

PART 2.02.00 USES ALLOWED WITHIN ZONING DISTRICTS

Sec. 2.02.01 Use Classifications and Definitions

The following Sections describe the categories of Uses which apply within St. Johns County. Each category contains a description of the fundamental characteristics of the category and a list of representative Uses. It is not possible to list each and every individual Use which may be allowable within a category. The intent is to describe the category and provide a sufficient number of illustrative or representative Uses to allow other Uses to be assigned to a category as they are proposed in a zoning district.

A. Residential Uses

Residential Uses are those which provide dwellings or Structures intended for occupancy for housekeeping, and includes units which are Single Family detached, accessory apartments, multi-family in a variety of housing styles, including but not limited to duplex, triplex, quadplex, garden apartments, villas and townhouses, mid-rise and high-rise apartment Buildings, and garage apartments. Also included are Manufactured/Modular Homes, Manufactured/Mobile Homes, condominium ownership, cooperatives, and other ownership arrangements. Residential Uses also include Special Care Housing including group homes, congregate care homes, assisted living facilities, and foster homes; cemeteries and mausoleums; schools with conventional academic curriculum and Community Marinas. Residential Uses also include model homes, with or without sales office and construction trailers. Certain Uses are also allowable in the residential Use category by Special Use, and are specified in Part 2.03.00. Residential units, while allowable, shall not exceed the density limitations shown in the Comprehensive Plan. In addition, not all housing types are allowable in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.02.03 which describes which housing types are allowable in each residential zoning district.

B. Agricultural Uses

1. Agricultural Uses are those related to the production, keeping, or maintenance, whether for sale or personal use, of plants and Animals for food, forage, fiber, or ornamental purposes. Agricultural Uses are characterized as predominantly outdoor activities, with Structures that may cover portions of the land, such as specific production activities, like poultry houses, greenhouses, and kennels. The Uses within this category may include both domestic and exotic species, except as specifically prohibited by other regulations. Agricultural Uses may also include passive outdoor recreational activities, Bed and Breakfast establishments, Retreats and similar passive rural Uses. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category are silviculture; horticulture; aquaculture; crop production; pasture lands; livestock; horses, ponies and other Animals; bee keeping; orchards; plant nurseries; General Stores and feed stores; cemeteries and mausoleums; Special Care Housing including group homes, congregate care homes, assisted living facilities, and foster homes; veterinary offices and Animal hospitals with outside Kennels; Kennels and other Animal boarding facilities; dog and domestic animal parks; Rural Home Industry; Agricultural Manufacturing; and Structures and facilities necessary to agricultural production activities,

including barns, sties, pens, corrals, stables, greenhouses, milking parlors and dairies, feedlots, silos, and other substantially similar facilities and Structures whether for the primary Use or accessory to agricultural activity. Also included is treated Wastewater land application disposal. Agricultural Uses may also include, farm worker housing, and residences for the farm owner, operator, or caretaker, where those Uses are directly associated with the principal Agricultural Use of the land. Bed and Breakfast establishments limited to a maximum of ten (10) rental units, Primitive Campgrounds, Retreats limited to a maximum of ten (10) rental units and not exceeding an overnight occupancy of twenty (20) persons, Private Clubs, dude ranch, riding academy, hunting camps, game preserves, wildlife preserves, outdoor events, outdoor arenas and outdoor firing ranges, and aircraft landing fields shall be permitted.

C. Cultural/Institutional Uses

1. Cultural/Institutional Uses provide a personal service in the form of education, culture, fine arts displays and exhibits, and similar activities. Uses in this category are predominantly day-time activities. However, due to the nature of the Cultural/Institutional Use, traffic, parking, use of land coverage may be increased for special events. Users and employees may vary due to the nature of Cultural/Institutional Uses. Institutional Uses may be public or private. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Cultural/Institutional Uses in this category are libraries, galleries, and museums; schools with conventional academic curriculum; child care, adult day care, or child nurseries; Community Centers; churches and synagogues; Private Clubs; parks and recreation facilities with or without lighted fields and courts. Specifically not included in this category are theaters and auditoriums or other similar places of assembly; colleges and universities are listed under Regional Culture and Entertainment Facilities.

D. Neighborhood Business and Commercial Uses

1. Land Use activities in this category are those which serve the surrounding neighborhood or a small group of neighborhoods. Uses typically require direct access to collectors, and operate primarily in daytime or early evening hours. Development may generally include one-story and low-rise Buildings outside of activity centers. This category does not include large-scale discount supercenters or big box retailers. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include commercial indoor recreation, archery facilities, entertainment, retail, hospitality, and general business, such as retail goods stores; financial institutions with or without drive-through facilities; funeral homes and mortuaries; neighborhood Convenience Stores without gas pumps; grocery stores; specialty food stores; pharmacies without drive through facilities; billiards and pool parlors, spas, gyms, and health clubs; commercial, vocational, business or trade schools; churches; Bed and Breakfast establishments limited to a maximum of (10) rental units; personal property mini-warehouses; Recreational vehicle/boat storage; service businesses such as blueprint, printing, catering,

travel agencies, mail and package services and laundries; veterinary offices without outside boarding facilities and enclosed within a sound proof building; personal services such as beauty shops, barbers, or photography studios; Adult Care Centers, Child Care Centers, Nursing Homes; psychics in accordance with St. Johns County Ordinance 98-18, as may be amended; Restaurants without drive-through facilities; Take-Out Restaurants; Community Marinas; medical and Professional Offices, and governmental branch offices, schools for the performing or fine arts and for martial arts.

E. **General Business and Commercial Uses**

1. Land Use activities in this category are those which serve the surrounding neighborhood, a small group of neighborhoods, or are community serving. Uses typically require direct access to Collectors and Arterials, may operate primarily in daytime or early evening hours. Development may generally include a predominance of one-story and low-rise Buildings outside of activity centers. Uses tend to be in individual Structures or in community scale shopping centers. This category does not include large-scale discount supercenters or big box retailers. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include commercial recreation, archery facilities, entertainment, retail, hospitality, and general business, such as retail goods stores; financial institutions with or without drive-through facilities; pharmacies with or without drive-through facilities; free-standing ATM's; funeral homes and mortuaries; crematoriums; indoor farm and garden supply centers; outdoor plant sales; outdoor storage; neighborhood Convenience Stores with or without gas pumps; gas stations without auto service or repair; car wash facilities; automobile oil change facilities; tire service centers; small car rental offices with associated rental fleet; grocery stores, specialty food stores, and supermarkets; bowling alleys, billiards and pool parlors, spas, gyms, and health clubs; community hospitals; commercial, vocational, business or trade schools; Bed and Breakfast establishments and guest lodges limited to a maximum of ten (10) rental units; personal property mini-warehouses; Recreational vehicle/boat storage; service businesses such as blueprint, printing, catering, travel agencies, mail and package services, small appliance repair shops, upholstery, and laundries; personal services such as beauty shops, barbers, employment services, bail bond agencies, photography studios, psychics in accordance with St. Johns County Ordinance 98-18, as may be amended, Adult Care Centers, Child Care Centers, Nursing Homes; psychiatric care and treatment facilities with or without housing, alcohol rehabilitation centers with or without housing, Restaurants with or without drive-through facilities; Community Marinas, Marinas; general offices, medical offices, veterinary offices without outside boarding facilities and enclosed within a sound proof building with no more than ten (10) outside runs which shall not exceed a total area of six hundred forty (640) square feet, Professional Offices, and government offices; golf driving ranges; schools for the performing or fine arts and for martial arts; movie theaters with three (3) or less screens.

F. **Town Center Mixed Use**

1. Land Use Activities in this category are those which serve the surrounding neighborhood community, or small group of neighborhoods with community

services, beach & recreational resort services and government services & facilities. Uses are limited to and promote the Vilano Beach Town Center Mixed Use District with a combination of mixed commercial, business, office and multi-family residential, civic, and government activities. Development may generally include two to three story buildings within the Town Center. This category does not include large-scale super centers or big box retailers, drive-throughs, or outdoor storage, but does include and encourage outdoor activities associated with the permitted and accessory uses. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.

2. Typical Uses in this category include retail, general business, office, hospitality, hotel, motel, bed and breakfast, personal services, grocery store, pharmacy, banks, medical and professional offices, veterinary offices without outside boarding and enclosed kennels, personal services such as beauty shops, barbers, and day spas, daily neighborhood business services, mail and package services, restaurants, bars, and pubs, night clubs, deli, catering, billiards and pool parlors, specialty food, liquor and wine stores, video, print and copy shop, urgent care facilities (not hospitals), health clubs, gyms, psychics, multi-family residential, government branch services & facilities, e.g including but not limited to, e.g. post office, branch libraries, sheriff substation, Town Center Main Street office, and cultural centers, vendors subject to permitting, school for performing or cultural arts, indoor recreation including movie theater or live theatre, alcoholic beverages sales subject to Section 2.03.01 and 2.03.02 and the source of outdoor amplified music is allowed within 50 feet of existing residentially zoned properties.
3. List of uses that are encouraged, but not limited to, are outdoor sit down cafes, art galleries, pottery shops, apparel, vintage clothing, gift shops, home décor and garden stores, bookstore, kite shop, surf shop, bike shop, specialty electronics, drycleaners (mail and package only), travel agencies, real estate offices, financial advisor office, and live-work units.

G. **Highway Commercial Uses**

1. Business Uses generally require accesses to an Arterial or Major Collector or have close proximity to Major Intersections. Highway Commercial Uses are those which serve the traveling public and are oriented to vehicular travel; however, they are distinguished from High Intensity Uses by scale and intensity. These Uses are typically not of an overall size or Building mass, as an activity center. Development generally includes one-story and low-rise Buildings and Uses tend to be in individual Structures. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include, but are not limited to the following: Service Stations with or without retail food sales; automobile oil change facilities limited to three (3) enclosed service bays; automobile service and repair facilities performing similar activities as Service Stations and limited to three (3) enclosed service bays with no outdoor storage of automobile parts; car wash facilities; Restaurants, with or without drive-through facilities; agricultural stands, temporary or permanent; outdoor plant sales; Recreational Vehicle

Campgrounds; Marinas; Hotels and Motels; Adult Arcade Amusement Centers; Electronic Game Promotions; indoor activities allowed by or on the premises of a licensed pari-mutuel permit holder; Retreats; Fish Camps; Convenience Stores, with or without gasoline sales; Truck Stops; retail sales of items catering to tourists; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

H. High Intensity Commercial Uses

1. Business Uses generally require access to an Arterial or Major Collector or have close proximity to Major Intersections or interchanges with limited access facilities. These Uses are characterized by outdoor activity and outdoor storage, and large demand for parking. High Intensity Commercial Uses are those which are major employment centers, or which serve the traveling public and are oriented to vehicular travel; however, they are distinguished from regional Uses by scale. These Uses are intense as measured by the impacts to adjacent properties, but are typically not of an overall size or Building mass as a regional activity center. These Uses often have an actual or potential negative impact on surrounding properties due to late hours of operation, noise, and or light. Uses may be located in several Buildings, as in shopping centers or business parks, or may be located in a single Building, such as a discount supercenter, or big box retailer. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include, but are not limited to the following: all types of vehicle sales, rental, service, repair, and storage, including Truck Stops, body shops, road services, car wash facilities, and the sales, rental, repair and service of new or used automobiles, boats, buses, farm and garden equipment, motorcycles, trucks, Recreational Vehicles, and Manufactured/Mobile Homes; Service Stations, Convenience Stores with or without gas pumps, large scale discount centers, supercenters, large scale Building supply centers and do-it-yourself centers, big-box retailers; outdoor plant and garden supply sales; Professional Offices, general offices, government offices; newspaper printing operations and distribution centers; free-standing taverns, Bars, lounges, Night Clubs, and dance halls; psychics in accordance with St. Johns County Ordinance 98-18, as may be amended; financial institutions with or without drive-through facilities; Restaurants with or without drive-through facilities; commercial recreation; vocational, technical and trade schools; facilities operated by a licensed pari-mutuel permit holder; Adult Arcade Amusement Centers; Electronic Game Promotions; indoor activities allowed by or on the premises of a licensed pari-mutuel permit holder; agricultural stands, temporary or permanent; outdoor arenas, rodeo grounds, livestock auction facilities, race tracks (auto, dog, go-kart, horse, motorcycle), indoor shooting and firing ranges; Recreational Vehicle Campgrounds; Ports, Marinas; veterinary offices and Animal hospital with outside Kennels; Kennels and other Animal boarding facilities; storage yards for equipment, machinery, dry storage for boats, and supplies for Building and trades contractors, landscaping services, garbage haulers; extermination and pest control services; Flea Markets or similar outdoor or indoor/outdoor sales complexes, whether temporary or permanent; Hotels and Motels; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

I. Rural Commercial Uses

1. Activities in this category include those business and commercial Uses supportive of and intended to serve rural communities and which are compatible with rural land uses and intensities. Uses may be required to have direct access to an Arterial or Collector roadway, and operate primarily in daytime or early evening hours. Development may include one-story and low-rise Buildings outside of activity centers. This category does not include large-scale discount supercenters or big box retailers. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include, but are not limited to the following: General Stores; Restaurants, with or without drive-through facilities; establishments for the retail sale of motor fuels; farm and garden supply stores; car wash facilities automobile oil change facilities ; tire service centers; bait and tackle and general supplies; agricultural stands; nurseries; Fish Camps; Community Marinas; Bed and Breakfast establishments; Retreats; Primitive Campgrounds; Recreational Vehicle Campgrounds; Private Clubs; hunt clubs; saddle clubs; riding academies; boarding stables; shooting ranges; veterinary offices and Animal hospitals with outside Kennels; Kennels and other Animal boarding facilities; outdoor storage; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

J. Light Industrial Uses

1. The characteristics of Uses in this category include large Lots, often with a single user or single employer, where light manufacturing, storing, or distribution of goods occurs. Buildings are typically one floor, but may cover large portions of land. Businesses may operate on a twenty-four (24) hour time frame and include two (2) or three (3) shifts per day. Truck and rail traffic are common. However, noise, dust and air quality impacts are minimal. These Uses may also have substantial and significant outdoor storage and/or outdoor activity. Uses may or may not be open to the general public. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category are light manufacturing, vegetable food processing, production, packaging and assembly plants; warehousing, with or without distribution centers; lumberyards; large-scale printing plants, newspaper printing operations and distribution centers; business and commerce parks; Ports, Marinas; office showrooms; Vehicle Recycling facilities; composting and other yard waste facilities; extermination and pest control services; storage yards for equipment, machinery, dry storage for boats, and supplies for building and trades contractors, landscaping services, garbage haulers, appliance repair shops, machine shops; all types of vehicle repair and storage, including body shops, repair and service centers; Boat and RV storage; personal property mini-warehousing; indoor Kennels and other animal boarding facilities; veterinary office and animal hospitals, groomers; vocational, technical and trades school; commercial recreation; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

K. Heavy Industrial Uses

1. The characteristics of Uses in this category include large Lots, often with a single user or single employer, where heavy manufacturing, processing, storing, or distribution of goods occurs. Buildings are typically one floor, but may cover large portions of land. Businesses may operate on a twenty-four (24) hour time frame and include two (2), and three (3) shifts per day. Truck and rail traffic are common. Businesses may cause negative impacts from truck traffic, rail, noise, air, chemical, heat producing, and manufacturing processes are typical Uses in this category. These Uses may also have substantial and significant outdoor storage and/or outdoor activity. Uses are not typically open to the general public. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category are heavy manufacturing, slaughterhouse and Animal processing plants; Port facilities, Marinas; power plants; dry cleaning plants; metal and rubber fabrication; chemical and fertilizer manufacturing; paper and pulp manufacturing; petroleum refining; plastics, glass, cement, concrete, and clay manufacturing; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

L. Mining and Extractive Activities

This category includes all Uses where resources are removed from the ground, such as mines, borrow pits, and other similar activities and may include the on-site processing of such resources. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.

M. Office and Professional Services

1. Office and Professional Service Uses have primarily day-time operations. Normally there is an absence of impacts due to noise, light, or pollution. There is no outdoor storage or outdoor activity associated with these Uses. Commercial Uses are accessory only. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Typical Uses in this category include service businesses such as blueprint, printing, catering, travel agencies, mail and package services, small appliance repair shops, upholstery, and laundries; personal services such as beauty shops, barbers, bail bond agencies, employment services, or photography studios; vocational, technical, and trade schools; Restaurants; general offices, Professional Offices, and government offices; medical offices or clinics with scheduled or emergency services by physicians, dentists, Chiropractors, psychiatrists, podiatrists, physical therapists, optometrists, and other medical practitioners; medical laboratories. This category also includes diagnostic centers which provide radiology, and medical screening and testing services. Facilities to provide medical equipment, supplies, devices, eyeglasses, hearing aids, or other similar items for personal use upon advice of a health provider may be included in this category so long as they are functionally associated with the office or clinic and are not an isolated or freestanding Use. This category does not include hospitals or other health care facilities which provide overnight lodging.

N. Outdoor/Passive Uses

1. Outdoor/Passive Uses are characterized by Uses which have large amounts of land with few Structures, normally minimum outdoor lighting. Activities tend to be low impact and are predominately daytime activities. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Included are walking and hiking trails, bridle paths, greenways, game preserves, natural preserves, parks with picnic areas, primitive camps, and similar low impact Uses. Also allowable are country clubs, golf clubs, golf driving ranges (provided they function accessory to and on the same site as a golf course or country club), and cemeteries (either human or pet). Mausoleums may be permitted provided they function accessory to and on the same site as related cemetery.

O. Neighborhood Public Service and Emergency Service Uses

1. This category represents those neighborhood-scale Uses which may have limited outdoor storage and outdoor activity, and may cause potential nuisance, but are nevertheless necessary as support to surrounding Uses. Any potential nuisance is mitigated by limitations on scale of Development, consistent with neighborhood scale Development. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. The type of Uses included in this category include, but are not limited to neighborhood-scale fire stations, police stations, emergency medical services and facilities; water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and facilities and components of water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and facilities; electric substations; telephone equipment stations, switching stations, and similar communication facilities; communication Antennas and Antenna Towers; neighborhood support services; Social Assistance Centers; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses. Neighborhood Public Service and Emergency Service Uses shall not include the erection of structures, buildings, or office facilities for commercial activities, such as the sale of related merchandise or collection of bills, in those zoning districts where such commercial and office activities are prohibited.

P. General Public Service and Emergency Service Uses

1. This category represents those Uses which often operate on a twenty-four (24) hour time frame and have a high degree of outdoor storage and outdoor activity. These Uses may cause a nuisance due to noise, and high levels of truck or large vehicle traffic. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. The types of Uses included in this category include, but are not limited to public use Airports, terminals, heliports, and associated infrastructure; seaplane support facilities; rail yards and terminals; ambulance services; fire stations; police stations, emergency medical services and facilities; government offices and facilities; water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and facilities and components of water and Wastewater Treatment Plants and facilities; electric substations;

maintenance, garage, and storage yards for school buses, highway Construction equipment, telephone equipment, utility company trucks and equipment; microwave, radio, and television transmission towers; radiotelephone communication facilities; communication Antennas and Antenna Towers; and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

Q. Regional Business and Commercial Uses

This category contains those business and commercial Uses which serve several communities or an entire region. These Uses typically locate near a limited access transportation facility or the intersection of major Arterials. Uses tend to be located in large-scale complexes, such as a commercial shopping mall, commerce park, or similar facility. The distinguishing characteristics of this category are not the specific Uses which may be included, but the scale of the Development. All Uses in the General Business and Commercial, High Intensity Commercial, and Office and Professional Services may be allowable due to scale and intensity of Use. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.

R. Regional Cultural and Entertainment Facilities

1. This category contains those cultural and entertainment Uses which serve an entire region or the entire state. These Uses typically locate near a limited access transportation facility or the intersection of major Arterials and require large amounts of parking. Uses are often enclosed with controlled access from the surrounding area. Uses are often under the control of a single entity. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.
2. Uses in this category include colleges and universities, amusement and theme parks, performing arts centers, hospitals and medical centers, convention centers, and other substantially similar facilities and Uses.

S. Solid Waste & Correctional Facilities

This category is for Uses such as landfills (Class I, II, and III), solid waste transfer facilities, hazardous waste transfer facilities, recycling centers, composting and other yard waste facilities, and other substantially similar facilities and Uses. Also, criminal justice detention facilities and other correctional institutions and facilities are included in this category. In addition, not all Uses are allowable by right in every zoning district. Refer to Section 2.03.00 which describes Uses by zoning district.

Sec. 2.02.02 Allowable Uses In Zoning Districts

The table below indicates the categories of Uses which are allowable in each zoning district within St. Johns County. The categories of Uses are arranged across the top, and are described in 2.02.01. An "A" indicates that the Use is allowable by right or as a Special Use, subject to the standards of this Code. Special Uses are provided in Part 2.03.00 of this Article. A blank space indicates that the Use is prohibited.

Table of Allowable Uses in Zoning Districts
Table 2.02.02

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Residential	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
Agricultural	A																					A	A	A
Cultural / Institutional	A									A	A	A	A	A		A						A	A	A
Neighborhood Business											A	A	A	A	A	A						A	A	A
General Business												A		A	A							A	A	
Town Center Mixed Use														A									A	
High Intensity Commercial															A		A	A				A	A	
Highway Commercial													A		A							A	A	
Rural Commercial																A							A	A
Light Industrial																		A	A			A	A	
Heavy Industrial																				A		A	A	
Mining & Extraction	A																		A	A		A	A	A
Office & Professional										A	A	A		A	A							A	A	
Outdoor / Passive	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A					A								A	A	A
Neighborhood Public Service	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A
General Public Service															A			A	A	A	A	A	A	
Reg. Business & Commercial															A							A	A	
Reg. Cultural & Entertainment															A								A	
Solid Waste & Correct. Fac.	A																			A			A	

A - means the Use is allowable by right or by Special Use