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# **MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Greenville County Committee on Planning and Development

VIA: Tee Coker, Assistant County Administrator – Community Planning &

Development

**From:** Joshua Henderson, Zoning Administrator

**Date:** February 6, 2023

**Subject:** Text Amendment to the Official Greenville County Zoning Ordinance

Staff is requesting the Planning and Development Committee to approve, and send forward to Council, the initiation of a text amendment to the Greenville County Zoning Ordinance that will amend Article 4, <u>Definitions</u>, Article 6, Table 6.1 <u>Uses Permitted, Uses by Special Exception, and Conditional Uses</u> and Section 6.2, <u>Use Conditions</u> (28) <u>Single-Family and Multifamily Residential</u> in C-1, C-2, and C-3, Commercial Districts. This Amendment will be for the following changes:

- 1. To remove the definitions from Condition 28 and place them in Article 4;
- 2. To remove single-family (attached and detached), multifamily, and two-family (duplex) as a permitted conditional use in Table 6.1 in these commercial districts;
- 3. To add Mixed Use Developments and Mixed Use Structures as a new use category in Table 6.1 as permitted by condition in the NC, Neighborhood Commercial District and C-1, C-2, and C-3, Commercial Districts
- 4. To amend Condition 28 to remove provisions for single-family and multifamily and other necessary changes for the Mixed Use Development and Mixed Use Structure regulations

Please refer to the attached document for the changes.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Article 4, <u>Definitions</u>** (these definitions have been removed from Condition 28 and placed in this article of the Zoning Ordinance)

Mixed Use Development – A parcel of land or portion thereof containing two or more uses.

## Mixed Use Structures – A building or portion thereof containing two or more occupancies or uses

Use	AG	R-R3	R-R1	R-S	R-20 - R-6	R - 20A	R-M2 - R-M20	R-MA	R-MHP	O-D	POD	NC	C-1	C-2	C-3	S-1	I-1	I-2	BTD	ESD - PM
Dwelling - multiple- family							Р	Р			Р	Р	€28	€28	€ <sup>28</sup>					
Dwelling - single-family attached					C <sup>10</sup>	C <sup>10</sup>	Р	Р			Р	Р	€28	€ <sup>28</sup>	€ <sup>28</sup>					
Dwelling - single-family detached	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р			Р	Р	<del>€</del> 28	€ <sup>28</sup>	€ <sup>28</sup>					Р
Dwelling - two-family (duplex)					C <sup>10</sup>	C <sup>10</sup>	Р	Р			Р	Р	<del>€</del> 28	<del>€</del> <sup>28</sup>	€28					

Use	AG	R-R3	R-R1	R-S	R-20 - R-6	R - 20A	R-M2 - R-N	120 R-M	R-MHP	O-D	POD	NC	C-1	C-2	C-3	S-1	I-1	I-2	BTD	ESD - PM
Mixed Use Development												C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>					
Mixed Use Structure												C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>	C <sup>28</sup>					

28) Single-Family and Multifamily Residential Mixed Use Developments, and Mixed Use Structures in the NC, Neighborhood Commercial and C-1, C-2, and C-3, Commercial, Districts Single-Family, Multifamily, Mixed Use developments, and Mixed Use structures and Mixed Use Developments—are permitted in the NC, Neighborhood Commercial and C-1, C-2, and C-3, Commercial Delistricts, subject to the following conditions:

#### 1. Density

a. NC: maximum of 10 units/acre

a.b.C-1: maximum of 12 units/acre

b.c. C-2 and C-3: maximum of 16 units/acre

#### 2. Connectivity

- a. Vehicular:
  - i. If developed on the same parcel of land as a commercial use, vVehicular access shall be provided internally between all uses, drives, and parking areas.
  - ii. If developed <u>is</u> adjacent to a multifamily, office, commercial use, or similar use as deemed by County Staff, an attempt to provide vehicular access to such uses shall be made.

## b. Pedestrian:

- i. If developed on the same parcel of land as a commercial use, pPedestrian access shall be provided internally between all uses, drives, and parking areas
- ii. Within the multifamily development, pPedestrian access shall be provided between parking areas, buildings, open space areas, recreation areas, and other amenity areas where provided.

- c. All developments must provide sidewalks to connect to an external sidewalk. If an external sidewalk is not available, the development will be required to install sidewalks along all roadways and where determined necessary within the project by County Staff.
- d. All pedestrian pathways and sidewalks shall be at least five (5) feet in width.

## 3. Parking

- a. Parking areas shall be located on the interior of the development with no parking allowed between buildings and adjacent roadways. Sites shall be designed to accomplish this requirement.
- b. Parking areas must be distinguished from pedestrian walkways through curbing or wheel-stops.

#### 4. Setbacks

Neighborhood Commercial setbacks shall apply on the exterior of the project with no internal setbacks enforced between uses. The setbacks of the underlying zoning district shall apply on the exterior of the project with no internal setbacks enforced between uses.

## 5. Architectural Requirements

- a. All multifamily buildings shall have pitched roofs.
- b. Architectural treatments shall be provided on building walls and entrances. In addition, all walls visible from roadways and parking areas shall incorporate design features including arcades, windows, entry areas, overhangs, and other architectural features to ensure no blank walls are visible from these areas.

#### 6. Landscaping

- a. All developments shall meet the standards for parking lot landscaping in Section  $12\cdot4$
- b. In addition to Section 12:4, landscaping or grassed areas are required between parking areas/sidewalks, and building entrances along the base of all buildings.

# 7. Screening and Buffering

- a. All dumpsters, service areas, and mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view.
- b. Buffer requirements shall apply according to Section 12:9. Screening shall only be required on the perimeter subject to Section 12:9, no internal screening between uses shall be required exclusive of the requirements stated in subsection 7 above.

## 8. Lighting

Lighting shall be designed to minimize light trespass on adjoining parcels. For outdoor lighting, cutoff fixtures shall be used. These outdoor lighting fixtures shall be aimed, located, designed, fitted, and maintained so as not to present a hazard to drivers or pedestrians by impairing their ability to safely traverse and so as to reduce obtrusive light on neighboring properties or public areas.

## 9. Stormwater

In addition to the conditions herein, all multifamily development in commercial districts shall meet the standards of the stormwater ordinance. Stricter provisions may be required by Greenville County to address existing downstream restrictions.

## 3. Mixed Use Structures and Developments

Mixed Use Structures - A building or portion thereof containing two or more occupancies or uses.

Mixed Use Development - A parcel of land or portion thereof containing two or more uses.

#### A. Density

Residential development in any commercial district shall comply with the densities specified below:

- a. C-1: maximum of 12 units/acre.
- b. C-2 and C-3: maximum of 16 units/acre.

#### **B.** Connectivity

#### a. Vehicular:

- i. Vehicular access shall be provided internally between all uses, drives, and parking areas.
- ii. If developed adjacent to a multifamily, office, commercial use, or similar use as deemed by County Staff, an attempt to provide vehicular access to such uses shall be made.

#### b. Pedestrian:

- i. Pedestrian access shall be provided internally between all uses, drives, and parking areas.
- ii. Pedestrian access shall be provided between parking areas, buildings, open space areas, recreation areas, and other amenity areas where provided.
- c. All developments must provide sidewalks to connect to an external sidewalk. If an external sidewalk is not available, the development will be required to install sidewalks along all roadways and where determined necessary within the project by County Staff.
- d. All pedestrian pathways and sidewalks shall be at least five (5) feet in width.

# C. Parking

- a. Parking areas shall be located on the interior of the development, with no parking allowed between buildings and adjacent roadways. Sites shall be designed to accomplish this requirement.
- b. Parking areas must be distinguished from pedestrian walkways through curbing or wheel-stops.

#### D. Setbacks

The setbacks of the underlying zoning district shall apply on the exterior of the project with no internal setbacks enforced between uses.

- E. Architectural Requirements
- a. All multifamily buildings shall have pitched roofs.

b. For multifamily structures, architectural treatments shall be provided on building walls and entrances. In addition, all walls visible from roadways and parking areas shall incorporate design features, including arcades, windows, entry areas, overhangs, and other architectural features, to ensure no blank walls are visible from these areas.

#### F. Landscaping

- a. All developments shall meet the standards for parking lot landscaping in Section 12:4.
- b. In addition to Section 12:4, landscaping or grassed areas are required between parking areas/sidewalks, and building entrances along the base of all buildings.

# G. Screening and Buffering

- a. All dumpsters, service areas, and mechanical equipment shall be screened from public view.
- b. Screening shall only be required on the perimeter subject to Section 12:9, no internal screening between uses shall be required exclusive of the requirements stated in subsection F. above.

## H. Lighting

For outdoor lighting, cutoff fixtures shall be used. These outdoor lighting fixtures shall be aimed, located, designed, fitted, and maintained so as not to present a hazard to drivers or pedestrians by impairing their ability to safely traverse, and so as to reduce obtrusive light on neighboring properties or public areas.

#### I. Stormwater

In addition to the conditions herein, all multifamily development in commercial districts shall meet the standards of the stormwater ordinance. Stricter provisions may be required by Greenville County to address existing downstream restrictions.

#### 4. Mixed Use In Existing Structures

Must meet all applicable provisions of the zoning ordinance and building and fire code. (Am. Ord. 4469, § 2, 3-6-2012)