

INDUSTRIAL

Industrial uses are generally considered to be the most likely to create unacceptable impacts on residential areas. Noise, odors, toxic chemicals and wastes, and transportation conflicts are all associated with traditional industrial uses.

Industrial uses are crucial to the long term economic well-being of the City. Existing strategically located industrial lands are identified on the Industrial Preservation Map (Map L 23) as “Industrial Sanctuary” or “Areas of Situational Compatibility”. These areas are presumed to be appropriate for land use map amendments to industrial categories, subject to Objective 3.2 and supporting policies as well as other applicable objectives and policies of this element.

The plan includes four industrial land use categories: Business Park (BP), Light Industrial (L I), Heavy Industrial (H I), and Water Dependent-Water Related (WD-WR). Although some industries produce adverse impacts, and should therefore be isolated away from residential and other low intensity use areas, many industrial uses can exist in harmony with non-industrial neighbors through proper site design, arrangement of uses and the incorporation of effective buffers. Business parks, for example, may include such light industrial uses as research and product development, communications facilities, light assembly and manufacturing, and even some types of warehousing.

Industrial Secondary Uses:

All public facilities and non-residential uses permitted in residential and commercial land use categories may also be permitted as secondary uses in industrial land use categories, with the exception that, consistent with the Public School Facilities Element, public schools are not permitted in the Heavy Industrial Category.

Not all principal or secondary uses stated above will be permitted in all industrial categories. The type, intensity and range of uses permitted in a specific industrial category is subject to the provisions of this and other elements of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan and all applicable Land Development Regulations.

Light Industrial (L I)

L I - GENERAL INTENT

Light Industrial (L I) is a category which provides for the location of industrial uses which have fewer objectionable impacts than Heavy Industrial (H I) on residential areas such as noise, odor, toxic chemical and wastes.

Site access to roads classified as collector or higher on the Highway Functional Classification Map is preferred; except for sites located within the DIA’s jurisdictional boundaries.

LI - GENERAL NEIGHBORHOOD PROTECTION

Compatibility with adjacent and abutting residential neighborhoods shall be achieved through the implementation of site design techniques including but not limited to: transitions in uses; buffering; setbacks; and graduated height restrictions to affect elements such as height, scale, mass and bulk of structures, vehicular traffic and associated airborne debris, circulation, access and parking impacts, landscaping, lighting, noise and odor. In addition, all development on sites which abut a Residential land use designation shall provide the following:

A scale transition as defined and illustrated in this element. However, scale transition shall not be required where the Industrial Sanctuary or Situational Compatibility overlay zone buffer requirements, pursuant to Section 656.399 of the City of Jacksonville Zoning Code, exceed the buffers required under Part 12 of the City of Jacksonville Zoning Code.

Elements such as yards, buffers, at-grade parking and perimeter walls shall be arranged, designed and landscaped in a style compatible with adjacent areas to serve as a visual buffering element from adjacent uses.

LI - GENERAL USES

The uses provided herein shall be applicable to all LI sites in all Development Areas.

Principal Uses

Light assembly and manufacturing; Packaging; Processing; Manufacturing of paints, enamels and allied products; Concrete batching plants; Storage/warehousing; Research and development activities; Transportation terminals; Radio/T.V. studios; Transmission and relay towers; Yard waste composting; Recycling facilities; Business/professional offices; Medical clinics; Veterinary offices; and Vocational/trade schools and building trade contractors.

Existing dwellings which were legally built as single or multi-family dwellings prior to adoption of the 2030 Comprehensive Plan are allowed within this category.

Secondary Uses

Secondary uses shall be permitted pursuant to the Industrial land use introduction. In addition, the following secondary uses may also be permitted: Railroad yards; Truck terminals; Bus and rail stations; Solid waste management facilities including composting and recycling operations; Institutional uses and public facilities; Utility plants and facilities; Broadcasting studios including transmitters; and Telephone and cellular phone towers.

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