



Sec. 30-61. - General business district (BUS).

(a) *Purpose.* The general business district is established to provide for a wide range of commercial, business and office uses located along major transportation arteries and frontage roads. The district shall be located so as to promote compatibility with residential uses while maintaining flexibility for commercial uses. If appropriate transitional zones between residential and general business areas do not exist, they must be provided through the use of design features under the development plan provisions of this chapter. Residential uses are encouraged both to buffer the more intense aspects of these areas and to provide greater flexibility in areas of existing strip development.

(b) *Objectives.* The provisions of this district are intended to:

- (1) Permit compatible commercial, office and service developments that benefit from being located in close proximity to each other;
- (2) Minimize traffic congestion on public streets;
- (3) Ensure, through development plan approval, that major commercial developments are designed to promote the most efficient use of the land, as well as establish a harmonious relationship between such development and its environment;
- (4) Require appropriate buffering or screening around such development when it abuts any residential district boundary, to maintain its compatibility with such abutting district; and
- (5) Discourage, as much as possible, encroachment by industrial, residential or other uses considered capable of adversely affecting the basic commercial characteristics of the district.
- (6) Provide community level services and retail uses. Such districts should not overlap other community serving activity centers.

(c) *Permitted uses.*

SIC	Uses	Conditions
	USES BY RIGHT:	
	Any accessory uses customarily and clearly incidental to any permitted principal use	
	Bed and breakfast establishments	In accordance with article VI
	Compound uses	
	Eating places	
	Itinerant food vendor	Only on parcels that contain a retail store with a minimum gross floor area of 50,000 square feet and in accordance with chapter 19, article IV

	Outdoor cafe	As defined in article II and in accordance with article VI
	Personal fitting and sales of prosthetic or orthopedic appliances	
	Places of religious assembly	In accordance with article VI
	Public service vehicles	As defined in article II and in accordance with article VI
	Repair services for household needs	As defined in article II
	Forest nursery for sale of planted trees only	In a non-enclosed (outdoor), fenced area; excluding storage and outside storage of all other items other than: (1) trees planted in the ground, and (2) mechanical and vehicular equipment used to plant, cultivate and harvest the trees; subject to development plan review
GN-074	Veterinary services	Only within enclosed buildings and in accordance with article VI
IN-0752	Animal specialty services, except veterinary	Only within enclosed buildings
GN-078	Landscape and horticultural services	
MG-15	Building construction - General contractors and operative builders	
GN-171	Plumbing, heating and air conditioning contractors	
GN-172	Painting and paper hangers	
GN-173	Electrical work	
IN-	Finishers of broadwoven fabrics of	

2261	cotton	
IN-2262	Finishers of broadwoven fabrics of manmade fiber and silk	
MG-27	Printing, publishing and allied industries	
MG-43	U.S. Postal Service	
GN-472	Arrangement of passenger transportation	Offices only, with no operation of passenger tours from the site
MG-48	Communications	Accessory transmission, retransmission and microwave towers up to and including 100 feet in height in accordance with article VI
GN-523	Paint, glass and wallpaper stores	
GN-525	Hardware stores	
GN-526	Retail nurseries, lawn and garden supply stores	
MG-53	General merchandise stores	
MG-54	Food stores	Accessory gasoline and alternative fuel pumps in accordance with article VI
GN-553	Auto and home supply stores	Excluding garage and installation facilities except as provided for with a special use permit
GN-554	Gasoline service stations including the sale of alternative fuels for automobiles	In accordance with article VI

MG-56	Apparel and accessory stores	
MG-57	Home furniture, furnishings and equipment stores	
MG-59	Miscellaneous retail	Direct selling establishments (IN-5963) and fuel oil dealers (IN-5983) with inside storage, display and sales only
	Sexually oriented retail store	In accordance with section 30-90
Div. H	Finance, insurance and real estate	Excluding cemetery subdivisions and developers (IN-6553)
MG-72	Personal services	Including funeral services and crematories in accordance with article VI
MG-73	Business services	Excluding outdoor advertising services (IN-7312, heavy construction equipment rental and leasing (IN-7353), and equipment rental and leasing, not elsewhere classified (IN-7359); and including disinfecting and pest control services (IN-7342), in accordance with article VI
GN-752	Automobile parking	
MG-76	Miscellaneous repair services	Excluding miscellaneous repair shops and related services (GN-769), and including repair services for household needs as defined in article II
MG-78	Motion pictures	Excluding drive-in theaters (IN-7833) and outdoor filming facilities and sexually oriented motion picture theaters and motion picture arcades
MG-79	Amusement and recreation services	Excluding go-cart rental and raceway operations, commercial sports (GN-794), and simulated gambling establishments. Must be located within enclosed structures.
MG-80	Health services	Including nursing and personal care facilities (GN-805) in accordance with article VI, and excluding hospitals (GN-806)

		and rehabilitation centers
MG-81	Legal services	
MG-82	Educational services	Including private schools in accordance with article VI
MG-83	Social services	Including day care as defined in article II and in accordance with article VI, excluding rehabilitation centers, halfway houses, social service homes, and residences for destitute people as defined in article II
GN-841	Museums and art galleries	
MG-86	Membership organizations	
MG-87	Engineering, accounting, research, management and related services	Excluding testing laboratories, (IN-8734) and facility support management services (IN-8744)
MG-89	Services, not elsewhere classified	
Div. J	Public administration	
	USES BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT	
	Accessory transmission, retransmission and microwave towers over 100 feet in height	In accordance with article VI
	Alcoholic beverage establishments	In accordance with article VI
	Food distribution center for the needy	In accordance with article VI
	Retail sales of electric golf carts	In accordance with article VI

	Limited automotive services	In accordance with article VI
	Rehabilitation centers	In accordance with article VI
	Residences for destitute people	In accordance with article VI
GN-598	Fuel dealers	In accordance with article IX
GN-701	Hotels and motels	
GN-702	Roominghouses and boardinghouses	In accordance with article VI
	Ice manufacturing/vending machines	In accordance with article VI

(d) *Dimensional requirements.*

(1) Minimum yard setbacks:

- a. Front: Ten feet.
- b. Where the side or rear yard abuts property which is in a residential district or is shown for residential use on the future land use map of the comprehensive plan, the minimum setback shall be 50 feet or the distance created by the 60-degree angle of light obstruction, whichever is greater.

(2) Accessory structures shall not exceed 25 feet in height.

(3) Maximum lot coverage: 40 percent.

(4) Maximum building height: Where the side or rear yard abuts property which is in a residential district or is shown for residential use on the future land use map of the comprehensive plan, the maximum building height shall be three stories.

(e) *General requirements.*

- (1) Where the side or rear yard abuts property which is in a residential district or is shown for residential use on the future land use map of the comprehensive plan, solid waste, recycling, yard trash containers (except litter containers), and grease containers, that are stored outside of the building, shall be placed at the side or the rear of the building and within ten feet of the building. The container shall be enclosed with an enclosing wall, so that it is not visible from the street or adjacent property (from ground level). The enclosing wall shall be finished and/or painted with the same material as is used on the building. The enclosing wall shall be fitted with an opaque sliding or hinged door and working latch. Loading docks shall be placed at the side or rear of the building, and shall be screened from the street and abutting residential land.

- (2) Mechanical equipment shall be located so that noise and visual impacts upon abutting residential property are minimized. For purposes of this section, mechanical equipment is defined as a heating, ventilation, or air conditioning unit placed outside of a building.
- (3) All structures and uses within this district shall also comply with the applicable requirements and conditions of section 30-67 and article IX.

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