks as a result of gravity, which can be initiated by earthquake shaking.
  - (xx) **Roof Sign.** See "Sign."
  - (yy) **Rooming or Boarding (see Land Use Tables).** Residential occupancy of a building with no more than five bedrooms and no more than one person per room, where lodging is provided for compensation on a weekly or greater basis; but not including facilities defined as social care facilities.

- |     **(zz)**    **Root Barrier.** A plastic wall-like structure that is installed underground and designed to prevent the roots from trees from causing damage to streets, sidewalks, walkways, foundations, and other hardscapes.
- |     **(aaa)**   **Rubber Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”
- |     **(bbb)**   **Rumpus Room.** See “Recreation Room.”
- |     **(ccc)**   **Runoff.** Water that is not absorbed by the soil or the landscape in which it has been applied and flows from the landscaped area onto adjacent surfaces, creating water waste.
- |     **(ddd)**   **Rural Sports and Recreation (see Land Use Tables).** Facilities for sports and recreational activities requiring large sites and/or remote locations, including hunting and fishing clubs, off-road vehicle parks, and shooting (rifle, pistol, and archery) ranges, ski resorts. See also “Recreational Use.”
- |     **(eee)**   **RV Sales.** See “Mobile Home, Boat or RV Sales.”

|     Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008); Amended Ordinance 4057 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); Amended Ordinance 4169 (2012); **Amended Ordinance 4189 (2012)**

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- (a) **Salvage Operations (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments involved in the storage, sale, wholesale and processing of salvage materials. This land use classification does not include **any of the sub-classifications of** recycling collection facilities (“Recycling Collection Facilities) **except “Scrap and Dismantling Yard.”** See also “Junk and Salvage Facility.”
- (1) **Contained.** These uses are conducted entirely within enclosed structures and provide environmentally sound practices in collecting and recycling oils and other toxic materials. No outside storage of parts occurs, and establishments are monitored annually to ensure they are maintained appropriately.
- (2) **General.** These uses create major environmental disruption even when carefully regulated. Dust, dirt, noise and unsightly conditions often prevail with these operations.
- (b) **Scenic Corridor.** The area outside a highway or an adopted trail right-of-way that is generally visible to persons traveling on the highway or trail.
- (c) **School (see Land Use Tables).** A public or private academic educational institution that offers instruction in the several branches of learning and study required to be taught in the public schools by the Education Code of the State of California. Schools types include:
- boarding school
  - elementary, middle, and junior high schools
  - community college, college, or university
  - high school
  - military academy

Also includes schools providing specialized education/training. Examples include the following:

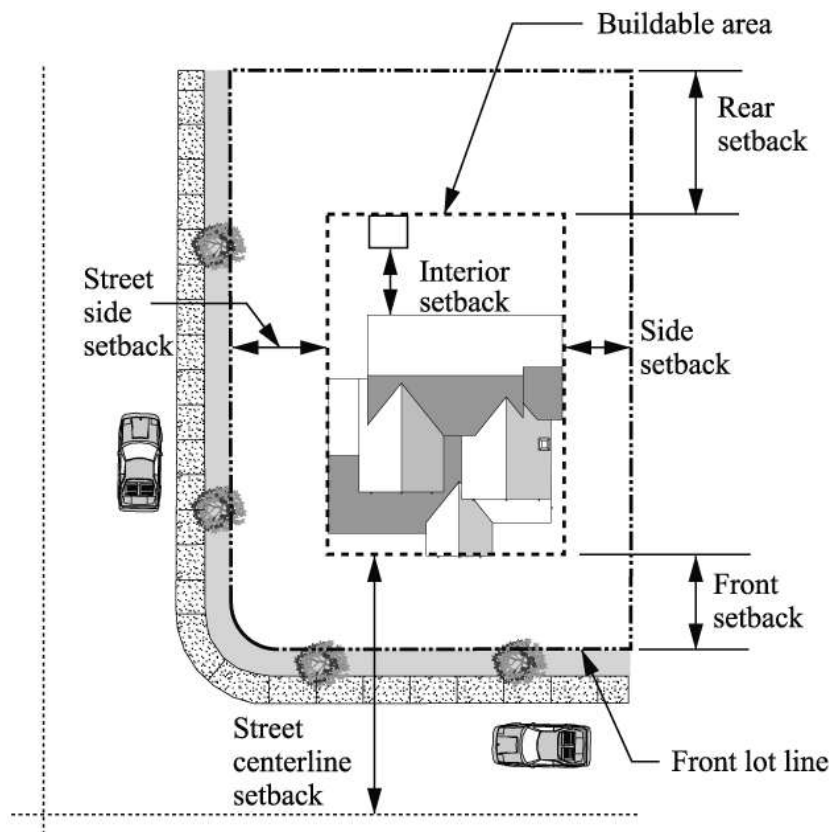
- art school
- establishments providing courses by mail
- ballet and other dance school
- language school
- business, secretarial, and vocational school
- martial arts
- computers and electronics school
- music school
- drama school
- professional school (law, medicine, etc.)
- driver education school
- seminaries/religious ministry training facility

Also includes facilities, institutions and conference centers that offer specialized programs in personal growth and development, such as fitness, environmental awareness, arts, communications, and management. Does not include pre-school and child day care facilities (see also “Day Care Facility”).

- (d) **Scientific Goods Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I.”

- (e) **Screening.** The use of landscaping, earth, fences, walls, trees, shrubs, or other materials for visual, background, noise or sun exposure control.
- (f) **Scrap Metal Processing Facility (see Land Use Tables).** Any establishment or place of business that is maintained, used, or operated solely for the processing and preparing of scrap metals for remelting by steel mills and foundries.
- (g) **Seal.** A metal, tamperproof clamp issued in compliance with the California Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.) by the Agricultural Commissioner used to permanently affix a tag to a native plant.
- (h) **Searchlight.** See “Sign.”
- (i) **Second Hand Stores, Pawnshops (see Land Use Tables).** Retail establishments that buy and sell used products, including clothing, furniture and household goods, jewelry, appliances, musical instruments, business machines and office equipment, tools, motors, machines, instruments, firearms, or any similar secondhand articles or objects; includes indoor flea markets. Does not include bookstores (“General Retail”); secondhand farm and construction equipment (“Construction, Farm, and Heavy Equipment Sales”); junk dealers, or scrap/dismantling yards (“Recycling Facilities - Scrap and Dismantling Yards”); the sale of antiques and collectibles (“General Retail”); the sale of cars and other used vehicles (“Auto and Vehicle Sales, Leasing, and Rental, Used”).
- (j) **Secondary Highway.** See “Road System.”
- (k) **Section.** A section of the this Development Code, unless in reference to some other specified statute, ordinance, chapter, division or title; or the survey term regarding the subdivision of a Township into normally 36 equal parts, each of which is approximately 640 acres.
- (l) **Security Quarters.** Temporary residential occupancy of a dwelling unit, commercial coach, or travel trailer utilized to provide temporary quarters to security personnel hired to guard part or all of the property on which the security quarters are located as an accessory use. Does not include caretaker housing (“Caretaker Housing”).
- (m) **Sediment.** Eroded earth material that is carried by runoff and/or deposited in a stream, drainage course, natural watercourse, lake or other area.
- (n) **Seiche.** The high frequency fluctuation of an enclosed body of water, which can be initiated by earthquake shaking.
- (o) **Seismic Safety Hazard Areas.** Areas where a potential hazard exists due to ground rupture from earthquakes. Seismic safety hazard areas encompass active or potentially active faults within the County (includes Alquist-Priolo Special Studies Zones). Hazard area boundaries extend approximately 660 feet on each side of known active or potentially active faults.

- (p) **Selected Flood.** See “Flood Hazard.”
- (q) **Self-Contained Mobile Home.** See “Mobile Home, Self-Contained.”
- (r) **Semipassive Thermal System.** See “Thermal System, Semipassive.”
- (s) **Sensitive Viewshed.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facilities.”
- (t) **Service Station (see Land Use Tables).** A site where the primary activity is the retail sale and dispensing of motor fuels or oils, the retail sale of lubricants, tires, batteries and other automobile accessories, and the installation and servicing of the lubricants, tires, batteries and other automobile accessories.
- (u) **Setback.** The distance by which a structure, parking area or other development feature must be separated from a lot line, other structure or development feature, or street centerline. See also “Yard,” and Section 83.02.070 (Setback Regulations and Exceptions). See Figure 10-2 (Setbacks).



**Figure 810-2  
Setbacks**

- (v) **Setback, Street.** See “Yard, Front” and “Yard, Side Street”.

- (w) **Setback Line, Street.** A line that defines the depth of the required street setback, front yard, or side yard or side street where the yard or yards abut a street. The street setback line shall be parallel or concentric with the street right of way line.
- (x) **Sewage Disposal Area.** An area utilized for the holding, leaching and percolation of sewage wastes including an area that would provide a 100 percent expansion of the leaching and percolation field for future use.
- (y) **Sewage Treatment and Disposal Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A site with equipment and other facilities to treat sewage effluent transmitted to the site via underground sewer lines to the water quality standard required by the California Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- (z) **Shall.** A mandatory provision, regulation or specification.
- (aa) **Shopping Center (see Land Use Tables).** A shopping center is two or more business establishments under a single ownership, unified control or designated as a unit located on a single parcel or combination of contiguous parcels having a minimum frontage of 150 feet.
- (bb) **Short-Term Private Home Rental.** See “Private Home Rental, Short-Term.”
- (cc) **Shrub.** Any woody, perennial plant having multiple stems and bearing foliage from the ground up, commonly maintained at less than eight and more than two feet in height when fully grown, adaptable to trimming, shaping and pruning without injury to the plant itself.
- (dd) **Side Lot Line.** See “Lot.”
- (ee) **Side Yard.** See “Yard.”
- (ff) **Sign.** Words, letters, numerals, emblems, designs, or other marks shown on any flag, card, cloth, paper, metal, painted surface, glass, wood, plaster, stone or other device of any kind or character by which anything is made known and used to attract attention, including lighting devices the as searchlights. Signs include four basic categories, (i.e., off-site, on-site, directional and temporary) and may take many forms (e.g. freestanding, monument, wall, roof, projecting walkway, display, etc.) Also signs are located individually or in clusters (i.e., shopping center complex). The following definitions clarify the differences between these categories and types:
- (1) **Off-Site Sign.** A sign that is allowed only in certain specified land use zoning districts as an independent use of the property not dependent upon the location of another structure or use. The signs often advertise or identify a business, function, establishment or product at a location other than the property on which a business is located or a product is manufactured or sold. The signs may advertise political viewpoints, political campaigns and other noncommercial messages.

- (2) **On-Site Sign.** A sign that is allowed only in conjunction with another use as an accessory use. The signs often advertise or identify a commodity, service, business or profession that is sold, produced, conducted or offered as one of the major functions of the primary use on the same site. The signs may advertise political viewpoints, political campaigns and other noncommercial messages. The signs may also advertise any commercial message.
- (3) **Complex Sign.** A sign that is allowed in conjunction with a shopping center, business, or other complex that is under a single ownership or unified control having two or more establishments located on a single parcel or combination of contiguous parcels.
- (4) **Complex Occupant Sign.** A sign that is allowed in conjunction with an individual occupant within a shopping center, business, or other complex.
- (5) **Directional Sign.** Signs that provide directional or traffic flow information.
  - (A) **Public Directional Sign.** Signs containing directional information about public places owned or operated by Federal, State or local governments or their agencies. Also included are historic, cultural, scientific and educational signs, signs relating to publicly owned natural phenomena, publicly owned or operated areas of natural scenic beauty, and areas naturally suited for outdoor recreation, deemed to be in the interest of the traveling public.
- (6) **Display Sign.** A single-faced sign that is affixed to any type of display window or is adjacent to a display window.
- (7) **Freestanding Sign.** A single or multi-faced sign that is not attached to any building or structure.
- (8) **Individual Signs or Accessory Business Sign.** Accessory signs that are allowed in conjunction with a nonresidential use that is not located within a complex (e.g., shopping center).
- (9) **Monument Sign.** A single-or double-faced sign that is designed and constructed as part of and placed on a monument base.
- (10) **Pedestrian Walkway Sign.** An accessory sign hung from or on a canopy and being oriented to pedestrian traffic.
- (11) **Projecting Sign.** A single- or double-faced sign attached to a structure that extends in a perpendicular plane from the wall to which it is attached.
- (12) **Roof Sign.** A single-faced sign that is affixed to a roof of a building or structure.
- (13) **Searchlight.** An apparatus containing a light source and a reflector for projecting a strong, far-reaching beam greater than 200 feet in any direction.



- (14) **Temporary Sign.** A sign that provides temporary information and/or directions. The signs often are subject to the issuance of Temporary Use Permits and often provide information regarding residential developments, political candidates or issues, and real estate signs.
- (15) **Wall Sign.** A single-faced sign that is in any manner affixed to any exterior wall of a structure, the exposed face of which is in a plane parallel to the plane of the wall.
- (gg) **Single Family Dwelling (see Land Use Tables).** See “Dwelling, Single Family.”
- (hh) **Single Family Dwelling, Attached (see Land Use Tables).** See “Dwelling, Single Family Attached.”
- (ii) **Singular Plural.** Words used in the singular number include the plural and words used in the plural number include the singular.
- (jj) **Site.** A parcel of land or contiguous parcels where land alterations, including grading, clearing or construction are performed or proposed.
- (kk) **Site Plan, Detailed.** A drawing, to scale, on one sheet of paper of the entire land parcel showing buildings, improvements, other physical features and all dimensions.
- (ll) **Site Planning.** A process to develop a plan that shows how a parcel of land may be developed, taking into consideration the natural and man made characteristics of the parcel.
- (mm) **Small Family Day Care Home.** See “Day Care, Child.”
- (nn) **Small Collection Facility.** See “Recycling Facility.”
- (oo) **“Smart” Irrigation Controller.** An irrigation controller that is weather and soil moisture-based, and monitors and uses historical environmental conditions for the specific location in which a landscape is located, by automatically adjusting irrigation watering times based on the information collected.
- (pp) **Social Care Facility (see Land Use Tables).** Any facility in the general classification of boarding home for aged persons, boarding home for children, day care home for children, day nursery, nursing home or parent child boarding home. These facilities consist of a building or group of buildings used or designed for the housing of sick, demented, injured, convalescent, infirm, or well, normal healthy persons, requiring licensing or certification by regulating government agencies. This definition shall not include use of a part of any single or multiple dwelling, hotel, apartment, or motel not ordinarily intended to be occupied by these persons unless so licensed or certified by the governmental agency concerned with the administration of each specific classification.

- (**qq**) **Soil.** The unconsolidated mineral and organic material on the immediate surface of the earth.
- (1) **Corrosive Soils.** Natural soils that, as a result of their chemical makeup, may aggressively deteriorate concrete, metal or other susceptible building material.
  - (2) **Expansive Soils.** Natural clays that swell when saturated and shrink when dry.
  - (3) **Hydrocollapsible Soils.** Natural soils that collapse or compact after a wetting event.
- (**rr**) **Soil Management Report.** A report that shall be submitted with the Landscape Documentation Package, as outlined by Chapter 83.10, Landscaping Standards, that outlines the result of the soil tests along with recommendation for soil amendments.
- (**ss**) **Solar Energy System.** Any solar collector solar device, or structural design feature of a building whose primary purpose is to provide for the collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling; for domestic, recreational, therapeutic, or service water heating; for the generation of electricity; for the production of process heat; and for the production of mechanical work. Solar energy systems include passive thermal systems, semipassive thermal systems, active thermal systems and photovoltaic systems. This category does not include parabolic mirror and devices of a similar nature.
- (**tt**) **Solid Waste Disposal Site.** A site used for the final disposal of solid waste, which may also include facilities for separating and differentiating waste products, and/or recycling the waste products. Includes landfills.
- (**uu**) **Solid Waste.** Any variety of waste, including household garbage, metal, glass, shattered concrete, bricks from demolished houses, radioactive wastes and mining talus.
- (**vv**) **Solidification and Stabilization.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (**ww**) **Special District.** A governmental entity created in a given area to provide services within that area. Special Districts can provide services such as water, sewers, fire protection, and parks and recreation.
- (**xx**) **Special Events, Temporary (see Land Use Tables).** All carnivals, community celebrations, off-road vehicle races, outdoor festivals, music events, sporting events, parades, fairs, animal races, religious festivals, revival meetings and similar public gatherings at locations and facilities without an approved Conditional Use Permit, Minor Use Permit, or Site Plan Permit. Special events shall be categorized based upon scope, longevity, magnitude and use, into one of the following event types.

**(1) Minor Event.**

- (A) Class I.** Anticipated attendance of 500 to 1,000 persons per day; or a community celebration, religious festivals, revival meetings and similar public gatherings with anticipated attendance of 500 or more. Staging events of off-highway motor vehicles as defined in Section 28.0401 of Title 2 shall also be included as a Class I Minor Event as required by Section 28.0404 of Title 2 of this code.
- (B) Class II.** Intensive sporting events, the as off-road vehicle races or rodeos, etc., and music events with an anticipated attendance of 200 to 500 persons per day. Included in this class are any events that are advertised by a means of mass media (i.e., radio, television, newspaper, Internet, phone trees, fliers, etc.) provided that a means of limiting attendees to 500 persons per day is available and is strictly enforced.

**(2) Major Event.**

- (A) Class I.** Anticipated attendance of over 1,000 persons per day.
- (B) Class II.** Intensive sporting events, such as off-road vehicle races or rodeos, etc., or music events with an anticipated attendance of over 500 persons per day. Included in this class are any events that are advertised by a means of mass media (i.e., radio, television, newspaper, Internet, phone trees, fliers, etc.) where a means of limiting attendees is not available.

**(yy) Special Flood.** See “Flood Hazard.”

**(zz) Special Flood Hazard Area.** See “Flood Hazard.”

**(aaa) Special Landscape Area.** Are those areas of landscape that are dedicated to edible plant material, those areas that are irrigated with non-potable/recycled water, and those areas that are dedicated to active play such as parks, sports fields, golf courses, or where turf provides a playing surface.

**(bbb) Specified Anatomical Areas.** See “Adult-Oriented Business.”

**(ccc) Specified Hazardous Waste Facilities.** See “Hazardous Waste.”

**(ddd) Specified Sexual Activities.** See “Adult-Oriented Business.”

**(eee) Specimen Tree.** See “Tree, Specimen.”

**(fff) Sphere of Influence.** A sphere of influence is the probable ultimate physical boundary of a city as established by the San Bernardino Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) in compliance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et

seq.). A sphere of influence contains unincorporated County land that is outside a city's boundaries and that relates to the city's planning.

- (ggg) Sports or Entertainment Assembly (see Land Use Tables).** A large-scale indoor or outdoor facility accommodating spectator-oriented sports, concerts, and other entertainment activities. Examples of this land use include amphitheaters, race tracks, rodeo arenas, stadiums and coliseums. May also include commercial facilities customarily associated with the above uses, including bars and restaurants, gift shops, video game arcades, etc.
- (hhh) Stable, Private.** A detached accessory building for the keeping of horses, burros or mules owned by the occupants of the premises and not for remuneration, hire or sale.
- (iii) Stable, Public.** A stable other than a private stable for keeping of horses, burros or mules.
- (jjj) Standard Project Flood.** See "Flood Hazard."
- (kkk) Start of Construction.** See "Flood Hazard."
- (lll) State.** State of California.
- (mmm) State Geologist.** Individual holding office as provided in the California Public Resources Code, Section 677, Article 3, Chapter 2, Division 1.
- (nnn) Static Water Pressure.** The pressure of the pipeline or municipal water supply when the water is not flowing.
- (ooo) Station.** An area that is served by an automatic irrigation valve that has been programmed into the "smart" irrigation controller as a specific number, which is to be recognized and controlled.
- (ppp) Stealth Facility.** See "Wireless Telecommunication Facilities."
- (qqq) Stock Cooperative.** A common interest development in which a corporation is formed or availed of primarily for the purpose of holding title to, either in fee simple or for a term of years, improved real property, and all or substantially all of the shareholders of the corporation receive a right of exclusive occupancy in a portion of the real property, title to which is held by the corporation. The owner's interest in the corporation, whether evidenced by a share of stock, a certificate of membership, or otherwise, shall be deemed to be an interest in a common interest development and a real estate development for purposes of Subdivision (f), Section 25100 of the California Corporations Code. In a stock cooperative, both the separate interest, as defined in paragraph (4) of Subdivision (l) of Section 1351 of Title 6 of Part 4 of Division 2 of the California Civil Code, and the correlative interest in the stock cooperative corporation, however designated, are interests in real property. Includes a limited equity housing cooperative, which is

a stock cooperative that meets the criteria of Section 33007.5 of the California Health and Safety Code.

**(rrr) Stone Products Manufacturing.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”

**(sss) Storage, Garage.** See “Garage, Storage.”

**(ttt) Storage/Impound Facility.** See “Motor Vehicle Storage/Impound Facility.”

**(uuu) Storage - Personal Storage, Mini-Storage (see Land Use Tables).** Structures containing generally small, individual compartmentalized or lockers rented as individual storage spaces and characterized by low parking demand.

**(vvv) Storage - Vehicles Storage (see Land Use Tables).** A facility for the storage of operative cars and other fleet vehicles, trucks, buses, recreational vehicles, and other motor vehicles. Includes facilities for the storage and/or servicing of fleet vehicles. Also includes the parking of a vehicle on private property for more than 72 hours without operation. Does not include commercial parking lots, or dismantling yards (classified in “Recycling - Scrap and Dismantling Yards”).

**(www) Storage - Warehouse, Indoor Storage (see Land Use Tables).** Facilities for the storage of furniture, household goods, or other commercial goods of any nature. Includes cold storage. Does not include: warehouse, storage or mini storage facilities offered for rent or lease to the general public (“Storage - Personal Storage, Mini-Storage”); warehouse facilities primarily used for wholesaling and distribution (see “Wholesaling and Distribution”); or terminal facilities for handling freight (see “Truck Terminal”).

**(xxx) Storm, Ten Year.** See “Ten Year Storm.”

**(yyy) Story.** That portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor immediately above it, or, if there is no floor above it, then the space between the floor and ceiling immediately above it.

**(zzz) Story, Half.** A story with at least two of its opposite sides meeting a sloping roof, nor more than two feet above the floor of the story.

**(aaaa) Stream.** Any watercourse designated by a solid line or dash and three dots symbol on the largest scale of the United States Geological Survey map most recently published, or as indicated in the development permit when it has been field determined that a watercourse either:

- (1) Supports fish at any time of the year;
- (2) Has a significant water flow after any rainstorm; or
- (3) Has a well defined channel.

- (**bbbb**) **Stream Bed Skimming.** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (**cccc**) **Street.** Any public or private thoroughfare, with a width of 20 feet or more, that affords a primary means of access to abutting property. See “Road System.”
- (**dddd**) **Street Line.** The boundary line between a street and abutting property.
- (**eeee**) **Structural Alterations.** Any change in the supporting members of a structure, such as the bearing walls or partitions, columns, beams or girders.
- (**ffff**) **Structure.** Anything constructed, built, or installed by man, an edifice or building of any kind, or any piece of work artificially built up or composed of parts joined together in some definite manner, including, but without limitation; buildings, towers, smokestack, and overhead lines.
- (**gggg**) **Structure, Approved.** A structure, paved area of impervious substance or sewage disposal area that has been approved by the Building Official or the Chief of the Environmental Health Services Division as an improvement of the site, and that complies with all codes, ordinances and regulations of San Bernardino County.
- (**hhhh**) **Structure, Business or Industrial.** An occupied, permanent building, attached to a permanent foundation, approved for the use under the California Building Code, where one or more persons are employed on an eight hour shift, at least five days per week.
- (**iiii**) **Structure Envelope.** The interior of a parcel outside of the building setback lines.
- (**jjjj**) **Structure Footprint.** The area of a parcel included within the surrounding exterior walls of a structure. In the absence of surrounding exterior walls, the structure footprint shall be the area under the horizontal projection of the roof.
- (**kkkk**) **Structure Height.** See Section 83.02.040 (Height Measurement and Height Limit Exceptions). For buildings see “Building Height”.
- (**llll**) **Subdivider.** A person, firm, corporation, partnership or association who proposes to divide, divides or causes to be divided real property into a subdivision for himself or for others except that employees and consultants of these persons or entities, acting in such capacity, are not “subdividers.”
- (**mmmm**) **Subdivision.** The division, by any subdivider, of any unit or units of improved or unimproved land, or any portion of land thereof, shown on the latest equalized County assessment roll as a unit or as contiguous units, for the purpose of sale, lease or financing, whether immediate or future, except for leases of agricultural land for agricultural purposes (i.e., the cultivation of food or fiber or the grazing or pasturing of livestock). Property shall be considered as contiguous units even if it separated by roads, streets, utility easement or railroad rights of way. “Subdivision” includes a condominium project, as defined in Section 1350 of the Civil Code, or a community apartment project, as defined in Section 11004 of the

California Business and Professions Code or the conversion of five or more existing dwelling units to a stock cooperative, as defined in Section 11003.2 of the California Business and Professions Code. A conveyance of land to or from a governmental agency, public entity, public utility, common carrier or subsidiary of a public utility for conveyance to the public utility for rights of way shall not be considered a division of land for the purpose of computing the number of parcels. See also "Minor Subdivision Plot Plan."

**(nnnn) Subsidence.** The sinking of the earth's surface, usually due to mining, groundwater extraction, oil and gas withdrawal, earthquakes or other physical forces.

**(oooo) Substandard Lot.** A unit of land, the area, width or other characteristic that fails to meet the requirements of the land use zoning district in which it is located.

**(pppp) Substandard Housing Unit.** A dwelling unit that is either dilapidated or unsafe, thus endangering the health or safety of the occupant, or does not have adequate plumbing or heating facilities.

**(qqqq) Substantial Damage.** See "Flood Hazard."

**(rrrr) Substantial Improvement.** See "Flood Hazard."

**(ssss) Supplemental Irrigation.** See "Temporary Irrigation."

**(tttt) Surface Mining Operations (see Land Use Tables).** All, or any part of, the process involved in the mining of minerals on mined lands by removing overburden and mining directly from the mineral deposits, open pit mining of minerals naturally exposed, mining by the auger method, dredging and quarrying, or surface work incident to an underground mine. Surface mining operations include, but are not limited to, in place distillation or retorting or leaching, the production and disposal of mining waste, prospecting and exploratory activities, borrow pitting, streambed skimming, and segregation and stockpiling of mined materials (and recovery of same). The following definitions shall further clarify mining issues:

- (1) Area of Regional Significance.** An area designated by the State Mining and Geology Board that is known to contain a deposit of minerals, the extraction of which is judged to be of prime importance in meeting future needs for minerals in a particular region of the State within which the minerals are located, and which, if prematurely developed for alternate incompatible land uses, could result in the permanent loss of minerals that are of more than local significance.
- (2) Area of Statewide Significance.** An area designated by the Board that is known to contain a deposit of minerals, the extraction of which is judged to be of prime importance in meeting future needs for minerals in the State and which, if prematurely developed for alternate incompatible land uses, could result in the permanent loss of minerals that are of more than local or regional significance.



- (3) **Borrow Pits.** Excavations created by the surface mining of rock, unconsolidated geologic deposits or soil to provide material (borrow) for fill elsewhere.
- (4) **Compatible Land Uses.** Land uses inherently compatible with mining and/or that require a minimum public or private investment in structures, land improvements, and that may allow mining because of the relative economic value of the land and its improvements. Examples of these uses may include, but shall not be limited to, very low density residential, geographically extensive but low impact industrial, recreational, agricultural, silvicultural, grazing, and open space.
- (5) **Haul Road.** A road along which material is transported from the area of excavation to the processing plant or stockpile area of the surface mining operation.
- (6) **Idle.** Surface mining operations curtailed for a period of one year or more, by more than 90 percent of the operation's previous maximum annual mineral production, with the intent to resume those surface mining operations at a future date.
- (7) **Incompatible Land Uses.** Land uses inherently incompatible with mining and/or that require public or private investment in structures, land improvements, and landscaping and that may prevent mining because of the greater economic value of the land and its improvements. Examples of these uses may include, but shall not be limited to, high density residential, low density residential with high unit value, public facilities, geographically limited but impact intensive industrial, and commercial.
- (8) **Mined Lands.** The surface, subsurface, and ground water of an area in which surface mining operations will be, are being, or have been conducted, including private ways and roads appurtenant to any area, land excavations, workings, mining waste, and areas in which structures, facilities, equipment, machines, tools, or other materials or property that result from, or are used in, surface mining operations are located.
- (9) **Minerals.** Any naturally occurring chemical element or compound, or groups of elements and compounds, formed from inorganic processes and organic substances, including, but not limited to, coal, peat, and bituminous rock, but excluding geothermal resources, natural gas, and petroleum.
- (10) **Operator.** Any person who is engaged in surface mining operations, or who contracts with others to conduct operations on his/her behalf, except a person who is engaged in surface mining operations as an employee with wages as his/her sole compensation.



- (11) **Reclamation.** The combined process of land treatment that minimizes water degradation, air pollution, damage to aquatic or wildlife habitat, flooding, erosion, and other adverse effects from surface mining operations, including adverse surface effects incidental to underground mines, so that mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition that is readily adaptable for alternate land uses and create no danger to public health or safety. The process may extend to affected lands surrounding mined lands, and may require backfilling, grading, resoiling, revegetation, soil compaction, stabilization, or other measures.
- (12) **Stream Bed Skimming.** Excavation of sand and gravel from stream bed deposits above the mean summer water level or stream bottom, whichever is higher.
- (13) **Vested Right.** For the purpose of mining and reclamation, a person shall be deemed to have vested rights, if, before January 1, 1976, the person has, in good faith and in reliance upon a permit, (if the permit or other authorization was required, and was in compliance with County regulations), diligently commenced surface mining operations and incurred substantial liabilities for work and necessary materials. Expenses incurred in obtaining the enactment of an ordinance in relation to a particular operation or the issuance of a permit shall not be deemed liabilities for work or materials.
- (uuuu) **Swap meet, Outdoor Market, Auction Yard (see Land Use Tables).** The sale of used and/or new merchandise by individual vendors in a temporary or permanent facility operated and managed by a different proprietor or business entity, provided that the operator may also be engaged in sales. An indoor swap meet or flea market occupies a building typically designed for retail sales with tables, booths, or other spaces for the individual vendors.
- (vvvv) **Swing Joint.** An irrigation component that provides a flexible, maneuverable, leak-free connection between the irrigation head body and irrigation lateral pipeline, allowing for movement in any direction helping to prevent equipment damage.
- (www) **System Height.** See “Wind Energy System.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.220 Definitions, “T.”**

- (a) **Tag.** A paper or cloth label issued in compliance with the California Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.) by the Agricultural Commissioner that can be attached to a native plant or a commercial load by means of a string and a Seal. A Tag specifies a serial number, type of plant, fee required, location of origin, date of removal, witnessing authority, applicant, destination, and proposed use (e.g., commercial processing, commercial landscaping, etc.).
- (b) **Telecommunication Facility, Wireless.** See “Wireless Telecommunication Facility.”
- (c) **Temporary Irrigation.** Irrigation solely for the purposes of establishing plant material, or irrigation that will not continue after plant material establishment. Temporary/Supplemental irrigation is intended for a period of six months or less.
- (d) **Temporary Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (e) **Temporary Special Events.** See “Special Events, Temporary.”
- (f) **Tentative Map.** A map made for the purpose of showing the design and improvements of the proposed subdivision, to include the street pattern, lot layout, easements that are to remain, and existing and proposed subdivision. The Tentative Map need not be based upon an accurate or detailed final survey of the property. See also “Vesting Tentative Map.”
- (g) **Ten Year Storm.** A storm of an intensity that would be exceeded on the average only once every 10 years. The intensity for the storm shall be determined according to San Bernardino County Hydrology Manual. The duration of the storm used in runoff calculation shall be equivalent to the concentration time for the area that drains through the project.
- (h) **Terminals, Truck.** See “Truck Terminals.”
- (i) **Textile Mill Products.** See “Manufacturing Operations I and II.”
- (j) **Theater.** An indoor facility for public assembly and group entertainment, other than sporting events. Examples include:
- civic theaters, and facilities for “live” theater and concerts
  - movie theaters
  - similar public assembly facilities
- See also “Meeting Facility, Public or Private,” and “Sports and Entertainment Assembly.”
- (k) **Thermal System, Active.** A system that utilizes solar devices thermally isolated from the living space to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling.

- (l) **Thermal System, Passive.** A system that utilizes the structural elements of the building, and is not augmented by mechanical components, to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling.
- (m) **Thermal System, Semipassive.** A system that utilizes the structure of a building and is augmented by mechanical components to provide for collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for heating or cooling.
- (n) **Through Lot.** See “Lot.”
- (o) **Trailer Camp or Park (see Land Use Tables).** A site where space for house trailers is rented for compensation on a daily basis, or where free occupancy or camping is permitted to house trailer owners or users, but not including automobile or trailer sales lots on which unoccupied house trailers are parked for inspection and sales.
- (p) **Tower Height.** See “Wind Energy Systems.”
- (q) **Trailer Coach.** A mobile home, trailer, recreation trailer, travel trailer, camp car or other vehicle with or without motive power, designed and constructed to travel on the public thoroughfare in compliance with the provisions of the California Motor Vehicle Code and designed or used for human habitation.
- (r) **Trailer, Travel.** A vehicle, other than a motor vehicle, that is designed or used for human habitation and for travel or recreational purposes, that does not exceed eight feet in width and 40 feet in length, and that may be moved upon a public highway without a special permit and/or chauffeur's license without violating any provisions of the California Vehicle Code.
- (s) **Transfer and Storage Facilities.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (t) **Transmission Lines.** See “Pipelines, Transmission Lines.”
- (u) **Transportable Treatment Unit (TTU).** Hazardous waste or groundwater contamination treatment works that are designed to be moved either intact or in modules and that are intended to be operated at a given location for a limited period of time.
- (v) **Transportation Facilities (see Land Use Tables).** Roads or bridges, and the appurtenant improvements necessary for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular traffic including but not limited to the following: signalization and other traffic controls; sidewalks; bikeways when they are within the ultimate right-of-way of a road or bridge. It also includes park and rides, airports, bus terminals, bus stops, and train stations.
- (w) **Transportation Facilities Plan, Local Area.** A transportation plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors for a particular transportation facilities area. A plan shall include a map of the area showing its boundaries, the location of the proposed Transportation

Facilities, and an accompanying text that contains a description of all proposed Transportation Facilities that will be needed to serve new development within the boundaries of the Plan and the cost of constructing each proposed transportation facility within the boundaries of the plan. Costs may include, but are not limited to, engineering studies, acquisition of rights-of-way, construction of bridges, tunnels, roadways, traffic signals and any other appurtenant Transportation Facilities. The plan shall also include a schedule of fees, a detailed description of the methods that will be utilized to finance the proposed Transportation Facilities, including any fee calculations needed, and a construction priority listing of the proposed Transportation Facilities.

- (x) **Transportation Right of Way.** The acquired right that an agency possesses to pass across and improve the lands of another for access purposes.
- (y) **Treatment Facilities.** See “Hazardous Waste.”
- (z) **Travel Trailer.** See “Trailer, Travel.”
- (aa) **Tree.** Any woody perennial plant, normally having a single, elongated main stem or trunk bearing the foliage or crown, a formed crown, and generally with few or no branches on its lower part. For tree removal purposes, it shall mean a tree attaining somewhere in its natural or planted range a height of at least six feet and a diameter of not less than two inches, measured at average ground level.
- (bb) **Tree, Damaged.** Any tree certified by a tree expert, as defined in this Code, that is damaged by insects, smog, fire, disease or other natural or man made causes (including, but not limited to, any artificial attachments such as wires or signs).
- (cc) **Tree Expert.** A California Registered Professional Forester, a County Agricultural Commissioner Biologist, an arborist certified by the Western chapter of the International Society of Arborists or a person certified by the County Agricultural Commissioner for practice in one or more regions of the County.
- (dd) **Tree, Native.** Trees that grow or live naturally in San Bernardino County, including smog resistant trees introduced as part of a reforestation program. This shall not be construed to mean orchards, commercial nursery stock or planted landscaping. Trees planted and/or growing outside their normal habitat, except where the trees have been transplanted in compliance with Chapter 88.01 (Plant Protection and Management) shall not be considered to be native trees.
- (ee) **Tree Removal.** Any intentional act that will cause a tree to die, including, but not limited to acts that inflict damage upon root systems, bark, or other parts of the tree by fire, application of toxic substances, operation of equipment or machinery, changing the natural grade of land by excavation or filling the drip line area around the trunk, or to cut down, fell, push over, dig up, poison, burn, or severely prune, trim or top, so that death of the tree results, or such that the tree is severely damaged and/or is destroyed in any manner, by any cause.

- | **(ff) Tree, Specimen.** Any tree with a root ball greater than a 20-gallon container.
- | **(gg) Truck Stop (see Land Use Tables).** A facility that provides convenience services primarily for the trucking community. These services include but are not limited to food, beverage, gasoline and retail services.
- | **(hh) Truck Terminal (see Land Use Tables).** A lot, lot area or parcel of land used, designed or maintained for the purpose of storing, parking, refueling, repairing, dispatching, servicing or keeping motor trucks and associated equipment, together with those facilities necessary to service, dispatch, store or maintain aforementioned vehicles, and their cargos and crews.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.230 Definitions, “U.”**

- (a) **U-Pick Farm and/or Orchard (see Land Use Tables).** A farm and/or orchard where customers personally harvest fruit, vegetables, flowers, or herbs. A variety of activities in addition to fruit/vegetable picking may be offered (e.g., pet farms, hayrides, puppet shows, etc.). Restroom facilities may or may not be offered. U-pick farms may also operate a produce stand selling the produce grown on the farm, along with other value-added products (e.g., home-made pies, preserves, cider, candies, etc.).
- (b) **Unincorporated Communities.** A definable urban area that is not legally a city, but has the physical characteristics of one. An unincorporated community does not have independent jurisdiction for land use planning within its boundaries.
- (c) **Urban Services.** The provision of water, gas, electricity, schools, recreational facilities, fire and police protection, waste disposal, circulation and other services that are necessary for high intensity uses.
- (d) **Use.** The purpose for which the land or a building is arranged, designed or intended, or for which either land or a building is or may be occupied or maintained. A primary, principal or main use is the use that occupies the majority of the subject land, a building, business production or activity as opposed to an accessory use. See Accessory use.
- (e) **Utility Facility (see Land Use Tables).** A fixed base structure or facility serving as a junction point for transferring electric utility services from one transmission voltage to another or to local distribution and service voltages, and similar facilities for water supply and natural gas distribution. These uses include any of the following facilities that are not exempted from County permit requirements by Government Code Section 53091:
- electrical substations and switching stations
  - natural gas regulating and distribution facilities
  - public water system wells, treatment plants and storage, water tanks
  - pumping plants
  - reservoirs
  - telephone switching facilities
  - utility corporation and maintenance yards.

These uses do not include office or customer service centers (classified in “Offices”). See also “Pipelines, Transmission Lines.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.240 Definitions, “V.”**

- (a) **Valley Region.** The unincorporated area of the southwest portion of San Bernardino County lying south and west of the Mountain Region as herein defined.
- (b) **Variance.** A process for County consideration of requests to modify certain standards of this Development Code when, because of special circumstances applicable to the property, including location, shape, size, surroundings, topography, or other physical features, the strict application of the development standards otherwise applicable to the property denies the property owner privileges enjoyed by other property owners in the vicinity and in the same land use zoning district.
- (c) **Vehicle, Motor.** See “Motor Vehicle.”
- (d) **Vehicle Services (see Land Use Tables).** The repair, servicing, alteration, restoration, towing, painting, cleaning, or finishing of automobiles, trucks, recreational vehicles, boats and other vehicles as a primary use, including the incidental wholesale and retail sale of vehicle parts as an accessory use. This use includes the following categories.
  - (1) **Major Repair/Body Work.** These establishments include towing, collision repair, other body work, and painting services; tire recapping; truck maintenance.
  - (2) **Minor Maintenance/Repair.** Minor facilities providing limited repair and maintenance services. Examples include: minor auto repair with no exterior overnight storage of vehicles; muffler and radiator shops; quick-lube services; tire and battery sales and installation (not including recapping).

Does not include automobile parking (see “Parking Facilities”), repair shops that are part of a vehicle dealership on the same site (see “Auto and Vehicle Sales and Rental,” and “Mobile Home, RV, and Boat Sales and Rental”); gas stations, which are separately defined; or dismantling yards, which are included under “Recycling - Scrap and Dismantling Yards.”
- (e) **Vehicular Access Rights.** See “Access.”
- (f) **Vehicles, Operative.** A new or used vehicle that is self propelled or capable of being self-propelled with the installation of minor parts (e.g. batteries, tires, plugs).
- (g) **Vested Right (Mining and Reclamation).** See “Surface Mining Operations.”
- (h) **Vesting Tentative Map.** A “tentative map” for a residential subdivision, as defined in the County Code, that shall have printed conspicuously on its face the words “Vesting Tentative Map.”
- (i) **Veterinarian, County.** See “County Veterinarian.”

- (j) **Veterinary Clinic, Animal Hospital (see Land Use Tables).** Office and indoor medical treatment facilities used by veterinarians, including large and small animal veterinary clinics, and animal hospitals. See also “Kennel.”

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007); Amended Ordinance 4043 (2008)



**810.01.250 Definitions, “W.”**

- (a) **Wall Sign.** See “Sign.”
- (b) **Warehouse.** See “Storage Warehouse.”
- (c) **Warehouse Retail (see Land Use Tables).** A retail store that emphasizes the packaging and sale of products in large quantities or volumes, some at discounted prices, where products are typically displayed in their original shipping containers. Sites and buildings are usually large and industrial in character. Patrons may be required to pay membership fees.
- (d) **Watercourse.** Any natural or man-made channel where water is concentrated or collected from a tributary drainage area. *A lake, river, creek, stream, wash, arroyo, channel or other topographic feature on or over which waters flow at least periodically. Watercourse includes specifically designated areas in which substantial flood damage may occur.*
- (e) **Water-Intensive Landscaping.** Landscaping that has a plant factor of 0.7 or greater.
- (f) **Watering Window.** The time within a 24 hour period in which an irrigation system is allowed to operated.
- (g) **Water Use Classification of Landscape Species (WUCOLS).** The third edition of the publication from the University of California Cooperative Extension, the Department of Water Resources, and the Bureau of Reclamation regarding plant material and their water use needs.
- (h) **Weather Sensing Devices.** Irrigation components that detect adverse weather conditions (e.g. rain, wind, frost, etc.) and will automatically override the pre-programmed irrigation schedule during adverse weather events.
- (i) **Wholesale.** A sale of commodities or goods to others for resale and not normally to the ultimate consumer. Sales can normally employ warehouses, open enclosures and office space for the assembly, storage, distribution and display of merchandise for large quantity sales to community or regional retailers, manufacturers, and agricultural, commercial, industrial, institutional and professional uses. Sales may include the rendering of services incidental to and supportive of the sale of merchandise.
- (j) **Wholesaling and Distribution (see Land Use Tables).** Establishments engaged in selling merchandise to retailers; to contractors, industrial, commercial, institutional, farm, or professional business users; to other wholesalers; or acting as agents or brokers in buying merchandise for or selling merchandise to persons or companies. Examples of these establishments include:
  - agents, merchandise or commodity brokers, and commission merchants

- assemblers, buyers and associations engaged in the cooperative marketing of farm products
- merchant wholesalers
- stores primarily selling electrical, plumbing, heating and air conditioning supplies and equipment.

Also includes storage, processing, packaging, and shipping facilities for mail order and e-commerce retail establishments.

- (k) **Wine Tasting.** A facility or area within a winery where wine and related products are offered for retail sale, where wine may be tasted for a fee, or without charge.
- (l) **Wildland.** Timber, range, watershed and brush lands not under cultivation and in which development is essentially nonexistent; usually rugged open space terrain.
- (m) **Wind Energy System (see Land Use Tables).** A system that utilizes wind energy to pump a fluid or gas, or to drive a mechanical device to generate electricity. Related wind energy terms are defined as follows:
- (1) **Accessory Wind Energy System.** An Accessory Wind Energy System consists of one or more wind turbines that generate electricity of which more than 50% shall be used on site. An Accessory Wind Energy System includes all the wind turbines on a single lot or on multiple parcels in common ownership with a single, common land use. An Accessory Wind Energy System typically has a rated capacity of not more than 50 kilowatts. This capacity may be increased to a maximum of the actual demonstrated energy use for a specific site in question.
  - (2) **System Height.** The combined height of the tower, the turbine and any blade when at the 12 o'clock position.
  - (3) **Tower Height.** The height above grade of the fixed portion of the tower, excluding the wind turbine.
  - (4) **Wind Turbine.** A device which converts the kinetic energy of wind into a usable form of electric energy. A wind turbine may consist of a tower, turbine, support structures, electrical wires, guy wires and other related equipment.
- (n) **Wireless Telecommunication Facility (Telecommunication Facility) (see Land Use Tables).** A land use that sends and/or receives radio frequency signals, including, but not limited to, cell towers, antennas, microwave dishes or horns, structures or towers to support receiving and/or transmitting devices, accessory development and structures, and the land on which they all are situated. For the purposes of this Title, wireless telecommunication facilities shall refer to the non-broadcast services identified in the rules and regulations promulgated in compliance with the Federal Telecommunication Act of 1996 as amended. Non-broadcast services require special equipment for transmissions and/or reception and serve specific users. Services include commercial wireless CRS (Cellular Radiotelephone Services), ESMR (Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio Service), and PCS (Personal Communication Services). Amateur users are specifically excluded in this definition as they are governed by FCC PRB-1. Commercial radio and television systems are considered "broadcast services" and shall not be included in this definition.

The following terms related to non-broadcast wireless telecommunication facilities are defined as follows:

- (1) **Antenna.** Any structure or device used to radiate or collect electromagnetic fields or waves. Specifically, a device of one or more electrical parts that converts radio frequency electrical energy into radiated electromagnetic energy and/or vice versa.
- (2) **Co-located Wireless Telecommunication Facility.** A telecommunication facility used by more than one public or private entity.
- (3) **Commercial Mobile Radio Service.** A wireless communications service that is provided for profit (i.e., with the intent of receiving compensation or monetary gain), is an interconnected service, and is available to the public, or to classes of eligible users so as to be effectively available to a substantial portion of the public.
- (4) **Camouflage Facility.** A wireless telecommunications facility that is designed or located so that it blends to the maximum extent possible with the predominant viewing background.
- (5) **CRS (Cellular Radiotelephone Service).** Commercial Mobile Radio Services (Cellular) normally operating in the frequency range between 824 to 849 MHz, and between 869 to 894 MHz and other frequency bands as may be authorized by the FCC.
- (6) **Enhanced Specialized Mobile Radio Service.** One of the wireless communication services regulated by the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB) of the FCC operating at 800 MHz or 900 MHz and other frequency bands as may be authorized by the FCC. In general, a wide geographic area Commercial Mobile Radio Service that offers real-time, two-way switched voice service that is interconnected with the public switched network, either on a stand-alone basis or packaged with other telecommunications services, including dispatch and paging services to specialized customers in a non-cellular system configuration not interconnected to the public switched network.
- (7) **Fixed Wireless.** A local operation providing services such as local and long distance telephone and high-speed Internet to residential and business customers by means of a small equipment installation (the "Camouflage Remote Unit") on the exterior of each home or business that elects to use this service.
- (8) **Joint Location.** The location of a telecommunication facility on a parcel where two or more towers or structures supporting one or more antennas have already been sited. A joint location site is also referred to as an "antenna farm."
- (9) **Monopole.** A wireless communication facility that consists of a vertical unguyed structure, erected to support wireless communication antennas and connecting appurtenances. As defined here, a monopole may, without limitation, be designed to look like a pole, tree, light standard, flag pole or other similar structure.

- (10) **Personal Communications Services (PCS).** One of the Commercial Mobile Radio Services regulated by the Wireless Telecommunication Bureau (WTB) of the FCC under 47 CFR Part 24; also identified as one of the Personal Wireless Services regulated by the Telecommunications Act of 1996. The PCS provide a wide array of mobile and ancillary fixed communications services to individuals and businesses including unlicensed wireless services and common carrier wireless exchange access services as defined in 47 USC 332(c)(7)(C)(i).
- (11) **Remote Unit.** A small equipment box that is attached to the exterior of a residence or business that elects to use “fixed wireless” technology for their local and long distance telephone and high-speed Internet service.
- (12) **Sensitive Viewshed.** A feature or vista that provides scenic value as discussed in the Scenic Resources section of the General Plan, specifically in Policy OR-50.
- (13) **Stealth Facility.** A wireless telecommunications facility that is designed or located so that the equipment installed at the facility is not readily recognizable as telecommunications equipment.
- (o) **Wood Receipt.** A receipt that is to accompany one or more cords of harvested wood and that is issued in compliance with the California Desert Native Plants Act (Food and Agricultural Code Section 80001 et seq.) by the Agricultural Commissioner. A Wood Receipt specifies a serial number, species of wood, fee required, location of origin, date of removal, witnessing authority, applicant, destination, and proposed use of the wood (e.g., commercial processing, commercial landscaping, etc.).

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011); Amended Ordinance 4163 (2012); **Amended Ordinance 4188 (2012)**

**810.01.260 Definitions, “X.”**

**Xeriscape.** A landscaping method that has been developed especially for those climates that are susceptible to drought conditions and that utilize water-conserving techniques, such as drought tolerant plant material, mulches, and efficient irrigation practices.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007), Amended Ordinance 4136 (2011)

**810.01.270 Definitions, “Y.”**

- (a) **Yard.** An open space on a lot or parcel extending between a lot line and a setback, other than a court, unobstructed and unoccupied from the ground upward except for projections allowed by this Development Code. See “Setback” and Section 83.02.070 (Setback Regulations and Exceptions).
- (1) **Front Yard.** An area extending across the full width of the lot between the front lot line or the existing or future street right of way and a street setback line parallel thereto.
- (2) **Interior Side Yard.** An area extending from the required front yard or, where there is no required front yard, from the front lot line to the required rear yard or, where there is no required rear yard, to the rear lot line and from the interior side lot line to a setback line parallel thereto.
- (3) **Rear Yard.** An area extending across the full width of the lot between the rear lot line and a setback line parallel thereto.
- (4) **Side Street Yard.** An area extending from the required front yard or, where there is no required front yard, from the front lot line to the rear lot line, and from the side street lot line, or the existing or future side street right of way (whichever is greater) to a street setback line parallel thereto.

Adopted Ordinance 4011 (2007)

**810.01.280 Definitions, “Z.”**

(a) **Zone**, Zone District, or Zoning District. See “Land Use Zoning District.”

(b) **Zones A, AE, AH, AO, A99, AR, D, and X**. See “Flood Hazard.”

(c) **Zoo (see Land Use Tables)**. A zoological garden or other collection of wild, exotic or dangerous animals that are raised, bred, trained and/or maintained for regular public display and exhibition on the site. See also “Library, Museum, Art Gallery, Outdoor Exhibit.”

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