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§ 150.01 PERMIT FEES.

Fees for permits under this chapter, which may include a surcharge, shall be determined by the Council and fixed by its resolution, a copy of which shall be in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer and uniformly enforced.

(1985 Code, § 4.01)

§ 150.02 PERMITS AND SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR MOVING BUILDINGS.

(A) *Definition*. For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

STREET or **STREETS.** All streets and highways in the city which are not state trunk highways, county state-aid highways, or county roads.

- (B) Moving permit required and application.
- (1) It is unlawful for any person to move a building on any street without a moving permit from the city.
- (2) The application for a moving permit shall state the approximate size and weight of the structure or building proposed to be moved, together with the places from and to which it is proposed to move the same, and proposed route to be followed, proposed dates and times of moving and parking, and the name and address of the proposed mover. The application shall also state any municipal utility, street, and public property repairs or alterations that will be required by reason of the movement. Prior to issuance of the permit, the application shall be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

- (C) *Permit and fee.* The moving permit shall state the date or dates of moving, hours, routing, movement, and parking. Permits shall be issued only for moving buildings by building movers licensed by the state.
 - (1) Fees to be charged shall be separate for each of the following:
 - (a) A moving permit fee to cover use of streets and route approval; and
- (b) A fee equal to the anticipated amount required to compensate the city for any municipal utility and public property (other than streets) repairs or alterations occasioned by the movement.
 - (2) The fee in division (C)(1)(b) above shall be paid in advance.
- (D) *Building permit and code compliance*. Before any building is moved from one location to another within the city, or from a point of origin without the city to a destination within the city, regardless of the route of movement, it shall be inspected and a building permit shall have been issued for at least the work necessary to bring it into full compliance with the State Building Code.
- (E) *Proof of tax payment*. It is unlawful to move any building (including a manufactured home) if the point of origin or destination (or both) is within the city, and regardless of the route of movement, without having paid in full all real and personal property taxes and special assessments due thereon, and filing written proof of the payment with the city. (1985 Code, § 4.02) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 150.03 INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS.

- (A) Standards adopted.
- (1) The Individual Sewage Treatment Standards by the State Pollution Control Agency, 6 MCAR 4.8040, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference as though set forth verbatim herein.
- (2) One copy of the document shall be kept in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer and available for use by the public.
- (B) *Unlawful act*. It is unlawful to construct an individual sewage system which does not in all respects comply with the standards adopted by this section. (1985 Code, § 4.03) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 150.04 VIOLATIONS.

Every person who violates a section, division, or provision of this chapter when he or she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when the failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful or fails to act when the failure is prohibited or declared unlawful by a code adopted by reference by this chapter, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor, except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof. (1985 Code, § 4.99) Penalty, see § 10.99

CHAPTER 151: SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

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§ 151.01 GENERALLY.

- (A) *Purpose*. Land subdivision is the first step in the process of community development. Once land has been divided into streets, blocks, lots, and open spaces, a pattern has been established which determines how well community needs for residence, business, and industry will be met. It also determines, to a great extent, how well the community will be able to handle its traffic circulation problems, how well it will be able to meet the demand for home sites, and how efficiently and economically it will be able to provide the many services that are required. These subdivision regulations are designed to provide for harmonious development of a subdivided area; for a coordinated layout; for the proper arrangement of streets; for adequate and convenient spaces for traffic, utilities, recreation, light, air, and access for firefighting equipment; and for adequate provision of water, drainage, sewer, and other sanitary facilities. These regulations shall not apply to land used only for agricultural purposes.
- (B) *Legal authority*. This chapter is enacted pursuant to M.S. § 462.353, as it may be amended from time to time.
- (C) *Title*. This chapter shall be known and may be cited and referred to as "Subdivision Regulations (Platting)."
 - (D) Short title. The short title for this chapter shall be the City Subdivision Regulations.

- (E) *Application*. Application for approval of a plat, made in writing by the owner or his or her authorized agent, shall accompany the submission of the preliminary plat. The application shall specify the location and area of the tract to be platted; the intent as to the character, type, and use of the subdivided property; the deed restrictions proposed; and the extent and character of improvements to be made by the subdivider.
- (F) *Public street grants*. No grant of a public street to the city by deed shall be filed without the approval of the Council by a resolution to that effect. (1985 Code, § 12.01)

§ 151.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BLOCK. The distance as measured along a street between intersecting streets from center line to center line; and where the context requires, it also means the enclosed area within the perimeter of the streets or property lines enclosing it.

COMMISSION. The City Planning and Zoning Commission.

DRAINAGE COURSE. A watercourse or indenture for the drainage of surface water.

EASEMENT. A grant by a property owner for the use of a strip of land for the purpose of constructing and maintaining utilities, including, but not limited to, sanitary sewers, water mains, electric lines, telephone lines, storm sewer or storm drainage courses, gas lines, as well as pedestrian walkways and vehicular roadways.

ENGINEER. The City Engineer.

- *LAKE LEVEL*. The mean level of the lake or watercourse into which a property does or will drain as established by the City Engineer.
- **LOT.** A piece or parcel of land occupied or to be occupied by a building or a use, or a unit for the transfer of ownership.
- **LOT WIDTH.** The dimension of a lot from side line to side line as measured at the building setback line.
 - **MAP.** A drawing showing one or more parcels of land.

- **OFFICIAL MAP.** A map which designates certain existing and proposed alignment and right-of-way streets, alleys, other public ways, streams, storm water drainage channels and sewers and sanitary sewers, and site of parks, schools, and other public grounds. The map shall have been adopted by ordinance following public hearing procedures and is intended to guide future development in the city as it relates to thoroughfares and community facilities.
- **OWNER.** A person having sufficient proprietary interest in the land sought to be subdivided to commence and maintain proceedings to subdivide the same under this chapter.
- **PARKS.** Areas of public land developed and maintained primarily as pleasurable landscaped areas providing for both active and passive recreational pursuits, including tot-lots, playgrounds, neighborhood parks, playfields, and special purpose areas.
- **PLAT.** A map showing a plan for the subdivision of land which is submitted for approval and is intended in final form for recording.
- **PRIVATE STREET.** A purported street, way, or strip of land reserved for the use of a limited number of persons or purposes as distinguished from a publicly dedicated street.
 - **PUBLIC WALKWAY.** A public way designated for the use of pedestrian traffic.
- **SANITARY SEWER.** A constructed conduit connected with a sewer system for the carrying of liquids and solids, other than storm waters to a sanitary treatment facility.
- **SETBACK.** The building setback distance of a line as measured from the right-of-way or water shoreline.
 - STORM SEWER. A constructed conduit for carrying surface waters to a drainage course.
- **STREET.** A way set aside for vehicular traffic, regardless of size or designation, but excluding private driveways serving only one parcel of land.
- (1) ACCESS DRIVES. A street that provides direct access to a limited number of abutting properties.
- (2) **ALLEY.** A public way which is used primarily for vehicular service access to the backs or to the sides of properties which otherwise abut on streets.
- (3) *ARTERIAL STREETS AND HIGHWAYS*. Those designed or utilized primarily for high vehicular speeds and/or for heavy volumes of traffic.
- (4) *COLLECTOR STREETS AND HIGHWAYS.* Those designed or utilized to carry intermediate volumes of traffic from minor streets to arterial streets.

- (5) *LOCAL STREETS*. Those which are used or will be used primarily for access to abutting properties and which carry limited volumes of traffic.
- **SUBDIVIDER.** Any person commencing proceedings under this chapter to effect a subdivision of land.

SUBDIVISION. The division of any parcel of land shown as a unit or as contiguous units on the last preceding tax roll, by platting, conveyance, registered land survey, or other means, into two or more parcels, sites, or lots, any one of which is less than five acres for the purpose, whether immediate or future, of transfer of ownership; provided, however, that the sale or exchange of parcels between adjoining lot owners, where the sale or exchange does not create additional building sites, shall be exempted. The division of land, regardless of area, if the division or plat provides for the granting or dedicating of a public street. The resubdivision of land heretofore divided or platted into lots, sites, or parcels, where the total area of the land being resubdivided is one acre or more. The division or allocation of land as open space for common use by owners, occupants, or lease holders, or as easements for the extension and maintenance of public sewer, water, storm drainage, or other public facilities.

SURVEYOR. A duly registered land surveyor employed by the subdivider for the preparation of subdivision surveys or plats as required by this chapter and state statute, and in accordance with this code and state law.

(1985 Code, § 12.02)

§ 151.03 PRELIMINARY PLAT.

- (A) *Preliminary plat detail*. The subdivider shall submit four blueprint copies of a preliminary plan of the proposed plat. The blueprint sheets shall be 22 inches by 30 inches or multiples thereof. The plan shall be drawn to a scale not less than one inch equals 100 feet of horizontal measurement, nor less than one inch equals 20 feet of vertical measurement.
- (B) *Preliminary plat standards*. The preliminary plan shall meet the standards of design as set forth in § 151.05 and shall show:
- (1) The name and address of the owner, the engineer or surveyor, and the owners of properties within 300 feet of the proposed subdivision;
- (2) The name of the plat, its location, nor th point, acreage, scale, and date of completion of the plan;
- (3) Courses, distances, and angles of plat boundary lines, and abutting boundary lines of adjacent tracts and subdivisions, as well as ownership lines and structures within the tract;
- (4) Bodies of water, watercourses, swamps, wooded tracts, rock outcrops, and other important natural features within the tract;

- (5) Five-foot contours within the proposed tract;
- (6) The elevation datum used and the benchmarks from which the elevations were determined;
- (7) Existing streets, alleys, and public easements, together with the names and dimension of each, within the tract and adjacent and contiguous thereto;
- (8) Names and dimensions of proposed streets, alleys, and easements for parks and other public uses, including any proposed conditions for and restrictions upon those uses;
 - (9) Approximate dimensions of lots and blocks and radii of street-line curves;
 - (10) Proposed locations of monuments;
- (11) Zoning district boundary lines and proposed use of all lots within the tract, including proposed setback lines and private restrictions;
 - (12) Existing sewer and water mains within and in the vicinity of the plat;
 - (13) Existing and proposed culverts and drainage;
- (14) Preliminary plan of proposed water mains, sanitary sewers, and storm sewers, including grade lines and sizes of pipe, if the utilities are required or proposed as well as the proposed method of sewage disposal and sources of water supply;
- (15) Existing lines of transportation and communication (railroad or bus lines, and the like) within and adjacent to the plat;
- (16) A vicinity map, to a scale of about 400 feet to the inch, showing the relationship of the location of the proposed plat to the surrounding property occupancy, street and highway improvements, communication lines, utilities, and other major community features;
 - (17) The Planning and Zoning Commission may also require on preliminary plats:
- (a) Profiles showing existing ground surface and proposed street grades within the plat area and to a reasonable distance beyond the plat boundaries;
- (b) Typical street cross-sections showing the proposed grading, roadway, and sidewalks; and
 - (c) Invert elevations of proposed sewers at points of connection.
 - (18) All plans and data shall be signed by a duly authorized person; and

(19) The Planning and Zoning Commission may waive any of divisions (B)(1) through (B)(18) above as are not necessary, in its opinion, for a proper determination of the features, arrangement, and required improvements within the plat.

(C) Preliminary plat procedures.

- (1) Prior to submittal of the preliminary plat, in the case of any proposed plat which includes lands abutting upon any existing or established trunk highway or proposed highway which has been designated by a center line order found in the office of the County Recorder, the plat shall first be presented to the State Commissioner of Highways for his or her written comments and recommendations. Where any plat includes land abutting upon an existing or established county or county state-aid highway, the plat shall be submitted to the County Engineer for his or her written comments and recommendations. The State Commissioner of Highways or the County Engineer shall submit written comments to the city in accordance with state law. In requesting the comments of the State Commissioner of Highways and the County Engineer, the subdivider shall include a written statement describing the outlet for and means of disposal of surface waters in the proposed platted area.
- (2) Four copies of the preliminary plat and supplementary material specified shall be submitted to the City Clerk-Treasurer for filing with a written application for conditional approval.
- (3) The City Clerk-Treasurer shall, upon receipt of a preliminary plat, retain one copy, refer one copy to the Zoning Administrator, and refer two copies to the Planner or Planning and Zoning Commission and Engineer for review as to completeness of information. If found to be incomplete, the application will be returned to the developer. All inconsistent plats within shorelands areas shall be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources at least ten days prior to public hearings to consider these plats.
- (4) Upon review by all agencies and city organizations, the copy of the plat, together with all comments and suggested revisions, shall be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a public hearing. The preliminary plat shall receive the approval of the Planner and Engineer as to their respective technical considerations prior to consideration by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (5) The city shall notify the subdivider by certified mail of the time and place of the public hearing not less than five days before the date fixed for the hearing. Similar notice shall be mailed to the owners of the land within 300 feet adjoining the area to be subdivided as shown on the preliminary plat.
- (6) Within 60 days after the hearing on the preliminary plat, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall recommend approval, disapproval, or approval subject to conditions of the plat to the Council. Failure of the Planning and Zoning Commission to act on this preliminary plat within 60 days shall be deemed a recommendation of approval of the plat. If a plat is recommended for disapproval, reasons for the disapproval must be stated in writing. If approval subject to conditions is recommended, the nature of the required conditions shall be indicated in writing. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall then forward the preliminary plat together with its recommendations to the Council for final action.

The final action of the Council shall be noted on two copies of the preliminary plat with any notations made at the time of approval, disapproval of the specific changes required. One copy shall be returned to the subdivider and the other placed on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer.

- (7) Approval of the preliminary plat shall not constitute acceptance of the final plat. The approval of the preliminary plat shall lapse unless a final plat based thereon is submitted within six months from the date of the approval. An extension of time may be applied for by the subdivider and granted by the Council.
- (8) Whenever part of a tract is proposed to be subdivided and it is intended to subdivide additional parts of the tract in the future, a sketch plan for the entire tract showing the proposed platting arrangement shall be submitted to the Planning and Zoning Commission at the time the preliminary plat for the first part of the tract to be platted is submitted.
- (9) A filing fee will be charged at the time of filing the preliminary plat to offset administrative costs in processing the application. This fee will be assessed once for each preliminary plat application submitted; no additional fee will be charged for filing a final plat. The fee will be computed on the basis of a minimum fee of \$25, plus \$1 for each lot, with a maximum fee of \$150. (1985 Code, § 12.03) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 151.04 FINAL PLAT.

- (A) *Plats*. After approval of preliminary plans, the subdivider or his or her authorized agent shall submit six copies of the final plat printed on cloth, 22 inches by 30 inches, and this cloth mounted on heavy cloth, also three copies on single-thickness heavy cloth. The plan shall be drawn to a scale not less than one inch equals 100 feet. Where more than one sheet is needed to show the entire plat, there shall be a key sheet of the same size and materials which shall show the entire plat and the area covered in each of the larger-scale sheets. A two-inch marginal space shall be provided on the left side of each sheet for binding purposes. The final plat shall show:
 - (1) The name of the plat, its location, north point, acreage, scale, and date of completion;
 - (2) Courses, distances, and angles of plat lines;
- (3) Bodies of water, watercourses, swamps, rock outcrops, and other important natural features within the tract;
- (4) Locations, names, and dimensions of streets, alleys, and easements for park and other public uses, including the conditions for and restrictions upon the public use of the easements;
 - (5) Angles in street lines and between street lines and plat boundary lines;
 - (6) Radii of street-line curves;

- (7) Dimensions of lots;
- (8) Building line easements;
- (9) Location and description of monuments;
- (10) Five-foot contours of the plat; and
- (11) The elevation datum used and a description of the benchmarks from which the elevations were determined.
- (B) *Certifications*. The final plat sheets and plans shall bear the certification of the surveyor to the correctness of the surveys, survey measurements, and field data shown; the correctness of the engineer to the correctness of the grades and details of the street and utility improvement plans shown; and the certification of the owner, to the easement dedications offered, the land ownership, and his or her knowledge and approval of the representations certified to by his or her authorized agents.
 - (C) *Dedications*. All deeds for easements shall be in the form approved by the City Attorney.
 - (D) Procedure.
- (1) Within 60 days after the submittal of the final plat, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall recommend approval or disapproval of the plat. Failure of the Planning and Zoning Commission to act upon this final plat within 60 days shall be deemed a recommendation of approval of the plat. If plat disapproval is recommended, the grounds for disapproval shall be stated in the records of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
 - (a) A plat shall not be recommended for approval unless it:
 - 1. Conforms to the preliminary plat;
 - 2. Conforms to the design standards set forth in this chapter;
 - 3. Conforms to the adopted Comprehensive Plan; and
 - 4. Is in accordance with all requirements and laws of the state.
- (b) The Planning and Zoning Commission shall then forward the plat, together with its recommendations, to the Council for final action. A copy of the final plat should be submitted to the Department of Natural Resources within ten days after final approval by the city.

- (2) It is the intent of this chapter that a paper copy of the final plat go to the Planning and Zoning Commission and City Engineer for review and to the Council for action. When the paper print of the final plat has been approved by the Council, the developer shall then cause the required mylar or cloth and paper prints to be made with the approval of the city certified thereon, and distributed according to state statute.
- (3) When the final acceptance and approval of the plat has been made and the final plat sheets are so certified and have been recorded with the County Recorder, the completed plat sheets shall be distributed as follows: the six cloth-on-cloth copies to be distributed; three to the County Recorder; one each to the County Auditor's office; and two copies to the city.
- (4) Upon approval of the final plat, the subdivider shall record it with the County Recorder within 90 days in the manner specified by state law. Otherwise, the approval shall become void unless a request for extension has been made in writing and approved by the Council. (1985 Code, § 12.04) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 151.05 IMPROVEMENTS REQUIRED.

(A) Generally.

- (1) The developer shall provide the following improvements before approval of a plat; or shall provide the necessary funds in escrow; or shall provide a performance bond in an amount necessary to ensure compliance with the installation of improvements as herein required; provided, however, that the Council may also accept petitions for the improvements to be installed on a special assessment basis. All of the improvements required in this section shall be constructed only after the plans and specifications thereof have been approved by the city.
 - (2) The plat shall conform to the Official Map and other parts of the adopted City Guide Plan.
- (B) Official Map. Whenever a tract to be subdivided embraces any part of an arterial or collector street or highway, so designated on the Official Map, that part shall be platted by the subdivider in the location and at the width indicated on the plan.
- (C) Land subject to poor drainage. Any subdivision may be approved or denied, however, upon the recommendations of the City Engineer, which is subject to poor drainage, if improvements to the area will make it safe for residential occupancy, and not significantly interfere with drainage patterns as they affect properties in the drainage area.
- (D) *Community assets*. In all subdivisions, due regard shall be shown for natural features such as trees, unusual rock formations, and watercourses; if preserved, will add attractiveness and value to the subdivision and to the community. The Planning and Zoning Commission may prepare a list of all the features within its area of subdivision jurisdiction which it deems worthy of preservation.

(E) *Monuments and stakes*. All subdivision boundary corners, block and lot corners, street intersection corners, and points of tangency and curvature shall be marked with survey monuments consisting of minimum five-eighths inch steel rods, 24 inches in length. Inscribed on the monument or cap, according to state statute, shall be the registration number of the land surveyor making the survey. All federal, state, county, and other official benchmarks, monuments, or triangulation stations in or adjacent to the property shall be preserved in precise position.

(F) *Public sites and open spaces*.

- (1) In subdividing land or resubdividing an existing plat, due consideration shall be given by the subdivider, and by the Planning and Zoning Commission upon review, to the dedication or reservation of suitable sites for schools, conservation areas, or other public or semi-public recreational areas, open spaces, or parks.
- (2) The subdivider shall dedicate no less than 8% of the total gross area being subdivided for public parks, recreation areas, or open spaces as designated by the Guide Plan, the Planning and Zoning Commission, or the Council.
 - (G) Streets. The following requirements are applicable to all subdivisions within the city.
- (1) The subdivision shall be so designed as to be in harmony with adjacent subdivisions, and provide for the continuation of existing streets. Provisions shall be made for streets through the subdivision for the platting of contiguous property. No strip of unplatted land or portion of street or artifice shall be used or retained by the subdivider to impede the platting of adjacent parcels.
- (2) Where appropriate to the design, streets shall be established to avoid jogs at intersections and to promote continuity of local streets and those of higher classifications. Street jogs with center-line offsets of less than 125 feet shall be discouraged.
- (3) Streets shall be established to take advantage of the contour of the land so as to produce usable lots, cause a minimum of cutting and filling, and to produce streets with reasonable grades as defined in this chapter.
- (4) Streets shall intersect at right angles wherever practicable. Angles less than 45 degrees shall be avoided unless specifically approved by the Commission.
- (5) On major and secondary streets, the center-line radius of curvature shall not be less than 350 feet on minor and local streets and not less than 100 feet.
- (6) Half-wide streets shall be prohibited except where essential to the reasonable development of the subdivision in conformity with the other requirements of these regulations. Where an existing, half-width street adjoins a portion of the boundary of a proposed subdivision, street dedication in a width needed to make this a full-width street may be required.

- (7) Dead-end streets will be approved if limited to 500 feet in length, provided a permanently designed turn-around area having a minimum diameter to the edge of the finished street or curb line of not less than 50 feet and a minimum right-of-way diameter of 70 feet is constructed.
- (H) *Street names*. Proposed streets that are to be the direct extensions or continuations of existing adjacent streets shall be given the same names as such existing streets. The name of the proposed street shall not duplicate the name of an existing street to which it does not connect, nor will it be confused with existing similar names.
- (I) Alleys and easements. Alleys, where provided, shall be not less than 20 feet in width. Alleys may be required for property fronting on a parkway or major street, or for commercial or industrial property that should have off-street parking or loading service. Where alleys intersect at an angle approximately 90 degrees or less, a five-foot cut-off shall be provided. Where no alleys are provided, easement may be required, not to exceed six feet on each side of the lot line, for sewer, water, gas, and other public or semi-public utilities. Utility easements may be required across platted lots, if necessary for the proper provision of continuous routes for the utilities.

(J) Blocks.

- (1) In commercial and industrial areas, the block lengths and block widths shall be platted as may be determined to be most suitable for the kind of occupancy intended. In residential areas, blocks shall be not less than 500 feet nor more than 1,320 feet in length. Long blocks are especially desirable on major streets; the number of intersections is thereby reduced.
- (2) Residential blocks shall normally be of sufficient width for two tiers of lots. Block lengths shall be determined by circulation and other needs. Where residential blocks with lots deeper than 200 feet are proposed, a reservation for a future street through the middle of the block, longitudinally, may be required.
- (3) Pedestrian crosswalks, not less than ten feet wide, shall be required where deemed essential to provide circulation, or access to schools, playgrounds, shopping centers, transportation, and other community facilities.
- (4) The number of intersecting streets along arterial and collector streets shall be held to a minimum, and, where practicable, blocks along the trafficways shall not be less than 800 feet in length.

- (K) Minimum widths for streets and alley right-of-way.
- (1) For all public ways hereafter dedicated and accepted, the minimum right-of-way widths for streets and thoroughfares shall be shown in the Guide Plan and, where not shown therein, the minimum right-of-way width for streets, arterial highways, or pedestrian ways included in any subdivision shall not be less than the minimum dimensions for each classification as follows:

Classification	Minimum
Principal arterial highway	80 to 104 feet
Minor arterial highway	80 feet
Collector streets	66 feet
Local streets	50 feet
Service drives	30 feet
Alley	20 feet
Pedestrianway	10 feet

- (2) Where existing or anticipated traffic on principal and minor arterial highways warrants greater widths of rights-of-way, these shall be required.
- (L) *Minimum pavement widths and surface type*. The following requirements are applicable to all subdivisions within the jurisdiction of these regulations.
- (1) Local streets and dead-end streets shall have minimum widths of 32 feet. Where curb and gutter is required, the total width, face to face of curb, shall be 33 feet. The pavement of a turning circle at the end of a dead-end street shall have a minimum finished outside diameter of 50 feet.
- (2) The subdivider shall, after grading streets and after sewer and water mains are in, construct a minimum of a six-inch compacted gravel to the designated pavement width. The grading and graveling of the street includes installation of culverts necessary for over the ground drainage until curb and gutter is installed.
- (3) Streets shall be graded full pavement width and fully constructed with a concrete pavement of a minimum thickness of six inches or of asphaltic concrete of a minimum thickness of two inches mat and eight inches base, or of a construction standard and material approved by the City Engineer, in writing. If the classification of the street justifies the construction of a thicker section, the additional cost thereof shall be borne by the city, the county, or the State Highway Department, depending upon the agency having jurisdiction.

- (4) The subdivider shall, within one year, provide for the construction of curb and gutter within the confines of the platted area; provided, however, that the Council may extend this period where unusual drainage problems exist and the drainage cannot be installed prior to or with the curb and gutter construction.
 - (M) Street grade, curves, and sight distances.
- (1) The grades in all streets, arterial highways, collector streets, minor streets, and alleys in any subdivision shall not be greater than the maximum grades for each classification as follows:

Classification	Grade
Principal arterial highway	6%
Minor arterial highway	6%
Collector street	6%
Local street	8%
Alley	8%
Pedestrianway	20% (may be increased if steps of an acceptable design are provided)

- (2) All changes in street grade of 1% or more shall be connected by vertical curves. The length of the vertical curve will be determined on the basis of providing stopping sight distances for each road classification where design speed for arterial and collector streets is 40 mph and local streets is 25 mph. In no case shall the length of the required vertical curve be less than 15 times the algebraic difference in rate of grades for arterial and collector streets or one-half of this minimum for all other streets.
- (3) In no case shall the radius of curvature for arterial and collector streets be less than 300 feet or for local streets, service drives, and alleys be less than 100 feet.
- (4) At a street intersection, the street curb intersection shall be rounded by a radius of at least 15 feet.
- (5) Intersections shall be designed so as to avoid abrupt changes in longitudinal or transverse slope.

(N) Lots.

(1) The size, shape, and orientation of lots shall be appropriate for the location of the proposed subdivision and for the type of development contemplated. Lot dimensions shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 152.

- (2) Excessive depth in relation to widths shall be avoided. A proportion of not more than three to one normally shall be considered appropriate.
- (3) Every lot shall abut on a street. Lots for residential purposes shall meet the size requirements of Chapter 152 and also the requirements relative to building setback and side yard requirements.
- (4) Residential lots fronting on arterial and collector streets should have extra depths to permit deep setbacks for the buildings.
 - (5) Through lots or double-frontage lots shall be avoided as far as practicable.
- (6) Side lot lines shall be approximately at right angles to the right-of-way line of the street on which the lot frames. Narrow, triangular lots, unusual shapes, and lots not permitting at least a 26-foot width house with side yards and driveways; rear years and front yards are prohibited. No plat will be accepted that contains lots undesirable for building, property subject to recurrent flooding, property at grades greater than 8%, or other factors that may cause the property to be returned for property taxes.

(O) Utilities and drainage.

- (1) Water lines. Where an approved public water supply is within reasonable access to the subdivision as determined by the number of lots, distance from and capacity of existing mains, water lines shall be placed within the right-of-way of each street. Water lines shall have a minimum diameter of six feet. Fire hydrants shall be installed at intervals of not less than 400 feet. The minimum size water main shall be six inches in diameter and all water mains shall be looped so that water is available from two directions to any point. Water mains, fire hydrants, gate valves, and appurtenances shall be installed in accordance with acceptable engineering practices. In general, in new residential areas, water main services with a shutoff shall be installed to appropriate public recreational areas in conjunction with the water main construction.
- (2) Sanitary sewers. Sanitary sewers shall be constructed in accordance with the standards of the city and each lot shall be provided with a connection to a sanitary sewer. The city may accept an area for platting where the service cannot be provided when the lots are of sufficient size and the soil is suitable for private disposal systems in accordance with the city, the county, and the State Health Department recommendations. No private disposal systems shall be interconnected or run to a common private or public drain. The minimum size public sanitary sewer shall be eight inches in diameter. In general, in new residential areas, sanitary sewer services shall be installed to appropriate public recreational areas in conjunction with the sewer construction. Sewage lift stations will be constructed if necessary to serve an area, provided a lift station will be constructed on an assessment basis to serve an area only if at least 50% of the cost is immediately assessable. The lift station cost beyond the 50% and the pro rated immediately assessable will be held for future assessment to the future area to be served.

- (3) *Storm drainage*. All necessary facilities, including underground pipe, manholes, inlets, catch basins, and other appurtenances necessary to provide adequate drainage for the property or to maintain any natural drainage course, shall be the responsibility of the developer. Open drainage will not be allowed unless specifically directed by the City Engineer. Platting of property is prohibited unless it is possible to drain the property by gravity drainage to the natural drainage course for the area. As a minimum, no property plat will be accepted unless street grades are at least five feet above lake level and lots are of the elevation as to drain into the streets. The meeting of this minimum requirement does not obligate the Council to accept the plat if there are substantial obstructions to the drainage of the property contained therein, and the Council may require that the subdivider install pumping facilities for storm drainage prior to plat acceptance if the facilities are necessary.
- (4) Extensions not in platted area. In some cases the proposed area to be platted will not be served at its borders by water mains or sanitary sewer. The Council may require a petition for the creation of an assessment district to extend the facilities to the platted area; or may require the subdivider to pay the cost of the extension; or may accept the plat with a separate water or sewer system; or may pay the cost thereof and hold the amount for future assessment; or may refuse acceptance of the plat.
- (5) Building permit. No building permit shall be issued in the platted area until sewer and water mains are designed, approved, and the contract for installation awarded with a satisfactory completion date. No building shall be occupied in the platted area until provided with sanitary sewer and water service and until the street is graveled and the graveling accepted as adequate by the City Engineer to serve the building. The occupancy of a building in violation of this section shall not relieve the subdivider of any responsibility for street improvement. The transfer of property in the plat from the original subdivider to other parties shall not relieve the subdivider of his or her responsibility for initial street work as defined herein.
- (6) Design or improvements. The City Engineer will design only the improvements to be installed by the city. A subdivider desiring to contract and install his or her own improvements shall do so in accordance with city specifications and practice. The City Engineer will approve or disapprove all plans, specifications, and installation in the public street and for improvements installed by the subdivider shall furnish a written statement to the subdivider of city acceptance of the improvement or street as a part of the city system.
- (7) Sidewalks. Sidewalks at least five feet wide, constructed of concrete pavement with a minimum thickness of four inches shall be constructed on both sides of every street where the average width of lots is less than 60 feet. Sidewalks shall be constructed on one or both sides of streets irrespective of the width of lots where, in the opinion of the Commission, these are necessary to protect the safety of pedestrians.
- (8) *Driveways*. The subdivider shall install driveways, driveway approaches, and curb returns for each connection to the street.

- (9) *Planting*. The installation of trees and shrubs to form a tight screen effective at all times shall be required along the rear line of any lot in the subdivision which backs onto an arterial or collector street.
- (10) Street name signs. Reflectorized street name signs shall be provided at all street intersections or where a change or direction of a street requires a change of street name. The signs shall be of the size and type approved for use by the city. Normally, one sign will be required at each residential intersection; however, more may be required dependent upon the character and/or width of the streets.
- (P) *Easements*. The following standards and requirements shall apply for all plats where easements are necessary.
- (1) An easement for utilities, at least six feet wide, shall be provided along each side of a side line of lots and/or the rear line of lots where necessary to form a continuous right-of-way, at least 12 feet in width. The easements are to be dedicated and provide for utility service from street to street. The intent of the easements is to furnish overhead wire utility service from the rear of the lots to buildings. If necessary for the extension of main water or sewer lines, electrical transformer pads or similar utilities, easements of greater width may be required along lot lines or across lots.
- (2) Additional easements for pole guys should be provided at the outside of turns. Where possible, lot lines shall be arranged to bisect the exterior angle so that pole guys will fall along side lot lines.
- (3) Where subdivision is traversed by a watercourse, drainage way, channel or stream, a storm water easement, drainage right-of-way, or park dedication, the width of the easements shall be determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (4) All new electric distribution lines (excluding main line feeders and high voltage transmission lines), telephone service lines, cable television, and services constructed within the confines of and providing service to customers in a newly platted residential area shall be buried underground; unless the Council specifically shall find, after study and recommendation by the Planning and Zoning Commission, that: the placing of utilities underground would not be compatible with the development planned; the additional cost of burying the utilities would create an undue financial hardship; or topographical, soil, or any other conditions make the underground installation unreasonable or impractical.
- (5) All drainage and other underground installations which traverse privately owned property shall be protected by easements.

 (1985 Code, § 12.05) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 151.06 UNUSUAL PHYSICAL CONDITIONS.

In any particular case where the subdivider can show that, by reason of exceptional topographic or other physical conditions, strict compliance with any requirement of this chapter would cause unusual difficulty or exceptional and undue hardship, the Council may relax the requirement or hardship, provided that the relief may be granted without detriment to the public good and without impairing the intents and purposes of these regulations or the desirable development of the neighborhood and the community in accordance with the Plan and Chapter 152. Any modification thus granted shall be entered in the minutes of the Council setting forth the reasons which, in the opinion of the Council, justified the modification. However, designated shorelands areas as identified in Chapter 152 shall be subject to the following: no land shall be subdivided which is held unsuitable by the city for the proposed use because of flooding, inadequate drainage, soil and rock formations with severe limitations for development, severe erosions potential, unfavorable topography, inadequate water supply or sewage disposal capabilities, or any other feature likely to be harmful to the health, safety, or welfare of the future residents of the proposed subdivision or of the community.

(1985 Code, § 12.06) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 151.07 ENFORCEMENT.

- (A) No plat of any subdivision shall be entitled to be recorded in the office of the County Recorder or shall have any validity until it has been approved by the Council in the manner described herein.
- (B) It is unlawful for the owner or the agent of the owner to transfer or sell any land by reference to or by other use of a plat or description unless the plat has been approved by the Council as required herein.

(1985 Code, § 12.07) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 151.08 VARIANCES.

- (A) The Council may grant a variance from these regulations following a finding that all of the following conditions exist:
- (1) There are special circumstances or conditions affecting the property so that the strict application of the provisions of this chapter would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of his or her land;
- (2) The variance is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of a substantial property right of the petitioner; and
- (3) The granting of the variance will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to other property in the territory in which the property is situated.

- (B) In making this finding, the Council shall consider the nature of the proposed use of land and the existing use of land in the vicinity, the number of persons to reside or work in the proposed subdivision, and the probable effect of the proposed subdivision upon traffic conditions in the vicinity. In granting a variance as herein provided, the Council shall prescribe only conditions that it deems desirable or necessary to the public interest.
- (C) Application for any such variance shall be made in writing by the subdivider at the time when the preliminary plat is filed for the consideration of the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council, stating fully and clearly all facts relied upon by the petitioner, and shall be supplemented with maps, plans, or other additional data which may aid the Planning and Zoning Commission and Council in the analysis of the proposed project. The plans for the development shall include any covenants, restrictions, or other legal provisions necessary to guarantee the full achievement of the Plan. In all cases where applications for variance are submitted for approval along with the preliminary plat, the action on the approval shall issue from the Council. (1985 Code, § 12.08)

§ 151.09 VIOLATIONS.

Every person violates a section, division, or provision of this chapter when he or she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when the failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor, except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

(1985 Code, § 12.99) Penalty, see § 10.99

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 152.001 TITLE.

This chapter shall be known as "Land Use Regulations (Zoning)," and shall be referred to herein as "this chapter." (1985 Code, § 11.01)

§ 152.002 SCOPE AND INTERPRETATION.

- (A) *Scope*. From and after the effective date of this chapter, the use of all land and every building, and the erection or structural alteration of any building or portion of a building in the city, shall be in conformity with the provisions of this chapter. Any structure or use lawfully existing at the passage of this chapter but not in conformity with the regulations of the appropriate zoning district may be continued subject to the regulations of §§ 152.085 through 152.092.
- (B) *Interpretation*. The provisions of this chapter shall be interpreted as the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, morals, convenience, and general welfare. Where the provisions of this chapter impose greater restrictions than those of any statute, other code provision, or regulation, this chapter shall apply. Where the provisions of any statute, other code provision, or regulation impose greater restrictions than this chapter, the restrictions shall apply. (1985 Code, § 11.02)

§ 152.003 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. For the purpose of this chapter, words in the present tense shall include the future; the word *BUILDING* shall include the word *STRUCTURE*; and the word *LOT* shall include the word *PLOT*.

ACCESSORY USE. A use or structure subordinate to the principal use of the land or a building on the same lot and serving a purpose customarily incidental to the principal use or structure.

APARTMENT. A room or suite of rooms in a multi-family or multi-use building arranged and intended as a place of residence for a single family or a group of individuals living together as a single housekeeping unit.

APARTMENT BUILDING. Three or more dwelling units grouped in one building.

BASEMENT. A portion of a building located partly underground but housing less than half its clear floor to ceiling height below grade.

- **BLOCK.** A tract of land bounded by streets or a combination of streets and public parks, cemeteries, railroad rights-of-way, shorelines, unsubdivided acreage, or boundary lines of the corporate limits of the city.
- **BOARDING HOUSE.** Any dwelling, other than a hotel or motel, where meals or lodging and meals for compensation are provided for five or more persons pursuant to previous arrangements.
- **BUILDING.** Any structure for the shelter, support, or enclosure of persons, animals, chattel, or property of any kind; and when separated by bearing walls without openings, each portion of the building so separated shall be deemed a separate building.
- **BUILDING HEIGHT.** The vertical distance from the average of the lowest and the highest point of that portion of the lot covered by the building to the highest point of the roof, and to the mean height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip, and gambrel roofs.
- *CLINIC.* An establishment where patients who are not lodged overnight are admitted for examination treatment by a group of physicians, dentists, or both practicing together.
- **CONVENIENCE OR ESSENTIAL RETAIL.** Refers to the sale of relatively small quantities of commodities and services directly to customers.
 - **DISTRICT.** Any section of the city within which the provisions of this chapter are uniform.
- **DWELLING, MOBILE HOME.** Manufactured transportable housing designed with under-carriage wheels and towing device, and intended for occupancy as a complete year-round single-family dwelling unit upon arrival and placement on a site, with or without a permanent foundation designed to support the transportable unit. For purposes of this chapter, the term shall include all the transportable housing 29 feet or more in length, 16 feet or more in width, and 5,000 pounds or more in weight, containing the same water supply, waste disposal, and electrical convenience as immobile housing. The term shall include transportable housing subject to tax or registration as required under the provisions of M.S. Ch. 168 or M.S. Ch. 273, as they may be amended from time to time.
- **DWELLING, MODULAR HOME.** A single-family dwelling suitable for year-round occupancy, which consists of more than one module either partially or wholly factory-fabricated and containing a framework which does not contain wheels or towing tongue. When transported to a building site, it will be placed on a permanent foundation so as to be substantially affixed to the site and connected to a water supply, waste disposal system, and electrical supply, thereby making it immobile housing.
- **DWELLING, MULTIPLE-FAMILY.** A residential building designed for or occupied by three or more families, with the number of families in residence not exceeding the number of dwelling units provided.
- **DWELLING, SINGLE-FAMILY.** A detached residential dwelling unit, other than a mobile home, designed for and occupied by one family only.

- **DWELLING, TWO-FAMILY.** A detached residential building containing two dwelling units, designed for occupancy by not more than two families.
- **DWELLING UNIT.** One room, or rooms connected together, constituting a separate, independent housekeeping establishment for owner occupancy, or rental or lease on a weekly, monthly, or longer basis, and physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, and containing independent cooking and sleeping facilities.
- **FAMILY.** Any number of individuals living together on the premises as a single nonprofit housekeeping unit (except for necessary servants) as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding house, lodging house, hotel, club, or fraternity or sorority house.
- **FLOOR AREA.** The sum of the gross horizontal areas of the several floors of a building, measured from the exterior walls, including basements and attached accessory buildings.
- *GARAGE*, *PRIVATE*. An accessory building or one attached to or part of a principal building, designed or used for the storage of not more than three motor-driven vehicles.
- *GARAGE*, *PUBLIC*. Any premises, except those defined as a private garage, used for storage or care of self-propelled vehicles and/or where any such vehicles are equipped for operation or repair, or are kept for remuneration, hire, or sale.

GRADE.

- (1) For buildings more than five feet from any street line, the average level of the finished surface adjacent to the exterior walls of the building.
- (2) For building having one or more exterior walls within five feet of a street line or lines, the average of the elevations of the sidewalk or sidewalks, or their equivalent established ground surface, adjacent to the street line or lines.
- **HOME OCCUPATION.** Any use customarily conducted entirely within a dwelling and carried on by members of a family residing therein, which use is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the dwelling purposes and does not change the character thereof. Clinics, hospitals, mortuaries, motor vehicle repairing for hire, welding, animal hospitals, and the maintenance of animals shall not be deemed to be home occupations.
- **HOTEL.** Any building or portion thereof where lodging is offered to transient guests for compensation and in which there are more than five sleeping rooms, with no cooking facilities in individual dwelling units.

- **JUNK YARD.** Land or buildings where waste, discarded, or salvaged materials are bought, sold, exchanged, stored, cleaned, packed, disassembled, or handled, including, but not limited to, scrap metal, rags, paper, rubber products, glass products, lumber products, and products resulting from the wrecking of automobiles or other machinery.
 - **KENNEL.** Any lot or premises on which four or more dogs at least four months of age are kept.
- **LOADING AREA.** Any area where vehicles are parked, maneuvered, or loaded or unloaded of materials or equipment.
- **LOT.** One unit of a recorded plat or subdivision, which unit has frontage on a public street and is occupied, or to be occupied, by a building and its accessory buildings, and including, as a minimum, any open spaces as are required under this chapter.
 - **LOT, CORNER.** A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets.
- **LOT COVERAGE.** The total allowable amount of lot area, expressed as a percentage, which may be covered by a principal use and its accessory structures.
- **LOT DEPTH.** The average distance between the front and rear lot line (the greater frontage of a corner lot shall be deemed its depth and the lesser frontage its width).
 - LOT, DOUBLE FRONTAGE. An interior lot having frontage on two streets.
 - LOT, INTERIOR. A lot other than a corner lot.
- **LOT OF RECORD.** A parcel of land that is recorded as a lot in a subdivision that has been recorded in the official public records of the County Recorder.
 - **LOT WIDTH.** The horizontal straight line distance between the side lot lines at the setback line.
- **NONCONFORMING USE.** A use lawfully in existence on the effective date of this chapter and not conforming to the regulations for the district in which it is situated, except that such a use is not nonconforming if it would be authorized under a conditional use permit where located.
- **PARKING LOT.** A parcel of land containing one or more unenclosed parking spaces whose use is principal to the lot as differentiated from an accessory use, as on a residential lot.
- **PARKING SPACE.** An improved surface area, enclosed or unenclosed, sufficient in size to store one motor vehicle, together with a street or alley and permitted ingress and egress of the motor vehicle. A minimum of 170 square feet, excluding access drives, is required.
- **PRINCIPAL USE.** The purpose for which land or a building thereon is designed, arranged, intended, or maintained, or for which it is or may be used or occupied.

- **PREMISES.** A lot or plot containing a structure with the required front, side, and rear yards for a dwelling or other use as allowed under this chapter.
- **RECREATIONAL VEHICLE.** A travel trailer, pickup camper, converted bus, tent trailer, or similar device used for temporary portable housing.
- **SCREENING.** Any type of plant materials or an architectural form such as fencing being not less than 90% opaque to be utilized to obscure conflicting land uses and also to absorb and deflect noise.
- **SETBACK.** The minimum horizontal distance between the lot line and the foundation wall of a building or the allowable building line as defined by the yard regulations of this chapter.
- **SIGN.** A name, identification, display, illustration, or device which is affixed to or represented directly or indirectly upon a building, structure, or land in view of the general public and which directs attention to a product, place, activity, purpose, institution, or business.
- **SIGN, ADVERTISING.** A sign which directs attention to a business, commodity, service, activity, or entertainment not necessarily conducted, sold, or offered upon the premises where such a sign is located.
- *SIGN, BUSINESS.* A sign which directs attention to a business or profession or a commodity, service, or entertainment sold or offered upon the premises where such a sign is located.
- *SIGN, FLASHING.* Any illuminated sign on which the illumination is not kept stationary or constant in intensity and color at all times when the sign is in use.
- *SIGN, ILLUMINATED.* Any sign which has characters, letters, figures, designs, or outlines illuminated by electric lights or luminous tubes as part of the sign.
- **SIGN, NAMEPLATE.** Any sign which states the name or address or both of the business or occupant of the lot where the sign is placed.
 - SIGN, ROTATING. A sign which revolves or rotates on its axis by mechanical means.
- **SIGN, SURFACE AREA OF.** The entire area within a single continuous perimeter enclosing the extreme limits of the actual sign surface, not including any structural elements outside the limits of the sign and not forming an integral part of the display. Only one side of a double-face of V-type sign structure shall be used in computing total surface area.
- **STORY.** The portion of the building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the next floor above it, or, if there is no floor above it, the space between the floor and the ceiling next above it.

- **STORY, HALF.** A story with at least two opposite exterior sides meeting a sloping roof not more than two feet above the floor of the story.
 - STREET. A public thoroughfare which affords principal means of access to abutting property.
 - STREET LINE. The right-of-way line of a street.
- **STRUCTURAL ALTERATION.** Any change or addition to the supporting members of a building such as bearing walls, columns, beams, or girders.
- *STRUCTURE.* Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires location on the ground or attachment to something having a location on the ground.
- **SUBDIVISION.** A described tract of land which is to be or has been divided into two or more lots or parcels, any of which resultant parcels is less than two and one-half acres in area and 150 feet in width, for the purpose of transfer of ownership or building development, or if a new street is involved, any division of a parcel of land. The term includes resubdivision, and, where it is appropriate to the context, relates either to the process of subdivision or to the land subdivided.
- *USE*. The purpose for which land or premises or a building thereon is designated, arranged, or intended, or for which it is or may be occupied or maintained.
- **VARIANCE.** A modification or variation of the provisions of this chapter, as applied to a specific piece of property, except that modification in the allowable uses within a district shall not be considered a variance.
- **YARD.** A space in the same lot with a building open and unobstructed from the ground to the sky, except for fences five feet or less in height, and trees and shrubs.
- **YARD**, **FRONT**. A yard extending across the front of the lot between the side yard lines and lying between the outer right-of-way line of the road or highway and the nearest line of the building. On corner lots, the **FRONT YARD** shall be considered as parallel to the street upon which the lot has its least dimension.
- *YARD*, *REAR*. An open space unoccupied except for accessory buildings on the same lot with a building between the rear lines of the building and the rear line of the lot, for the full width of the lot. On all lots, the *REAR YARD* shall be at the opposite end of the lot from the front yard.
- **YARD**, **SIDE**. An open unoccupied space between a building and the side line of the lot, and extending from the front lot line to the rear yard. (1985 Code, § 11.03)

§ 152.004 VIOLATIONS.

Every person violates a section, division, or provision of this chapter when he or she performs an act thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, or fails to act when the failure is thereby prohibited or declared unlawful, and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished as for a misdemeanor, except as otherwise stated in specific provisions hereof.

(1985 Code, § 11.99) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.005 OFFICIAL ZONING MAP ADOPTED.

The document entitled "Official Zoning Map of the City of Gilbert," attached to the ordinance codified herein as "Exhibit A," and hereby made a part hereof, is hereby adopted as the Official Zoning Map of the city.

(Ord. 2006-2, passed 7-25-2006)

§ 152.006 OPT OUT OF STATUTE REGULATING TEMPORARY FAMILY HEALTH CARE DWELLINGS.

Pursuant to authority granted by M.S. § 462.3593, Subd. 9, the City of Gilbert opts out of the requirements of M.S. § 462.3593, which defines and regulates temporary family health care dwellings. (Ord. 2016-01, passed 9-13-2016)

ZONING DISTRICTS

§ 152.020 GENERALLY.

- (A) *Establishment of districts*. For the purpose of this chapter, the city is divided into the following districts:
 - (1) R-1 Low Density Residence District;
 - (2) R-2 Medium Density Multiple Dwelling Residence District;
 - (3) R-3 Mobile Home Park District;
 - (4) R-4 Ore Be Gone Residential Special Zoning District;
 - (5) C Commercial District;

- (6) M-1 Industrial District;
- (7) M-2 Mining and Related Activities District;
- (8) P Public Recreation and Forest Reserve District; and
- (9) FZ Floating Zone District.
- (B) Official Zoning Map. The boundaries of the districts established by this chapter are delineated on the Official Zoning Map. The Official Zoning Map and all notations, references, and data shown thereon are hereby adopted and made part of this chapter and will be on permanent file, and for public inspection, in the City Hall. It shall be the responsibility of the Zoning Administrator and staff to maintain the map, and amendments thereto shall be recorded thereon within 30 days after official publication of amendments.
- (C) District boundaries. The district boundary lines on the map follow either streets, alleys, or lot lines. Where the districts designated on the map are bounded by the street, alley, or lot lines, the center line of the street or alley or the lot lines shall be the boundary of the district, unless the boundary is otherwise indicated on the map. In the case of unsubdivided property, the district boundary lines shall be determined by use of the scale appearing on the zoning district map or by dimensions. Where the boundary of a district follows a railroad line, the boundary shall be deemed to be located midway between the main tracts of the railroad line.

(1985 Code, § 11.04) (Ord. passed 9-17-1985)

§ 152.021 R-1 LOW DENSITY RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. The R-1 Low Density Residence District is intended to provide suitable areas within the community for resident dwellings which relate to the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and where municipal utilities and services may be maintained at reasonable cost.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within an R-1 District, unless otherwise provided by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except the following:
- (1) One- and two-family detached dwellings, seasonal homes, and modular and prefabricated housing, where properly serviced and of suitable appearance which is in harmony with adjacent residential development. All dwellings must have an outside measurement of not less than 20 feet in width and must be attached to a permanent foundation constructed below the frost line;
 - (2) Parks and recreational areas owned or operated by governmental agencies;
 - (3) Public elementary or high schools, or private schools with an equivalent curriculum;

- (4) Churches, parish homes, convents, children's nurseries, and schools, provided that no building shall be located within 50 feet of any abutting lot in any residential district;
 - (5) Plant nurseries, greenhouses, and vegetable gardening, but not involving a sales structure;
- (6) Home occupations, as defined in § 152.003, and offices of professional persons when the use does not exceed one-third of the main floor space of a dwelling, is conducted only in the principal dwelling, and does not employ any persons not residing on the premises; and

- (7) Public swimming pools, private recreational clubs, and tennis courts, except those operated for commercial purposes.
 - (C) Accessory uses. The following shall be permitted accessory uses within an R-1 District:
 - (1) Private garage or carport and boathouse, one of each designation;
- (2) Private swimming pools, when completely enclosed within a chain link, wood, or similar safety fence five or more feet high;
 - (3) Boarding or rental of rooms to not more than two people on a premises;
- (4) Maintenance of dogs and cats or other household pets, subject to licensing requirements, health regulations, and other applicable code provisions;
 - (5) Uses customarily incidental to the uses listed in divisions (B) and (D) of this section;
 - (6) Off-street parking, as regulated by § 152.050;
- (7) Parking of one commercial or recreational motor vehicle of not over 26-foot length used by the resident occupant, and parking of passenger cars, but not including the storage of vehicles which are inoperable or for sale or rent. Additional recreational/commercial equipment may be stored on the premises only when kept in an enclosed accessory structure; and
 - (8) Signs, as regulated in § 152.049.
- (D) *Uses by conditional use permit*. Buildings or land may be used for the following if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106:
- (1) Municipal administration buildings, police and fire stations, libraries, museums, post offices, and other municipal service buildings, except those customarily considered industrial in use, provided that no building shall be located within 50 feet of any lot in a residential district;
- (2) Water supply buildings, reservoirs, wells, elevated tanks, and similar essential public utility and service structures;
- (3) Club house, commercial country club, commercial swimming pool, or private swimming pool serving more than one family, provided that no principal structure shall be located within 50 feet of any lot in a residential district;
- (4) Cluster single-family housing, detached, when keyed to topographic considerations or unique design proposals, subject to a minimum tract area of three acres under single or unified ownership. Overall density shall not exceed six dwelling units per acre (based on gross acreage) and

shall be permitted only subject to approval of an overall development plan for the tract by the Planning and Zoning Commission. In no case shall the Planning and Zoning Commission authorize a use prohibited in the district in which the housing project is to be located; and

- (5) Hospitals, nursing homes, and elderly housing projects, provided that no principal or accessory structure shall be located within 50 feet of any lot in a residential district.
- (E) *Height, yard setbacks, and lot area and coverage requirements*. Height, yard setbacks, and lot area and coverage requirements shall be as stated in Appendix A of this chapter.
- (F) *General regulations*. Additional regulations applicable in the R-1 District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050. (1985 Code, § 11.05) (Ord. passed 9-17-1985; Ord. 11.05, passed 11-28-2000) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.022 R-2 MEDIUM DENSITY MULTIPLE DWELLING RESIDENCE DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. The R-2 Medium Density Multiple Dwelling Residence District is intended to provide areas suitable for the location of apartment buildings, row housing, commercial recreation lodging structure, and the like, which maintain density and space standards that will ensure a wholesome living environment which effectively relate to the comprehensive plan for community development.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within an R-2 District, unless elsewhere permitted by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except the following:
 - (1) Uses permitted in the R-1 District;
 - (2) Apartment buildings and multiple dwelling structures housing from three to 12 units;
 - (3) Attached row housing and townhouse developments;
- (4) Churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, and convalescent homes or housing for the elderly, provided that no building shall be located within 50 feet of an abutting single-family lot boundary within any residence district; and
 - (5) Boarding houses or rental of rooms for three to 12 persons on a premises.
- (C) *Accessory uses*. The following uses are permitted only when auxiliary to a principal use permitted above; they may not exist as principal uses in their own stead:
- (1) Storage garages and private recreational facilities for the use and convenience of residents of the principal use;

- (2) Shops, restaurants, off ices, club or lodge rooms, and nursing care facilities, when attached to the principal use and designed for the use and convenience of the occupants only. Accessory uses of this nature may be permitted in multiple resident structures, provided that no advertising or display relative thereto is visible from the outside of the building. No more than 10% of the gross floor area of the principal use may be devoted to this type of accessory use;
 - (3) Off-street parking and loading, as regulated by § 152.050;
 - (4) Home occupations, as defined in § 152.003;
 - (5) Signs, as regulated by § 152.049; and
- (6) Accessory uses customarily incidental to the uses listed in divisions (B) and (D) of this section.
- (D) *Uses by conditional use permit*. Buildings or land may be used for the following if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106:
 - (1) Multiple dwelling structures containing more than 12 units;
 - (2) Retail, office, and personal service establishments of an essential or "convenience" nature;
- (3) Municipal administration buildings and structures, police and fire stations, public service establishments (nonprofit), and essential public utility and service structures;
 - (4) Mortuaries or funeral homes;
- (5) Offices for administrative, executive, professional, or research organizations having only limited contact with the general public, provided that no merchandise or merchandising services are sold on the premises, except such as are incidental or accessory to the principal use; and
- (6) Clubs, lodges, or fraternal organization centers, nonprofit only, provided that no business activity carried on as a service to the public shall be permitted.
- (E) *Height, yard setbacks, and lot area and coverage requirements*. The height, yard setbacks, and lot area and coverage requirements shall be as stated in §§ 152.040 through 152.050.
- (F) General regulations. Additional regulations applicable to the R-2 District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050. (1985 Code, § 11.06) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.023 R-3 MOBILE HOME PARK DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. This chapter is to promote the health and safety of the citizens of the city by regulating the establishment and operation of mobile home parks within the city and providing penalty for violation thereof.
- (B) *Use*. In view of the above purpose, it is necessary to have reasonable rules and regulations concerning the conduct, use, and operation of mobile home parks existing and operating within the city limits hereinafter set out as follows.
- (1) Access to the mobile home parks or subdivision shall be from an arterial highway or secondary thoroughfare; number and location of access drives shall be controlled for traffic, safety, and protection of surrounding properties; no mobile home space shall be designed for direct access to a street outside the boundaries of the mobile home park; and interior access drives shall have at least a 40-foot right-of-way and shall be surfaced with a durable, dustproof surface of concrete or bituminous concrete at least 25 feet in width as approved by the City Engineer.
- (2) The minimum width and/or depth of the mobile home park or subdivision shall be 300 feet and minimum total area shall be ten acres. A certificate of occupancy shall not be issued until the first 25 spaces are developed and available for occupancy.
- (3) A mobile home park shall contain at least 1,000 square feet per mobile home for community facilities, including play space, utility room, parking, and access roads.
- (4) A mobile home park shall be surrounded by a landscaped strip of open space 25 feet along the street frontage with an arterial highway and 25 feet wide along all other lot lines or street frontage. The 25-foot distance shall be measured in addition to the plotted lot.
- (5) The minimum lot area for each mobile home site shall be no less than 5,000 square feet; the minimum dimensions shall be 50 feet by 100 feet, with corners of each site or lot visibly marked by a permanent marker.
- (6) Side to side spacing between mobile homes shall be at least 28 feet. Back to back spacing shall be at least 15 feet, and no part of a mobile home shall extend closer than five feet to the boundaries of the next individual mobile home site lot line. The distance between any mobile home and any building shall be at least 20 feet.
- (7) Off-street parking spaces in mobile home parks for automobiles shall be provided in the ratio of one space per mobile home, in locations convenient to individual mobile homes or groups of mobile homes. Parking spaces provided shall be situated so as to be at least ten feet from the nearest mobile home on the next adjoining lot.
- (8) Proper provision shall be made for public water supply, sanitary sewers, fire protection, refuse collection, and snow removal.

- (9) No mobile home shall contain more than one dwelling unit and in no case shall a mobile home be rented to two or more families.
- (10) Each mobile home within any mobile home park is to be completely skirted around the bottom with a suitable material such as aluminum, plywood properly painted, or Masonite properly painted. The skirting is to be neat in appearance from all exterior points of view.
 - (11) No mobile home is to be occupied or rented by more than one family.
 - (12) Refuse and garbage shall be stored in containers specified by the Council.
 - (13) All domestic animals will be kept in compliance with this code.
- (14) The term *OPERATOR*, as used in this chapter, is construed to include the following: persons, partnerships, firms, companies, corporations, tenants, owners, lessee, licensee, agents, heirs, or assigns.
- (15) All lots shall be seeded or sodded in the area not occupied by a mobile home or parking space.
 - (16) Suitable lighting shall be provided during hours of darkness for walks and drives.
 - (17) Each site shall be provided with a paved parking area measuring at least 20 feet by 20 feet.
 - (C) Special conditions.
 - (1) No person shall establish, operate, or maintain a mobile home park in the city until:
 - (a) A plat showing individual sites;
 - (b) Proposed setback lines;
 - (c) Street layout;
 - (d) Landscaping; and
- (e) Utility services, including water, sanitary sewer, storm drains, lighting, and electrical systems.
- (2) The operator must comply with all state regulations relating to mobile home parks and he or she shall also comply with this code.
- (3) All plumbing systems shall be installed in accordance with the State Board of Health and the State Plumbing Code.

(D) General regulations. Additional regulations applicable in the R-3 District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050.

(1985 Code, § 11.07) (Ord. passed 9-13-2000) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.024 R-4 ORE BE GONE RESIDENTIAL SPECIAL ZONING DISTRICT.

- (A) All provisions of this chapter must be complied with in the R-4 Ore Be Gone Residential Special Zoning District.
 - (B) The R-4 District shall consist of blocks one through four, inclusive, Lake Ore Be Gone.
 - (C) The following special provisions must be complied with within the R-4 District:
 - (1) Substantial completion within 12 months from purchase of lot;
 - (2) Single-family dwellings only with earth tone natural or muted colors;
 - (3) No manufactured or mobile homes are allowed:
 - (4) Modular homes are allowed;
- (5) Minimum 1,400 square feet of living space (not garage) footprint. Living space is exclusive of garages, decks, and open or non-air conditioned porches. Living space does not include basement;
 - (6) Up to three-stall garage not to exceed two-thirds of the square footage of footprint of house;
- (7) One accessory building is allowed and must be of same style or appearance as the house, no larger than a total of 300 square feet (no more than two structures);
 - (8) No outside storage of heating fuel;
- (9) Parking of one recreational motor vehicle of not over 26 feet in length used by the property owner;
 - (10) Inoperable vehicles are not allowed;
- (11) Fencing shall comply with M.S. § 180.03, as it may be amended from time to time. The fence shall be erected and required along the outside perimeter of the buff line to a minimum of three feet above grade. No chain link fencing or snow fencing allowed. Fencing may be wood, cast iron, and aluminum or composite and well maintained. Fences must be earth tone or muted colors;
 - (12) No commercial or home businesses;

- (13) For driveways, concrete, bituminous, or brick is to be installed no later than 12 months after occupancy;
 - (14) No double lots;
 - (15) Setback from the front street is 30 feet;
 - (16) Setback from the bluff edge is 25 feet;
 - (17) Setback side yard is 15 feet;
 - (18) No more than 30% lot coverage; and
- (19) Construction must conform to zoning requirements. (Ord. passed 11-13-2007) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.025 C COMMERCIAL DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. The C Commercial District is designed to provide a compact shopping area for the location of offices and retail stores necessary for servicing the community and surrounding areas; which is closely aligned with the approved City Comprehensive Plan; and which maintains a mutually compatible relationship with the various types of uses.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within a C District, unless elsewhere provided by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except for the following:
- (1) Amusement and recreation establishments such as indoor theaters, swimming pools, skating rinks, billiard halls, bowling alleys, and similar commercial recreation facilities;
 - (2) Antique shops;
- (3) Automobile dealers, new and used car lots, and boat and recreational vehicle display lots and structures;
 - (4) Appliance stores;
 - (5) Art studios, art galleries, and sales and supplies;
- (6) Bakeries, provided the room or rooms containing the preparation and baking process shall not have a gross floor area in excess of 2,400 square feet;
 - (7) Bank and savings institutions;

(8)	Barber and beauty parlors;
(9)	Bookkeeping or auditing establishments;
(10)	Book and stationery stores;
(11)	Camera and photo stores and photography studios;
(12)	Candy and ice cream stores;
(13)	Carpet and rug stores;
(14)	Clinics, for treatment of animals, excluding training runs, stables, or kennels;
(15)	Clothing stores, including pressing and tailoring shops;
(16)	Club and lodge halls;
(17)	Decorating studios;
(18)	Department stores;
(19)	Drugstores;
, ,	Dry cleaning and laundry receiving and pickup stations, excluding laundering and dry cessing and self-service laundromats;
(21)	Dry goods or notions stores;
(22)	Electrical appliance sales and service;
(23)	Florist shops, nurseries, and garden shops;
(24)	Grocery stores and delicatessens;
(25)	Furniture stores;
(26)	Gift shops;
(27)	Hardware stores;
(28)	Hobby and toy stores;
(29)	Jewelry stores;

(30)	Libraries;
(31)	Liquor stores;
(32)	Loan offices and finance companies;
(33)	Locksmith shops;
(34)	Medical and dental clinics;
(35)	Mortuaries or funeral homes;
(36)	Motels and hotels;
(37)	Newsstands and tobacco shops;
(38)	General business and professional offices;
(39)	Optical stores;
	Parking and garages other than those accessory to a principal use for the parking and rivate passenger automobiles only;
(41)	Pet shops;
(42)	Phonographs, record, and sheet music stores;
(43)	Photography studios;
(44)	Physical culture and health services and clubs, and reducing salons and masseurs;
(45)	Public parks and recreation areas and structures;
(46)	Municipal and public buildings;
(47)	Radio and television sales and repair stores;
(48)	Sewing machine sales and service shops;
(49)	Shoe and hat sales and repair shops;
(50)	Sporting goods stores;
(51)	Souvenir and rock shops;

- (52) Stock and brokerage firms;
- (53) Taverns and restaurants, excluding drive-in type facilities;
- (54) Tourist information center;
- (55) Telephone and telegraph offices, and telephone booths;
- (56) Theaters, excluding drive-ins;
- (57) Travel bureaus and transportation ticket offices; and
- (58) Vending machines which are coin- or card-operated, only when incorporated into a structure.
- (C) *Accessory uses*. The following uses shall be permitted accessory uses in the C District; they may not exist as principal uses:
- (1) Accessory uses customarily incidental to the uses listed in divisions (B) and (D) of this section;
 - (2) Off-street parking and loading, as regulated by § 152.050; and
 - (3) Signs, as regulated by § 152.049.
- (D) *Uses by conditional use permit*. Buildings and land may be used for the following, if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106:
 - (1) Any business activity of the same general character as those listed in division (B) above;
 - (2) Municipal sanitation, where screening and buffering is provided;
- (3) Drive-in restaurant or retail sales facilities, provided sufficient off-street parking is provided; lighting and any resultant glare shall be directed away from residential districts; and the surface of the parking area shall be of a dust-free and well-drained covering;
- (4) Drive-in restaurant and drive-in theater, provided that screening and landscape treatment is established when the above use is within 100 feet of an R District;
- (5) Dwelling units only where accessory and attached to a principal use as listed in division (B) above; and
 - (6) Motor fuel and automotive service stations.

- (E) *Height, yard setbacks, and lot coverage requirements*. The height, yard setbacks, and lot coverage requirements shall be those stated in Appendix A of this chapter.
 - (F) Additional regulations.
 - (1) Lighting (glare) shall be directed away from public rights-of-way and residential districts.
- (2) An awning, canopy, or marquee suspended from a building may extend over the public right-of-way ten feet, but not to within two feet of the curb line. The structures shall be limited in height to the first story of any building located upon and contiguous to Broadway Avenue. In all other areas of the city, the structures shall be of a height not less than 12 feet from the sidewalk or ground grade line, and the owner of the structures shall be responsible for their structural safety.
- (3) All principal and accessory uses, except business signs, which are situated within 50 feet of a residential district, shall be screened from the district by a wall or fence of not less than 90% opacity and not less than five nor more than seven feet in height above the level of the residential district property at the district boundary. Walls or fences or lesser heights or planting screens may be permitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission if there is a lesser degree of screening will as adequately promote and protect the use and enjoyment of the properties within the adjacent residential district, or there is a finding that a screening of the type required by this chapter would interfere with the provisions of adequate amounts of light and air to those properties. Loading docks in the C District shall be screened so as not to be visible from any public street right-of-way within a residential district. All required screening devices shall be designed so that they are architecturally harmonious with the principal structures on the site and they shall be properly maintained so as not to become unsightly, hazardous, or less opaque than when originally constructed.
- (4) All exposed ground areas surrounding or within a principal or accessory use including street boulevards, which are not devoted to drives, sidewalks, patios, or any other uses, shall be landscaped with grass, shrubs, trees, or other ornamental landscaped materials. All landscaped areas shall be kept neat, clean, and uncluttered. No landscaped area shall be used for the parking of vehicles or the storage or display of materials, supplies, or merchandise.
- (5) All commercial buildings or structures and their accessory uses shall be accessible to and from nearby public streets and sidewalks and walkways surfaced with a hard, all-weather, durable, dust-free material and properly drained. Vehicular traffic generated by a commercial use shall be channeled and controlled in a manner that will avoid congestion on the public streets, traffic hazards, and excessive traffic through residential areas, particularly truck traffic. The adequacy of any proposed traffic circulation system to accomplish these objectives shall be determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission who may require the additional measures for traffic control as it may deem necessary, including, but not limited to, the following: directional signalization, standby turn lanes, illumination, and storage area and distribution facilities within the commercial site to prevent backup of vehicles on

public streets. No area used by motor vehicles other than driveways serving as ingress and egress to the commercial site shall be located within the public street right-of-way. All driveways to or from public streets shall be subject to the following restrictions:

(a) Driveway widths; measurement between roadway edges.

Туре	Maximum Feet	Minimum Feet
One-way	18	12
Two-way	23	22

- (b) *Minimum driveway angle to street*. Thirty degrees when street is one-way or divided; otherwise 60 degrees;
- (c) *Minimum distance between driveways*. Twenty feet between roadway edges measured along street curb line; and
- (d) Minimum distance of driveway from street intersections, measured along street curb line between nearest driveway edge and intersecting street curb line.

If the driveway enters a street classified as a	and the intersecting street is classified as a	and the driveway enters a lane approaching or leaving the intersection	
		Approaching	Leaving*
Minor street	Minor street, collector street, or minor arterial	15 feet	15 feet
	Major Arterial	20 feet	15 feet
Collector street	Minor street	20 feet	15 feet
	Collector, minor arterial	25 feet	15 feet
	Major arterial	35 feet	20 feet
Major arterial	Minor street	20 feet	15 feet
	Collector, minor arterial	25 feet	15 feet
	Major arterial	40 feet	20 feet

NOTES TO TABLE:

- * Minimum distance to be the same as that specified for approaching lane if left turns are permitted into or out of driveway.
- (G) General regulations. Additional regulations applicable to the C District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050.

(1985 Code, § 11.08) (Ord. passed 10-26-1993) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.026 M-1 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. It is the purpose of the M-1 Industrial District to create industrial areas that will be acceptable within the city and will not adversely affect adjacent business or residential neighborhoods. Manufacturing establishments should not create any offensive noise, vibration, dust, heat, smoke, odor, glare, or other objectionable influences than the minimum amount normally resulting from that type or use, provided that they be minimized or eliminated by operations or site design features. In the interest of general health and welfare, residential and certain institutional uses are not permitted within this District.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within an M-1 District, unless elsewhere provided by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except for the following:
 - (1) Clay, stone, and glass products (concrete, pottery, and porcelain products);
- (2) Wholesale bakery products, beverages, creamery and dairy operations, canning of fruits and vegetables, and meat and fish products processing and packaging (no slaughtering);
- (3) Vehicle metal components (nuts, screws, and nails), foundry products, appliances and associated elements, machinery parts, tools, plumbing supplies, machine shops, and locomotive and rail car building and repair;
 - (4) Wood and paper products;
 - (5) Tire retreading and vulcanizing plants;
- (6) The storage, handling, assembly, and distribution of goods and materials for wholesale or on-site use; and
 - (7) Railroad yard and freight station, if located not less than 200 feet from any R District.
- (C) *Accessory uses*. The following uses are permitted only when auxiliary to a principal use permitted above; they may not exist as principal uses:
- (1) Any accessory use, building, or structure customarily incidental to a principal use permitted above, and located on the same lot therewith;
- (2) Specialized freight and yard equipment, private utility structures, secondary processing structures, and similar specialized structures;
 - (3) Parking and loading facilities, as regulated in § 152.050; and
 - (4) Signs, as regulated in § 152.049.

- (D) *Uses by conditional use permit.* Buildings or land may be used for the following, if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106:
 - (1) Manufacturing of building materials (cement, lime, and similar products);
 - (2) Contractor's shop and storage yard; and
- (3) Junk yards, including automobile wrecking and industrial metal and waste salvage, but not including refuse or garbage disposal, if located at least 200 feet from any residence dwelling; provided all operations are conducted within an area enclosed with a solid wall or uniform tight board fence, including gates, at least eight feet in height and the enclosure shall be properly maintained.
- (E) *Height, yard setbacks, and lot coverage requirements*. Building height, lot area, bulk, and yard setback requirements shall be those stated in Appendix A of this chapter.
 - (F) Special District provisions.
- (1) Landscaping. All open areas of any site, lot, tract, or parcel shall be graded to provide proper drainage, and except for areas used for parking, drives, or storage, shall be landscaped with trees, shrubs, or planted ground cover. The landscaping shall conform with the planting plan approved at the time the building permit was issued. It shall be the owner's responsibilities to see that this landscaping is maintained in an attractive and well-kept condition. All adjacent vacant lots, tracts, or parcels under the same ownership shall also be properly maintained.
- (2) *Storage*. All raw materials, supplies, finished or semi-finished products, and equipment shall be stored within a completely enclosed building, or within the confines of a 100% opaque wall or fence not less than eight feet high; provided, however, that motor vehicles necessary to the operation of the principal use and of not more than three-quarter-ton capacity may be stored within the permitted parking lot areas.
- (3) Screening. All principal, accessory, and conditional uses, except business signs, which are situated within 50 feet of a residential district, shall be screened and buffered from the district by a separation of open space which shall have a minimum depth of 30 feet and shall include a required fence or vegetative screening of not less than 90% opacity and not less than eight feet in height above the level of the residential district property at the district boundary. Walls or fences of lesser heights or planting screens may be permitted by the Planning and Zoning Commission if there is a finding that the nature or extent of the use being screened is such that a lesser degree of screening will as adequately promote and protect the use and enjoyment of the properties within the adjacent residential district, or there is a finding that a screening of the type required by this chapter would interfere with the provision of adequate amounts of light and air to those properties. Loading docks in the M-1 District shall be screened so as not to be visible from any public street right-of-way within a residential district. All required screening devices shall be designed so that they are architecturally harmonious with the principal structures on the site and they shall be properly maintained so as not to become unsightly, hazardous, or less opaque than when originally constructed.

(G) General regulations. Additional regulations applicable to the M-1 District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050. (1985 Code, § 11.09) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.027 M-2 MINING AND RELATED ACTIVITIES DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. It is the purpose of the M-2 Mining and Related Activities District to create industrial areas to accommodate a wide variety of industrial establishments which may operate to their maximum advantage without adversely affecting other nearby similar or dissimilar uses and activities.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within an M-2 District, unless elsewhere provided by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except for the following:
 - (1) Any use permitted in the M-1 District;
 - (2) Mining and related activities; and
- (3) Any industrial use which is not specifically prohibited herein, or any industrial use not listed as a conditional use herein below, may be permitted.
- (C) *Accessory uses*. The following uses shall be permitted accessory uses within an M-2 District: accessory uses as listed in the M-1 District.
 - (D) Uses by conditional use permit.
- (1) Buildings or land may be used for the following if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106.
- (2) The following uses may only be authorized as a conditional use by the Planning and Zoning Commission if located at least 400 feet from any residential district, and if the location of the use has been approved by the Council after receiving reports from the Fire Chief, the Planning and Zoning Commission, and the State Pollution Control Agency:
 - (a) Acid manufacture;
 - (b) Cement or lime manufacture;
 - (c) Distillation of coal or wood;
- (d) Explosive manufacture or storage, if located at least 2,000 feet from a residential district;
 - (e) Fertilizer manufacture;

- (f) Garbage, reduction, or dumping;
- (g) Smelting of tin, copper, zinc, or iron ores;
- (h) Manufacture of paint products and paper pulp; and
- (i) Any other use which, in the opinion of the Commission, is of similar character to those hereinbefore described.
- (E) *Height, yard setbacks, and lot coverage requirements*. Building height, lot area, bulk, and yard setback requirements shall be those stated in Appendix A of this chapter.
 - (F) Special District provisions.
- (1) All future mining operations located within 200 feet of state highways and located within 300 feet of any residential district shall provide a suitable landscape buffer, to be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission, between these uses. It shall be the mining operations owner's responsibility to see that the buffer areas are maintained in a well-kept condition.
- (2) Additional regulations applicable to the M-2 District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050. (1985 Code, § 11.10) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.028 P PUBLIC RECREATION AND FOREST RESERVE DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. The P Public Recreation and Forest Reserve District is intended to recognize and protect those areas within the city which are best suited for active and passive recreation and which will effectively contribute to the development and community growth pattern as proposed in the Comprehensive Land Use Plan.
- (B) *Principal uses*. Within a P District, unless otherwise provided by this chapter, no uses are permitted, except for the following:
 - (1) Public parks and playgrounds owned or operated by government agencies;
 - (2) Undeveloped forest reserves (passive recreation only);
- (3) Public swimming pool, public community center, and cultural or historical structures and areas;
 - (4) Public shoreline frontage and landing docks;

- (5) Public trail areas, community campgrounds, and general recreation areas under public ownership; and
- (6) Public tennis courts, archery ranges, and similar facilities not operated for commercial purposes.
 - (C) Accessory uses. The following uses shall be permitted accessory uses within a P District:
 - (1) Uses customarily incidental to the uses listed in divisions (B) and (D) of this section;
 - (2) Off-street parking, as regulated in § 152.050; and
 - (3) Signs, as regulated in § 152.049.
- (D) *Uses by conditional use permit*. Buildings or land may be used for the following, if granted a conditional use permit, as provided in §§ 152.105 and 152.106:
- (1) Public utility and service buildings and structures of an essential nature, except those normally considered industrial in use;
 - (2) Uses of the same general character as those listed in division (B) above;
 - (3) Nurseries, tree farms, and agricultural farming and grazing;
 - (4) Farm drainage systems, flood control and watershed structures, and erosion controls;
 - (5) Churches, cemeteries, and memorial gardens;
 - (6) One-family non-farm dwelling, but not including residential subdivision developments; and
 - (7) Animal care facilities (stables, kennels, training runs, and the like).
 - (E) Special district provisions.
- (1) Location near body of water. No structure designed for habitation shall be located closer than 100 feet to the normal high-water mark of any stream, river, lake, or body of water.
 - (2) Topography.
- (a) The cutting or disturbance in other manner of natural forest ecology shall be restricted within a reasonable area paralleling the shoreline of any recreational trail. A length of this area may be clear cut to allow a view corridor to water. However, any cutting shall leave sufficient cover to screen cars, dwellings, and other structure, except boathouses and docks, from view from the shoreline or trail.

- (b) Natural shrubbery shall be preserved as far as practicable. Where removal is necessary for construction of any structure or use except permitted principal uses, shrubbery must be replaced with other vegetation which is equally suitable in retarding surface runoff and soil erosion.
- (c) No structure shall be placed in any area which will require grading and/or filling which will result in impairment of public waters by reason of erosion and sedimentation, exceed provisions of statewide standards for management of flood plain areas, or result in impairment of fish and aquatic life.
- (F) *Height, yard setback, and lot coverage requirements*. The height, yard setback, and lot coverage requirements for the P District shall be those stated in Appendix A of this chapter.
- (G) General regulations. Additional regulations applicable in the P District are set forth in §§ 152.040 through 152.050. (1985 Code, § 11.11)

§ 152.029 FZ FLOATING ZONE DISTRICT.

- (A) *Purpose*. Within the FZ Floating Zone District, a prospective developer shall choose a site and present a project development plan for the site to the city indicating that the standards for the proposed district as stated in this chapter have been complied with. The Planning and Zoning Commission and the Council must determine that the development proposed has merit and that the proposed location of the development is appropriate. Upon acceptance of the proposed project, this chapter shall then be amended consistent with the project; the amendment may include all or a portion of the Floating Zone.
- (B) *Permitted uses*. Within the FZ District, unless otherwise provided in this chapter, no uses are permitted, except for the following:
 - (1) Permitted uses within the R-1 District;
 - (2) Permitted uses within the R-2 District;
 - (3) Permitted uses within the C Commercial District; and
- (4) Permitted uses within the M-1 District. (1985 Code, § 11.115) (Ord. passed 9-17-1985) Penalty, see § 10.99

GENERAL ZONING REGULATIONS

§ 152.040 SCOPE.

- (A) Except as may otherwise be provided in §§ 152.085 through 152.092, no building shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, moved, structurally altered, or used, except for a use permitted in the district in which the buildings, uses, or land shall be located.
- (B) No application for a building permit or other permit or license, or for a certificate of zoning compliance shall be approved by the Zoning Administrator and no permit or license shall be issued by any other city department which would authorize the use or change in use of any land or building contrary to the provisions of this chapter, or the erection, moving, alteration, enlargement, or occupancy of any building designed or intended to be used for a purpose or in a manner contrary to the provisions of this chapter.
- (C) No lot area shall be so reduced or diminished that the yards or other open spaces shall be smaller than prescribed by this chapter, nor shall the density of population be increased in any manner except in conformity with the area regulations as hereinafter provided, nor shall the area of any newly platted lot be reduced below the minimum requirements herein established. (1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.041 ERECTION OF MORE THAN ONE PRINCIPAL STRUCTURE ON A LOT.

In any district, more than one structure housing a permitted or permissible principal use may be erected on a single lot, provided that yard and other requirements of this chapter shall be met for each structure as though it were on an individual lot.

(1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.042 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS.

- (A) In case an accessory building is attached to the main building, it shall be made structurally a part of the main building and shall comply in all respects with the requirements of this chapter applicable to the main building. An accessory building, unless attached to and made a part of the main building, shall not be closer than five feet to the main building.
- (B) A detached accessory building shall not be located in any required front yard, except where the front yard lies between the building line and the shoreline in which case the arrangement may be permitted.

(C) A detached accessory building not exceeding 15 feet in height shall occupy not more than 30% of the area of any side or rear yard, providing further that no detached accessory building shall be closer than 20 feet to any rear lot line, nor closer than five feet to any side property line, nor closer than 60 feet to the front property line, where an alley exists an accessory building may be located no closer than five feet to the outer alley line and access to those structures shall be limited to the alley. (1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.043 HEIGHT REGULATIONS.

- (A) Where the average slope of a lot is greater than one foot rise or fall in seven feet of horizontal distance from the established street elevation at the property line, one story in addition to the number permitted in the district in which the lot is situated shall be permitted on the downhill side of any building.
- (B) Height limitations set forth elsewhere in this chapter may be increased by 100% when applied to the following: chimneys, cooling towers, elevator bulkheads, fire towers, monuments, water towers, stacks, lookout towers, storage lofts, tanks, ornamental towers and spires, wireless towers, or necessary mechanical appurtenances usually required to be placed above the roof level and not intended for human occupancy.

(1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.044 YARD REGULATIONS.

- (A) The following requirements qualify or supplement, as the case may be, the district regulations appearing elsewhere in this chapter.
- (B) Measurements shall be taken from the nearest point of the wall of a building to the lot line question, subject to the following qualifications.
- (1) The ordinary projections of window wells, sills, belt courses, cornices, and ornamental features may extend to a distance not to exceed 18 inches.
- (2) Open or lattice-enclosed fire escapes, fireproof outside stairways, and balconies opening upon fire towers projecting into a yard not more than two feet or into a court not more than three and one-half feet shall be permitted, where the same are to be so placed as not to obstruct light and ventilation.
- (3) A yard or other open space provided about any building for the purpose of complying with the provisions of this chapter shall not again be used as a yard or other open space for another building.
- (4) The setback requirements shall be observed on each street side of a corner lot; provided, however, that the buildable width of a lot shall not be reduced to less than 30 feet.

- (5) The following shall not be considered to be obstructions when located in the required yards specified:
 - (a) In front yards.
- 1. A landing, patio, or uncovered porch may extend into the required front yard to a distance net exceeding ten feet, if the landing, patio, or porch has its floor no higher than the entrance floor of the building.
- 2. The required front yard of a corner lot shall not contain any wall, fence, or other structure, tree, shrub, or other growth which may cause danger to traffic on a street or public road by obscuring the view.
 - 3. On double frontage lots, the required front yard shall be provided on both streets.
- 4. Filling station pumps and pump islands may be located within required yards; provided they are not less than 15 feet from any street line and not less than 50 feet from any residential boundary.
- 5. Air conditioning units, excluding window units, shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from all lot lines, but not within the front yard.
- (b) *In side yards*. Where dwelling units are erected above commercial establishments, no side yard is required except when required for the commercial building on the side of a lot adjoining a residential district; and
- (c) *In rear yards*. Open or lattice-enclosed fire escapes, outside stairways and balconies opening upon fire towers, and the ordinary projections of chimneys and flues into a rear yard may project for a distance not to exceed five feet when these are so placed as not to obstruct light and ventilation.

(1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.045 VISION CLEARANCE.

(A) Fences and walls in front yard. In any residence zone on any corner lot, no fence or accessory structure or planting shall rise over two and one-half feet in height above the level of the public sidewalk within 20 feet of any corner, so as to interfere with traffic visibility across the corner. No fence or wall or shrub planting of more than two and one-half feet in height above the level of the public sidewalk shall be erected on any interior lot within ten feet of the front property line where it will interfere with traffic visibility from a driveway.

(B) Fences in side and rear yards. No fence or wall, other than a retaining wail, along a side line of a lot in residence zone, shall be higher than six feet unless any part above such a height has at least 50% of the surface uniformly open and unobstructed, unless the adjoining lot is not in a residential zone. (1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.046 STREET CLOSURE.

Whenever any street, alley, or other public way is vacated by official action of the city, the zoning district adjoining each side of the street, alley, or public way shall be automatically extended to the center of the vacation, and all area included in the vacation shall then and henceforth be subject to all appropriate regulations of the extended districts.

(1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.047 AREAS UNDER WATER.

All areas within the corporate limits of the city which are under water and not shown as included within any zone shall be subject to all of the regulations of the zone which immediately adjoins the water area. If the water area adjoins two or more zones, the boundaries of each zone shall be construed to extend into the water area in a straight line until they meet the other district at a half-way point. (1985 Code, § 11.13)

§ 152.048 STRUCTURES TO HAVE ACCESS.

No building may be erected without having public street frontage or with access to an approved private street.

(1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.049 SIGN REGULATIONS.

All signs hereafter erected or maintained, except official, public traffic, and street signs, shall conform with the provisions of this section and other code provisions or regulations.

- (A) *General provisions for all districts*. The following regulations shall apply to all signs hereafter permitted in all districts.
 - (1) Signs shall not be permitted within the public right-of-way or easements.
 - (2) Flashing or rotating signs shall not be permitted in any district.

- (3) No sign shall be placed that resembles any official marker erected by a governmental agency or displaying the words as "stop" or "danger."
- (4) No sign shall be permitted to obstruct any window, door, fire escape, stairway, or opening intended to provide light, air, or access to any building or structure.
- (5) Upon notification by the Planning and Zoning Commission or the Zoning Administrator that a sign is rotted, unsafe, or unsightly, the owner of the sign or owner of property thereunder shall remove or repair same.
- (6) The owner, lessee, or manager of any ground sign and the owner of the land on which the same is located shall keep grass or weeds and other growth cut and debris and rubbish cleaned up and removed from the lot on which a sign is located.
- (7) Political signs may be permitted for a period of not more than 30 days before and ten days after an election.

(B) Signs in R-1 and R-2 Districts.

- (1) A name plate sign identifying the owner or occupant of a building or dwelling unit, provided the sign does not exceed two square feet in surface area, except that signs with maximum surface area of four square feet may be allowed for a home occupation or business. The signs shall not be illuminated;
- (2) A sign pertaining to the lease or sale of the building or property, provided the sign does not exceed four square feet in surface area. The signs shall not be illuminated;
- (3) A temporary sign identifying an engineer, architect, contractor, or product engaged in or used in the construction of a building, provided the sign does not exceed 24 square feet in surface area and is removed prior to the occupancy of the building. The sign shall not be illuminated;
- (4) One identification sign not to exceed 24 square feet in surface area displaying directional information for churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, clubs, libraries, or similar use. The signs may be illuminated;
- (5) Directional, unilluminated signs not exceeding two square feet in surface area displaying directional information for churches, schools, hospitals, nursing homes, clubs, libraries, or similar uses excluding office or commercial establishments, provided that each use shall be limited to one such per thorough fare approach; and
- (6) Public street identification signs, traffic signs, and directional signs in any parking area where the signs are necessary for the orderly movement of traffic.

- (C) Signs in C, M-1, and M-2 Districts. Signs may be erected in commercial and industrial districts, subject to the following provisions.
- (1) The total surface area of all business signs on a lot shall not exceed two square feet per lineal foot of lot frontage or 10% of the building frontage area, or 75 square feet in area, whichever is greater. Signs may be illuminated.
- (2) Advertising sign structures shall be limited to one for a lot of 100-foot frontage or less and to only one for each additional 100 feet of additional lot frontage. The signs shall be permitted only in the M-2 District.
- (3) The advertising structure may not contain more than two signs per facing, not exceeding 55 feet in total length.
 - (4) No advertising sign may be erected within 50 feet of an adjoining residential district.
- (5) For corner lots, the frontage used to determine allowable sign area shall be the least dimension along a street, but an equivalent sign area shall be allowed facing the intersecting street.
- (6) No sign shall project higher than ten feet above the height of the building, or 32 feet above the average grade of the building line, whichever is greater.
- (7) Signs painted on a building shall be governed by the square footage limitations specified above. The signs shall be maintained in good condition and shall be repainted, removed, or painted out when, in the opinion of the Planning and Zoning Commission and/or Zoning Administrator, they are not so maintained.
- (8) Where a sign is illuminated, the source of light shall not be visible from any public right-of-way, and the light shall be directed away from any residential district. The sign may not project more than five feet from the building line nor closer than 12 feet to ground level.
- (D) Signs in the P Public Recreation and Forest Reserve District. Signs may be erected in P Districts only in such manner as described below.
- (1) One identification sign not to exceed 24 square feet in surface area displaying directional or identifying information for public noncommercial recreational facilities such as parks, trails, pools, community centers, and the like. The signs shall not be illuminated;
- (2) Directional unilluminated signs, not exceeding two square feet in surface area displaying directional information for public facilities, provided that each use shall be limited to one sign per thoroughfare approach; and

(3) Public street identification signs, traffic signs, and directional signs in any parking area where the signs are necessary for the orderly movement of traffic. (1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.050 OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING; UNLOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS.

- (A) *Parking space requirements*. The required parking and loading spaces shall be provided on the premises of each use. Each parking space shall contain a minimum area of not less than 300 square feet, including access drives, and a width of not less than nine feet, and a depth of not less than 20 feet. The minimum number of required off-street parking spaces for various uses shall be as follows:
 - (1) Dwelling units three stories or less: one parking space for each unit;
 - (2) Multiple dwelling over three stories: two parking spaces for each dwelling unit;
 - (3) Mobile home park: refer to § 152.023;
 - (4) Motel or motor hotel: one and one-half parking spaces for each rental room or suite;
- (5) Churches: one parking space for each eight seats, based on the design capacity of the main seating area;
 - (6) Elementary school or junior high school: two parking spaces for each classroom;
 - (7) Senior high school: three parking spaces for each classroom;
- (8) Public administration buildings, community center, public library, museum, art galleries, post office, and other public service buildings: ten parking spaces plus one additional space for each 500 square feet of floor area in the principal structure;
- (9) Assembly or exhibition hall, armory, auditorium, theater, or sports arena: one parking space for each four seats, based upon design capacity;
- (10) Golf course, golf clubhouse, country club, swimming club, tennis club, and public swimming pool: 36 spaces, plus one space for each 500 square feet of floor area in the principal structure;
- (11) Hospitals: one parking space for each three beds; convalescent or nursing home, one parking space for each four beds;
- (12) Automobile service station: four parking spaces plus two parking spaces for each service stall. The parking spaces shall be in addition to gas pump service area;

- (13) Drive-in restaurant: twenty parking spaces or one space for each 20 square feet of floor area, whichever is greater;
- (14) Restaurant, café, night club, tavern, or bar: one parking space for each 100 square feet of floor area;
 - (15) Bowling alley: five parking spaces for each bowling lane;
 - (16) Office building: three parking spaces for each 500 square feet of floor area;
- (17) Retail stores and service establishments: one parking space for each 100 square feet of floor area;
- (18) Auto sales, trailer sales, marine and boat sales, implement sales, garden supply store, building materials sales, and auto repair: one parking space for each 500 square feet of floor area;
- (19) Shopping center: where several business uses are grouped together according to a general development plan, on-site automobile parking shall be provided in a ratio of not less than three square feet of gross parking area for each one square foot of gross floor area; separate on-site space shall be provided for loading and unloading;
- (20) Storage, wholesale, or warehouse establishments: one parking space for each two employees on the major shift or one space for each 2,000 square feet of floor area, whichever is greater, plus one space for each company motor vehicle when customarily kept on the premises; and
- (21) Manufacturing or industrial plant, research or testing laboratory, warehouse, or similar establishment: one parking space for each two employees on the major shift, but no less than one space for every 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.
 - (B) Off-street loading design and maintenance.
- (1) *Location*. All required loading and unloading into or out of trucks in excess of three-fourths-ton capacity, or railroad cars, shall be conducted at facilities specifically designed or designated for that purpose. These facilities shall be located upon the zoning lot of the principal use requiring them. All berths beyond one shall be separate from areas used for off-street parking.
- (2) *Access*. Each required off-street loading berth shall be so designed as to avoid undue interference with other vehicular or rail access or use of public streets, alleys, or other transport system.
- (3) *Surfacing*. All off-street loading facilities, including loading berths and maneuvering areas, shall be surfaced with a hard, all-weather, dust-free durable surfacing material and shall be well drained and landscaped and shall be maintained in a sightly and well-kept condition.

- (4) Landscaping and screening. All berths shall be screened from view from the property street frontage and/or from the zoning district boundary when the adjacent property or property across the street frontage or side street frontage is zoned or used for residential purposes. The screening shall be accomplished by a solid wall not less than eight feet in height and shall be so designed as to be architecturally harmonious with the principal structure. Screen planting may be substituted for the prescribed wall, however, the plantings must not be less than two and one-half inches in diameter and of the type as to permit a minimum of 90% opacity during all months of the year.
- (5) *Design*. Fifty percent of the required number of truck berths shall be 50 feet in length, 12 feet in width, and 15 feet in height. All loading areas shall consist of a maneuvering area in addition to the berth and shall not use any of that portion of the site containing parking stalls. Maneuvering areas shall be of the size as to permit the backing of truck tractors and coupled trailers into a berth, without blocking the use of other berths or drive or maneuvering areas.

(6) Required loading areas.

- (a) Space for loading and unloading of goods, supplies, and services shall be provided in addition to required off-street parking spaces and shall be sufficient to meet the requirements of each use.
 - (b) The following uses shall observe required loading and unloading spaces as indicated:
- 1. Motels, hotels, lodging and rooming houses, private clubs and lodges: one for each structure over 20,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 2. Light and heavy commercial uses except where otherwise specified: one space for the first 10,000 square feet of gross floor area and one space for each additional 50,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 3. Auditorium, stadium, gymnasium, community centers, and religious institutions and schools (private and public): one for each structure over 100,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 4. Office building and professional offices (other than doctor and dentist) banks: one space for buildings between 30,000 and 100,000 square feet of gross floor area and one space for each additional 100,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 5. Restaurants and other food-dispensing establishments, except drive-in restaurants: one for each structure with over 10,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 6. Furniture, automobile, and boat sales and appliance sales: one space plus one additional space for each 25,000 square feet of gross floor area;
- 7. Hospitals, rest homes, nursing homes, and the like: one space plus one additional space for each 25,000 square feet of gross floor area;

- 8. Bowling alleys: one space for each structure over 20,000 square feet of gross floor area; and
- 9. Manufacturing and resea experimental or testing stations: one space for each 50,000 square feet of gross floor area. (1985 Code, § 11.13) Penalty, see § 10.99

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS

§ 152.065 PURPOSE AND INTENT.

This subchapter is adopted for the purposes of:

- (A) Recognizing the economic and cultural advantages that will accrue to the residents of a planned community;
- (B) Providing an optional procedure for an area where designation of a single use zoning district and/or application of standard zoning requirements may be too rigid for practical application; and
- (C) Encouraging the use of contemporary land planning principles and coordinated community design.

(Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

§ 152.066 DEFINITIONS.

- (A) *Generally*. The language set forth in the text of this subchapter shall be interpreted in accordance with the following.
 - (B) *Specifically*.
- (1) This subchapter shall have no effect upon other developments or district requirements as set forth in this chapter.
 - (2) The minimum area required for a planned unit development (PUD) shall be one acre.
- (3) Planned unit developments shall be excluded from requirements of this chapter and specifically approved as a PUD. The exclusions shall only be granted for the purpose of creating better overall design and an improved living environment and not solely for the economic advantage of the developer.

- (4) The granting of a PUD permit does not alter in any manner the existing zoning district classification, except that building permits shall not be issued which are not in conformity with the approved PUD permit unless it is amended, cancelled, or modified by other provisions of this subchapter.
- (5) Wherever a question arises concerning the interpretation of any provision of this subchapter, it shall be the duty of the Planning and Zoning Commission and the City Attorney to ascertain all facts and forward a recommendation to the Council for a determination. (Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

§ 152.067 PROCEDURE.

- (A) *Generally*. The procedures for obtaining approval of the preliminary development plan of a PUD shall be as follows.
 - (B) Specifically.
- (1) *Preliminary discussion*. Prior to filing a petition, any person may request a meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission or City Engineer to discuss the feasibility of a PUD.
- (2) *Petition*. The petition for a PUD shall be on a form provided by the city and shall include all of the following information:
 - (a) Signature(s) of owner(s) and developer(s);
 - (b) All data normally required by the city for rezoning application; and
- (c) All information and plans comprising a preliminary development plan, as described herein.
- (3) *Processing of petition*. The petition for a preliminary development plan of a PUD shall be processed by the city in the same manner in which rezoning petitions are processed as described in this chapter.
- (4) *Fees*. The fee for a PUD shall be the same as the fee charged for a rezoning. (Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

§ 152.068 PRELIMINARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

(A) Generally. The preliminary development plan of a PUD shall include the following information.

(B) Specifically.

- (1) An overall plan indicating the proposed use of all areas of the site, including the density, type, and number of stories of all dwelling units, size and use of proposed commercial areas, recreation areas, walkway locations, public streets, and similar features;
- (2) A staging plan indicating the proposed sequence and timing of development of all areas of the site. This shall include number of dwelling units, commercial structures, public streets, utilities, and recreation areas; and
- (3) A detailed plan of first phase development including buildings, parking areas, driveways, and similar detail, on a site plan and including architectural elevation drawings of all buildings. (Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

§ 152.069 FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

- (A) The final development plan may be approved in phases along with the progression of development. The final development plan shall be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission with final determination by the Council. A public hearing shall not be required provided the final development plan is in substantial conformance with the preliminary plan. Any major change as determined by the Council shall require a public hearing.
 - (B) The final development plan for a phase of development shall include the following:
 - (1) A final plat, if required, adopted in accordance with this chapter;
- (2) A final site plan showing all structures, parking areas, driveways, recreational improvements, walkways, and similar detail on a scaled and dimensioned drawing;
- (3) A landscape plan showing the location, species, and size of all plant materials. Landscape information shall be located on a grading plan;
- (4) A utility plan showing the location and size of all utilities and easements. The utility plan shall include sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer and drainage, electricity, and gas (these may be omitted if plan is required for PUD);
- (5) Building plans shall be submitted in detail and in accordance with the State Building Code; and

(6) Covenants, agreements, or contracts governing the use of maintenance of the development shall be filed with the city. Where the information is lacking, the city may require a bond or similar guarantee to ensure that areas held common by persons residing in the development will be developed and maintained.

(Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

§ 152.070 GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (A) Residential unit densities shall be determined as a part of the approval of the PUD.
- (1) Final determination on density shall be made when the final development plan for each phase is approved.
- (2) In determining densities, the city shall be guided by the City Comprehensive Plan, this chapter, the proposed PUD, the zoning of the property and adjoining area, and similar planning information.
- (B) Uses approved and permitted under a PUD shall only include uses permitted in residential districts in the city and those commercial uses specifically approved as a part of the approval of a PUD.
- (C) Upon approval of a preliminary development plan, a PUD may not be altered, revised, or withdrawn without the approval of the Council. The approval shall have the same effect as the zoning of the property.
- (D) All approved preliminary development plans shall be so designated on the Official Zoning Map as it is revised from time to time.
- (1) The map shall be related by number of other means to an approved preliminary or final development plan of a PUD on file with the city.
 - (2) The plans shall be available for the general public to review.
- (E) Enforcement of the provisions of this subchapter shall be the same as for other provisions in this chapter.

(Ord. passed 4-24-2001)

NONCONFORMING USES

§ 152.085 NONCONFORMING SIGNS.

- (A) Signs existing on the effective date of this chapter which do not conform to the regulations set forth in this chapter shall become a nonconforming use and shall be discontinued within a reasonable period of amortization of the sign; uses of signs which become nonconforming by reason of a subsequent change in this chapter shall also be discontinued within a reasonable period of amortization of the sign. The period of amortization for signs shall not be more than:
 - (1) Advertising signs: three years from the effective date of this chapter; and
 - (2) Business signs: five years from the effective date of this chapter.
- (B) Business signs on the premises of a nonconforming building or use may be continued, but the signs shall not be increased in number, area, height, or illumination. New signs not to exceed 35 square feet in aggregate sign area may be erected only upon the complete removal of all other signs existing at the time of the adoption of this chapter. The signs may be illuminated, but no flashing, rotating, or moving signs shall be permitted.
- (C) No sign erected before the passage of this chapter shall be rebuilt, altered substantially, or moved to a new location without being brought into compliance with the requirements of this chapter. Advertising messages, identification, or information content on sign facings are excluded from this provision.

(1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.086 NONCONFORMING JUNK YARDS.

No junk yard may continue as a nonconforming use for more than two years after the effective date of this chapter, except that a junk yard may continue as a nonconforming use in a commercial or industrial district if, within that period, it is completely enclosed within a building, fence, screen planting, or other device of the height and density as to screen completely the operations of the junk yard. Plans of such a building or device shall be approved by the Planning and Zoning Commission and the Council before it is erected or put into place. (1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.087 DISCONTINUANCE.

(A) In the event that a nonconforming use of any building or premises is discontinued or its normal

operation stopped for a period of one year, the use of the same shall thereafter conform to the regulations of the district in which it is located.

(B) In the event that the use of a nonconforming advertising sign structure is discontinued or its normal operation stopped for a period of six months, the structure shall be removed by the owner or lessor at the request of the Council.

(1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.088 ALTERATIONS.

The lawful use of a building existing at the time of the adoption of this chapter may be continued, although the use does not conform with the provisions hereof. If no structural alterations are made, a nonconforming use of a building may be changed to another nonconforming use of the same or more restricted classification. The foregoing provisions shall also apply to nonconforming uses in districts hereafter changed. Whenever a nonconforming use of a building has been changed to a more restricted use or to a conforming use, the use shall not thereafter be changed to a less restricted or less conforming use.

(1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.089 RESIDENTIAL ALTERATIONS.

Alterations may be made to a residential building containing nonconforming residential units when they will improve the livability of the units; provided, however, that they do not increase the number of dwelling units in the building.

(1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.090 RESTORATION.

No building which has been damaged to the extent of more than 50% of its reproduction value shall be restored, except in conformity with the regulations of this chapter. This limitation on restoration shall not apply to the restoration of residential homes in a C District, R-l District or R-2 District, and the city shall allow the reconstruction of existing nonconforming residential structures in a C District, R-l District and R-2 District on the same footprint.

(1985 Code, § 11.14) (Ord. 2005-1, passed 4-26-2005; Ord. 2015-01, passed 2-24-2015) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.091 NORMAL MAINTENANCE.

Maintenance of a building or other structure containing or used by a nonconforming use will be permitted when it includes necessary, nonstructural repairs and incidental alterations which do not extend or intensify the nonconforming building or use. Nothing in this chapter shall prevent the placing of a structure in safe condition when the structure is declared unsafe by the Zoning Administrator. (1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.092 NONCONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD.

- (A) In any district in which single-family dwellings are permitted, notwithstanding limitations imposed by other provisions of this chapter, a single-family dwelling and customary accessory buildings may be erected on any undeveloped single lot of record at the effective date of adoption or amendment of this chapter. The lot must be in separate ownership and not of continuous frontage with other lots in the same ownership. This provision shall apply even though the lot fails to meet the requirements for area or width, or both, that are generally applicable in the district, provided that yard dimensions and other requirements not involving area or width, or both, of lot shall conform to the regulations for the district in which the lot is located. Variance of lot coverage and/or yard requirements shall be obtained only through action of the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (B) If two or more lots or combinations of lots and portions of lots and portions of lots with continuous frontage in single ownership are of record at the time of passage or amendment of this chapter, and if all or part of the lots do not meet the requirements for lot width and area as established by this chapter, the lands involved shall be considered to be an undivided parcel for the purposes of this chapter, and no portion of the parcel shall be used or sold which does not meet lot and width and area requirements established by this chapter, nor shall any division of the parcel be made which leaves remaining any lot with width or area less than the requirements stated in this chapter.

 (1985 Code, § 11.14) Penalty, see § 10.99

CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

§ 152.105 APPLICATION.

Application for the issuance of a conditional use permit shall be made to the Planning and Zoning Commission. Any proceedings to classify certain uses as conforming uses as provided in this section may be initiated either by application or by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Planning and Zoning Commission may hold any hearings on the proposal to issue a conditional use permit as it may consider necessary; but at least one public hearing shall be held on any application for a use permit. Notice shall be given not more than 30 days nor less than ten days in advance of the hearings, by publishing pertinent data regarding the amendment at least once in the official newspaper, and by notifying by mail at least ten days prior to the meeting the property owners of and within 300 feet of the subject property. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall make a report to the Council upon any application for conditional permit and shall recommend to the Council whatever action it deems advisable; but it shall not recommend the granting of a permit unless special circumstances or conditions applying to the building or land in question are peculiar to the property. Also, the granting of the permit will not impair the health, safety, morals, comfort, convenience, or welfare of the persons residing or

working in the neighborhood of the use, or the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood. It may designate conditions and require guarantees in the granting of use permits in the manner provided in § 152.122, for the granting of adjustments. Upon receipt of the report of the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Council may hold whatever public hearing it deems advisable and shall make a decision upon the proposal to grant a use permit. (1985 Code, § 11.15)

§ 152.106 CONFORMANCE.

Any use permitted under the terms of any conditional use permit shall be established and conducted in conformity to the terms of the permit and of any conditions designated in connection therewith. (1985 Code, § 11.15)

ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

§ 152.120 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

- (A) The Mayor and Council are hereby authorized and directed to enforce all the provisions of this chapter. They may delegate the enforcement of this chapter to any administrative official of the city, and supporting staff if deemed necessary, who shall be directly under the control of the Mayor and Council, and shall be known as the Zoning Administrator. At its first regular meeting in January each year, the City Council shall appoint the Zoning Administrator for the calendar year. The Zoning Administrator may be removed at any time by an affirmative vote of the majority of the City Council. He or she shall submit his or her resignation in writing to the City Council.
 - (B) The Zoning Administrator shall perform the following duties:
- (1) Examine all applications pertaining to use of land, buildings, or structures, and approve same when the application conforms with the provisions of this chapter;
- (2) Periodically inspect buildings, structures, and uses of land to determine compliance with the terms of this chapter. In regard to performance standards, the Zoning Administrator may require the services of a testing laboratory to determine compliance. The cost of employing the laboratory shall be paid for by the owner if a violation of this chapter is established, otherwise by the city;
- (3) Notify, in writing, any person responsible for violating a provision of this chapter, indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it;

- (4) Order discontinuance of illegal use of land, buildings, or structures; order removal of illegal buildings, structures, additions, or alterations; order discontinuance of illegal work being done; or take any action authorized by this chapter to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of its provisions;
- (5) Maintain permanent and current records of this chapter, including all maps, amendments, and variances;
- (6) Maintain a current file of all permits, all certificates, and all copies of notices of violation, use, discontinuance, or nonconforming uses for the time as necessary to ensure a continuous compliance with the provisions of this chapter and, on request, provide information to any person having a proprietary or tenancy interest in any specific property; and
- (7) Provide technical assistance to the Council and Planning and Zoning Commission meetings as an ex officio member.

(1985 Code, § 11.16) (Ord. passed 11-18-2003)

§ 152.121 BUILDING AND USE PERMITS.

- (A) Generally. Except as hereinafter provided, no person shall construct, erect, alter, wreck, or move any building or structure or parts thereof within the corporate limits without first securing a building permit from the city. It shall not be necessary to secure a building permit in order to alter, repair, or otherwise change the interior of any residential building provided the proposed alteration, repair, or change will not affect the exterior dimensions of the building or change the existing use and occupancy thereof.
- (B) *Application*. Application for a building permit shall be made to the Zoning Administrator on blank forms to be furnished by the City Clerk-Treasurer. Each application for a permit to construct or alter a building shall be accompanied by a plan drawn to scale showing the dimensions of the lot to be built upon and the size and location of the building and accessory buildings to be erected. Applications shall contain any other information as may be deemed necessary for the proper enforcement of this chapter or any code provision.
- (C) *Fees*. The fee for a building permit shall be determined by the Council, and may be revised from time to time.
- (D) *Issuance*. The Zoning Administrator shall issue the building permit only after determining that the building plans, together with the application, comply with the terms of this chapter.
 - (E) Certificate of zoning compliance.
- (1) A certificate of zoning compliance shall be obtained before any building hereafter erected or structurally altered is occupied or the use of any such building is altered.

- (2) Application for a certificate of zoning compliance for a new building or for an existing building which has been altered shall be made to the Zoning Administrator as part of the application for a building permit as required by division (B) above.
- (3) Every certificate of zoning compliance shall state that the building or proposed use of a building or land complies with all provisions of law and this chapter. A record of all certificates of zoning compliance shall be kept on file in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, and copies shall be furnished on request to any person having a proprietary or tenancy interest in the building or land affected.

(1985 Code, § 11.17) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.122 VARIANCES AND APPEALS.

- (A) *Purpose*. The Planning and Zoning Commission, in each case hereinafter provided, shall have the power to grant adjustments in and exceptions to any of the provisions of this chapter to the extent of the following and no further:
- (1) To hear and decide appeals where it is alleged that there is an error in any order, requirement, decision, or determination made by an administrative officer in the enforcement of this chapter;
- (2) To vary or modify the strict application of any of the regulations or provisions contained in this chapter in cases in which there are practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships in the way of the strict application; and
- (3) To permit the extension of a district where the boundary line thereof divides a lot in one ownership at the time of passage of this chapter.
- (B) Application. Application for any variance permissible under the provisions of this section shall be made to the Zoning Administrator in the form of a written application for a permit to use the property or premises as set forth in the application. An application for an adjustment shall be accompanied by payment of a fee in the amount as may be set by motion or resolution of the Planning and Zoning Commission from time to time in addition to the regular building fee. Upon receipt of any application, the officer shall schedule a hearing at the regular meeting date for a public hearing before the Planning and Zoning Commission on the application. At least ten days before the date of the hearing, a notice of the hearing shall be published once in the official newspaper.
- (C) *Review and decision*. The Commission shall thereupon make its decision upon the application and report its recommendation to the Council within ten days after the hearing. In recommending granting any adjustment or variance under the provision of this section, the Planning and Zoning

Commission shall designate any conditions in connection therewith as will, in its opinion, secure substantially the objectives of the regulation involved; and in recommending denial the Commission shall specify the reasons why the variance cannot be adjusted to meet the purposes of this chapter as to light, air, public health, safety, comfort, convenience, or general welfare.

(D) *Issuance*. No permit shall be issued under the provisions of this section unless and until it is ordered by the Council. The Planning and Zoning Commission shall report its finding with respect thereto and all facts in connection therewith and shall specifically and fully set forth the conditions upon which variance it recommended. Upon receipt of the report, the Council shall by resolution either accept or reject the same and shall either grant or deny the application for permit according to its own determination of the question involved. In all cases in which adjustments or variances are granted under the provision of this section, the Council shall require the evidence and guarantees as it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the conditions designated in connection therewith.

(E) Conditions for issuance.

- (1) The Planning and Zoning Commission shall not recommend the granting of any application, and the Council shall not grant any application unless they find the following facts: that there are special circumstances or unique conditions affecting the land, building, or use referred to in the application; that the granting of the application is necessary for the preservation and enjoyment of substantial property rights; and, that the granting of the application will not materially affect adversely the health or safety of persons residing or working in the neighborhood of the property of the applicant and will not be detrimental to the public welfare or injurious to property or improvements in the neighborhood.
- (2) At the hearing, the applicant shall present a statement and evidence in the form as the Planning and Zoning Commission may require, to show these facts.
- (F) Form of action taken and record thereof. The Planning and Zoning Commission and Council shall provide for a record of their proceedings, which shall include the minutes of their meetings, their findings, and the action taken on each matter heard by them, including final recommendation, decision, and order.
- (G) Appeals from the decision of the Council. Any person or persons, or any board, taxpayer, department, or bureau of the city aggrieved by any decision of the Council, may seek review by a court of record of the decision, in the manner provided by the laws of the state and particularly by M.S. Ch. 462.361, as it may be amended from time to time. (1985 Code, § 11.18)

§ 152.123 AMENDMENTS TO THIS CHAPTER.

- (A) *Purpose*. The Council may on its own motion, or on request of the Planning and Zoning Commission, or on petition or appeal of the affected property owners:
- (1) Transfer land, or a portion thereof, from the district in which it is situated into another district, by amendment to this chapter; and/or
- (2) Change any of the regulations of this chapter as to the use or platting of land in any district, or as to the restrictions upon buildings or structures and their placement herein, by amendment to this chapter. Any action of amending this chapter by the Council shall first be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

(B) Procedure.

- (1) An application for amendment shall be filed with the City Clerk-Treasurer in duplicate, accompanied by a fee as determined by the Planning and Zoning Commission. The Clerk-Treasurer shall forward one copy to the Planning and Zoning Commission.
- (2) The Planning and Zoning Commission shall schedule and give notice of the time and place of a public hearing on the proposed amendment. Notice shall be given not more than 30 days nor less than ten days in advance of the hearings, by publishing pertinent data regarding the amendment at least once in the official newspaper, and by notifying by mail at least ten days prior to the meeting the property owners of and within 300 feet of the subject property. The current City Assessor's tax records shall be deemed sufficient for the location or certification of ownership of the properties. Following the hearing, the Planning and Zoning Commission shall transmit its recommendations on the application to the Council within 30 days. The recommendation shall be in writing.
- (3) The Council, upon receiving reports of the Planning and Zoning Commission, and without further public hearing, may vote upon the adoption of the proposed amendment, or it may refer it back to the Planning and Zoning Commission for further consideration. In considering any amendment, due allowance shall be made for existing conditions, for the conservation of property values, for the direction of building development to the best advantage of the entire city, and for the uses to which the property affected is being devoted at the time; no change shall be effective only if four-fifths of all members of the Council concur in its passage.

(C) *Petition*.

- (1) Give the name or names of petitioner or petitioners, and the petition shall be signed by each of them. The address of each petitioner shall be given;
- (2) Specifically describe the property to be rezoned, and give the names and addresses of all owners of property owned by each;

- (3) State the present zone classification of the area and the proposed zone classification;
- (4) State the present use of each separately owned tract within the area, and the intended use of any tract of land therein, if the petitioners, or any of them, have particular use presently in mind;
- (5) Show how the rezoning will fit in with the general zoning pattern of the neighborhood, and the zoning plan of the entire city;
- (6) Be accompanied by three copies of a map showing the property to be rezoned, and the present zoning of the surrounding area for at least a distance of 500 feet, including the street pattern of the area. The map scale shall be 100 feet to the inch when possible; otherwise at a scale to show with reasonable clarity the subject and adjacent land tracts; and
- (7) In the case of petition to amend the zoning text, both the existing language of this chapter, and the proposed rewording, shall be submitted with reference to the section and division. Reasons for requesting the change shall be clearly stated on the application which accompanies the petition at the time of filing.

(1985 Code, § 11.19)

§ 152.124 ENFORCEMENT AND FEES.

(A) *Enforcement*.

- (1) In case any building or structure is erected, constructed, reconstructed, altered, repaired, converted, or maintained, or any building, structure, or land is used in violation of this chapter, the Zoning Administrator, in addition to other remedies, may institute any proper action or proceedings in the name of the city.
- (2) He or she shall hereby have the powers of a police officer to prevent any unlawful erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration, repair, conversion, maintenance, or use, to restrain, correct, or abate the violations, to prevent the occupancy of the building, structure, or land, or to prevent any illegal act, conduct, business, or use in or about the premises.
- (B) Schedule of fees, charges, and expenses. The Council hereby establishes a schedule of fees and a collection procedure for zoning permits, certificates of zoning compliances, and conditional use permits as required by this chapter. The schedule of fees listed below shall be posted in the office of the City Clerk-Treasurer, and may be altered or amended only by the Council. Permits are not required for remodeling unless the exterior dimensions of a structure are to be altered. No zoning compliance or

conditional use permit shall be issued unless or until the application fees, listed below, shall have been paid in full to the City Clerk-Treasurer, nor shall any action be taken on proceedings before the Planning and Zoning Commission unless or until the following application fees have been paid in full:

Туре	Fee		
Building permit fees	\$20: Misc. project, decks, fences, sheds etc.		
	\$100: Garages		
	\$250: Homes		
	\$500: Commercial projects		
Variance fee	\$100		
Conditional use permit	\$100		
Amendment of ordinance or zoning map fee*	\$250		
*This involves more time for the City Engineer and Attorney			

(1985 Code, § 11.20) (Ord. passed 12-8-2009)

SHORELANDS MANAGEMENT

§ 152.135 SCOPE.

This subchapter is intended to reduce the effects of overcrowding, prevent pollution of waters in the state, provide ample space for sanitary systems and water supplies, minimize flooding problems, maintain property values, and maintain natural characteristics of shorelands, and provide for the sensible utilization of water and land resources in the city. Shorelands management regulations are adopted pursuant to the authority contained in the Laws of Minnesota 1973, Chapter 379, as it may be amended from time to time, and in furtherance of the policies declared in M.S. Ch. 103A, 103B, 103C, 103D, 103E, 103F, 103G, 115, 116, and 462, as they may be amended from time to time. (1985 Code, § 11.21)

§ 152.136 **DEFINITIONS.**

For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

BOATHOUSE. A structure used solely for the storage of boats or boating equipment.

CROWDING POTENTIAL. The ratio of total acreage of a water body to shore miles.

NORMAL HIGH WATER MARK. A mark delineating the highest water level which has been maintained for a sufficient period of time to leave evidence upon the landscape. The **NORMAL HIGH WATER MARK** is commonly that point where the natural vegetation changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial.

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENTS. A tract of land which may be developed as an integral unit, to incorporate a variety of permitted land use, planned and developed as a unit. The **PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT** differs from the traditional subdivision development in that zoning standards such as density, setbacks, height limitations, and lot sizes may be altered between the developer and the Planning and Zoning Commission by agreement for recommendation to the Council. No official action by the Planning and Zoning Commission or Council may be taken until official approval of the development is provided by the State Department of Natural Resources.

SETBACK. The minimum horizontal distance between a structure or sanitary facility and the normal high water mark or between a structure or sanitary facility and a road, highway, or property line.

SHORELAND. Land located within the following distances from water resources: 1,000 feet from the normal high water mark of a lake, pond, or flowage; and 300 feet from a river or stream, or the landward extent of a flood plain designated by ordinance on such a river or stream, whichever is greater. The practical limits of shorelands may be less than the statutory limits whenever the waters involved are bounded by topographic divides which extend landward from the waters for lesser distances and when approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.

WATER RESOURCES. Any waters in the state which serve or could provide beneficial public purpose. No lake, pond, or flowage of less than ten acres in size and no river or stream having a total drainage area less than two square miles shall be considered as WATER RESOURCES. The official size of lakes, ponds, and flowages shall be the areas listed in the Division of Waters, Soils, and Minerals, Bulletin 25, An Inventory of Minnesota Lakes, or in the event that lakes, ponds, or flowages are not listed herein, official determination of size and physical limits shall be made by the Commissioner of Natural Resources in cooperation with municipalities.

(1985 Code, § 11.21)

§ 152.137 GENERAL REGULATIONS.

(A) Land use development of shorelands shall be controlled by means of zoning district classifications and regulations which are to be compatible with the classifications of water resource areas. Zoning regulations shall remain in effect for the management of land, except that shorelands regulations shall control all development within 1,000 feet of the normal high water mark of all lakes, ponds, and flowages and within 300 feet of all rivers and streams.

- (B) Water resources shall be classified by the Commissioner of Natural Resources and established into three categories: natural environment, recreational development, and general development. Classification of water resources in the city shall be in accordance with the provisions of Minnesota Regulations Cons. 1971, as it may be amended from time to time, which identifies: general development as those waters whose shores are presently characterized by industrial, commercial, or high density residential development; recreational development as those waters whose shores are presently characterized by medium density residential development with or without limited service oriented commercial development; and natural environment as those waters whose shores are presently characterized by low density, single-family residential development and those waters whose shores are not yet densely developed shall be classified as either natural environment or recreational development. Any municipality may at any time submit a resolution and supporting data requesting a change in any shoreland management classification of waters within its jurisdiction to the Commissioner for consideration. Official classification of water resources in the city are identified, and shall be referred to in the Official Zoning Map.
- (C) No structure shall be erected in the floodway of a river or stream as defined in M.S. § 103F.111, as it may be amended from time to time. In addition to the setback requirements, shoreland standards shall control placement of structures in relation to high water elevation. When fill is required to meet this elevation, the fill shall be allowed to stabilize to accepted engineering standards before construction is begun. The elevation to which the lowest floor, including basement, shall be determined as follows: for lakes, ponds, flowages, and rivers and streams by an evaluation of available flood information and consistent with *Statewide Standards and Criteria for Management of Flood Plain Areas of Minnesota*, or placing the lowest floor at a level at least three feet above the highest known water level, or where data is insufficient on high water levels, normal high water mark shall be used. (1985 Code, § 11.21) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.138 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT.

(A) *Generally*. In addition to those uses requiring a conditional use permit under the zoning district classification, §§ 152.021 through 152.029, 152.105, and 152.106, the following items shall also require a conditional use permit as they pertain to this section.

(B) Specifically.

- (1) Boathouses may be located a minimum of 25 feet landward of the normal high water mark as a conditional use, provided they are not utilized for habitation and that they contain no sanitary facilities.
- (2) Placement of piers and dock structures shall be controlled by state and city regulations and require a conditional use permit.

- (3) Natural vegetation in shoreland areas shall be preserved insofar as practical and reasonable in order to retard surface runoff and soil erosion. The removal of vegetation shall be controlled by the city, in cooperation with the Department of Natural Resources in accordance with the following criteria:
- (a) Clearcutting shall be prohibited, except as necessary for placing public roads, utilities, structures, and parking areas; and
 - (b) Vegetation shall be restored insofar as feasible after any construction project.
- (4) Grading and filling in shorelands areas or any other substantial alteration of the natural topography shall be controlled by this section.
- (5) Any work which will change or diminish the course, current, or cross-section of any water resource shall be approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources before the work is begun. This includes construction of channels and ditches, lagooning, dredging, of lakes or stream bottom for removal of muck, silt, or weeds, and filling in the lake or stream bed. Approval shall be construed to mean the issuance by the Commissioner of a permit under the procedures of M.S. Ch. 103A through 103G or other applicable statutes, as they may be amended from time to time.
- (6) Excavations on shorelands where the intended purpose is connection to any water resources, such as boat slips, canals, lagoons, and harbors, shall be controlled by the shoreland standards. Permission for the excavations may be given only after the Commissioner of Natural Resources has approved the proposed connection to the water source. Approval shall be construed to mean the issuance by the Commissioner of a permit under the procedures of M.S. § 105.42, as it may be amended from time to time, and other related statutes.

(1985 Code, § 11.21) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.139 PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT.

Zoning standards may be altered, as an exception to this section, to allow for planned unit development, provided:

- (A) Preliminary plans shall be approved by the Commissioner of Natural Resources prior to any approval by the city;
- (B) Central sewage facilities shall be installed which at least meet the applicable standards, criteria, rules, or regulations of the County Health Department, State Department of Health, and the State Pollution Control Agency, or the planned unit development is connected to a city sanitary sewer;
- (C) Open space is preserved. This may be accomplished through the use of restrictive deed covenants, public dedications, or other methods;

- (D) The following factors are carefully evaluated to ensure that the increased density of development is consistent with the resource limitations of the public water:
 - (1) Suitability of the site for the proposed use;
 - (2) Physical and aesthetic impact of increased density;
 - (3) Level of current development;
 - (4) Amount and ownership of undeveloped shoreland;
 - (5) Levels and types of water surface use and public access; and
 - (6) Possible effects on overall public use.
- (E) Any commercial, recreational, community, or religious facility allowed as part of the planned unit development shall conform to all applicable federal and state regulations, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Licensing provisions or procedures;
 - (2) Waste disposal regulations;
 - (3) Water supply regulations;
 - (4) Building codes;
 - (5) Safety regulations;
- (6) Regulations concerning the appropriation and use of public waters, as defined in M.S. Ch. 103A, 103B, 103C, 103B, 103E, 103F, 103G, as they may be amended from time to time; and
 - (7) Applicable regulations of the State Environmental Quality Council.
- (F) The final plan for a planned unit development shall not be modified, amended, repealed, or otherwise altered unless approved in writing by the developer, the city, and the Commissioner of Natural Resources; and
- (G) There are centralized shoreline recreation facilities such as beaches, docks, and boat launching facilities.

(1985 Code, § 11.21) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.140 SANITARY PROVISIONS.

- (A) Any public or private supply of water for domestic purposes shall comply with State Pollution Control Agency and County Health Department regulations.
- (B) Where applicable, all public and private sanitary waste disposal systems shall comply to standards and regulations of the State Pollution Control Agency, the State Department of Health, and the County Health Department in terms of size, construction, use, and maintenance. (1985 Code, § 11.21) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 152.141 ADMINISTRATION.

- (A) The city shall provide for the administration and enforcement of this subchapter pursuant to M.S. § 462.362, as it may be amended from time to time. Preparation of this subchapter has been aided by Minnesota Reg. No. 82, 1976, Department of Natural Resources. All building permits, variances and appeals, conditional use permits, and amendments shall follow the regulations set forth in §§ 152.105, 152.106, 152.121, 152.122, and 152.123.
 - (B) Subdivision regulations shall also be in effect for all shoreland management areas.
- (C) Shoreland management areas are identified on the Official Zoning Map, which is a part of this subchapter.
- (D) Copies of all notices of any public hearings to consider variances, amendments, or conditional uses under this subchapter shall be received by the Commissioner of Natural Resources at least ten days prior to the hearings.
- (E) A copy of amendments and final decisions granting variances or conditional uses under this subchapter shall be received by the Commissioner of Natural Resources within ten days of final action or amendment.

(1985 Code, § 11.21)

APPENDIX A: TABULATION OF DISTRICT PROVISIONS AND DIMENSIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirement	R-1 District	R-2 District			
Building Heights (Maximum):					
Allowable stories	2-1/2 or 35 feet	2-1/2 or 35 feet			
Maximum height in feet, principal structure	35 feet	35 feet			
Maximum height in feet, accessory structure	15 feet	15 feet			
Lot Area Requirements:					
Required minimum total lot area	9,000 square feet, public sewer	6,000 square feet, public sewer			
	1 acre (43,560 square feet), private sewer	1 acre (43,560 square feet), private sewer			
Required minimum lot area per dwelling unit	First unit - 9,000 square feet, public sewer	First unit - 1 acre (43,560 square feet), private sewer			
	Each additional unit - 2,000 square feet, public sewer	Each additional unit - 1/4 acre (10,890 square feet), private sewer			
	First unit - 1 acre (43,560 square feet), private sewer	First unit - 6,000 square feet, public sewer			
	Each additional unit - 1/4 acre (10,890 square feet), private sewer	Each additional unit - 2,000 square feet, public sewer			
Lot width at building line (minimum frontage)	75 feet	50 feet			
Lot depth (minimum)	120 feet	120 feet			
Allowable percentage of lot coverage (all structures)	35%	50%			
Yard Setbacks (Minimum Requirements):					
Front: building line to street line	20 feet	25 feet			
Side: building line to lot line (minimum 5-foot separation from principal structure is required)	10 feet 8 feet				
Rear: building line to lot line	40 feet	35 feet			
Rear: detached accessory structures	5-foot setback required where alley accessory exists; 2–1/2 all other cases	Same as R-1			
Corner: building line to either street line of intersecting streets	Front yard setback required for both yards abutting streets	Front yard setback required for both yards abutting streets			

Requirement	R-1 District	R-2 District
Setbacks from district boundary	Not applicable	Not applicable
Special District Requirements:	Not applicable	Not applicable

Requirement	C District	M-1 District	M-2 District	P District		
Building Heights (Maximum):						
Allowable stories	3	4	Not applicable	2-1/2		
Maximum height in feet, principal structure	40 feet	45 feet	-	35 feet		
Maximum height in feet, accessory structure	40 feet	45 feet	-	15 feet		
Lot Area Requirements:						
Required minimum total lot area	Not applicable	15,000 square feet, public sewer; 1 acre, private sewer	Not applicable	Not applicable		
Required minimum lot area per dwelling	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable		
Lot width at building line (minimum frontage)	Not applicable	100 feet	Not applicable	Not applicable		
Lot depth (minimum)	Not applicable	120 feet	Not applicable	Not applicable		
Allowable percentage of lot coverage (all structures)	75%	60%	Not applicable	20%		
Yard Setbacks (Minimum Requirements):						
Front: building line to street line	None required	35 feet	Not applicable	25 feet		
Side: building line to lot line (Minimum 5-foot separation from principal structure is required)	None required	25 feet	Not applicable	10 feet/encl.		
Rear: building line to lot line	20 feet	20 feet	Not applicable	10 feet		
Detached accessory structures	5 feet	5 feet	Not applicable	5 feet		

Requirement	C District	M-1 District	M-2 District	P District
Corner: building line to either street line of intersecting streets	None required	25 feet	Not applicable	25 feet
Setbacks from district boundary	20 feet	50 feet	200 feet	25 feet
Special District Requirements:	§ 152.025	§ 152.026	§ 152.027	Not applicable

NOTES TO TABLE:

For the C Commercial District located adjacent to, and on the north side of, State Highway 135, the minimum yard setbacks for front yards shall be 35 feet and the side yards shall be 25 feet.

(1985 Code, § 11.12) Penalty, see § 10.99