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### Section 201 Relationship to Comprehensive Plan

The Polk County Land Development Code (LDC) regulates the development and use of land as set forth in the goals, objectives, and policies of the Polk County Comprehensive Plan. The Polk County Comprehensive Plan contains the Future Land Use Element (FLUE), including the Future Land Use Map Series (FLUMS) which establish and identify Development Areas, Special Area Plan Districts, Resource Protection Overlay Districts and Land Use Districts. Development Areas are referred to in this Code to determine density and public facilities needs in certain areas. Resource Protection Overlay Districts are outlined in Chapters 5 and 6 of this Code and further regulate use and development of land in environmentally sensitive areas. The land use categories established in the Plan regulate maximum density, intensity, and general policies for development. The names of the land use categories in the Plan and the Land Use Districts in this Code are the same.

### **Section 202** Development Areas

Five Development Areas are designated and mapped on the FLUMS. Development occurring in any of the Development Areas shall conform to the criteria specified.

### A. Urban Development Areas (UDA)

The purpose of UDA's is to serve as a foundation from which a future urban pattern is established, and to provide areas for development at urban densities and intensities. UDA's are areas within the County that, at a minimum, are currently served, or are programmed within the applicable Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Program to be served within the next ten years by County owned, municipal, or County franchised central sanitary sewage and potable water systems. UDA's are also supported by, or programmed to be supported by, other services typically found to accompany urban development such as public safety services, an urban road network, and developed parks.

### B. Urban Growth Areas (UGA)

The purpose of UGA's is to serve as a foundation from which a future urban pattern is established, and to provide future areas for development at urban densities and intensities. UGA's are areas within the County that, at a minimum, are currently served, or are programmed within the applicable Comprehensive Plan Capital Improvement Program to be served within years 10 through 20 of the Comprehensive Plan's planning period. UGA's are also supported by, or programmed to be supported by, other services typically found to accompany urban development such as public safety services, an urban road network, and developed parks.

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### C. Suburban Development Areas (SDA)

The purpose of SDA's is to provide for areas of suburban-intensity growth. SDA's are those areas within the County that are not located within a UDA or UGA and have developed predominantly in a suburban residential pattern with County-owned, municipal or County-franchised potable water systems, but generally without centralized sewer facilities.

### D. Utility Enclave Areas (UEA)

The purpose of UEA's is to recognize existing isolated areas of urban development that contain centralized water and sewer systems. UEA's are those areas within the County that are not located within a UDA, UGA, or SDA and have developed at urban or suburban densities with County owned, municipal or County-franchised potable water systems, and small scale public or County franchised centralized sewer facilities, or private sewer systems with capacities in excess of 400,000 GPD.

### E. Rural Development Areas (RDA)

The purpose of RDA's is to provide areas for rural activities such as agricultural uses, mining activities, and rural residential development. RDA's include those areas of the County that are not located within a UDA, UGA, SDA, or UEA.

### Section 203 Land Use Districts Established

The unincorporated County is divided into land use districts in order to implement the policies of the Polk County Comprehensive Plan. Polk County is hereby divided into said districts, the boundaries and designations of which are shown on a series of maps entitled AFuture Land Use Map Series (FLUMS).@

The standard land use districts are established and listed in Section 204. Selected Area Plan (SAP) land use districts are established in Chapter 4 and the Green Swamp land use districts are established in Chapter 5. The use table and density/dimensional regulations for the Land Use Standard Districts are prescribed in this Chapter. The use tables and density/dimensional regulations for the SAP and Green Swamp districts are in Chapters 4 and 5, respectively. The SAP and Green Swamp land use districts are denoted on the FLUMS maps with an AX.@

### **Section 204** Standard Land Use Districts

### A. Agricultural/Residential Districts (Revised 5/6/09 – Ord.09-018)

The purpose and intent of the standard land use districts are prescribed. Specific uses and dimensional/density regulations are outlined in the Tables in Sections 205 and 208.

- 1. Rural (A/RR): The purpose of the A/RR district is to provide lands for the continuation of productive agricultural uses and to provide for very low density residential development within unincorporated rural areas. The A/RR district permits agricultural activities, agricultural support facilities, multi-family dwelling units, farm labor housing, group living facilities, and community facilities.
- 2. Rural Cluster Center Residential (RCC-R): The purpose of the RCC-R district is to recognize and protect residential neighborhoods within unincorporated communities designated RCC on the Future Land Use Map Series of the Comprehensive Plan. The RCC-R district permits low density residential development with minimum lot sizes of 20,000 square feet, group living facilities, and community facilities.
- 3. Residential Suburban (RS): The purpose of the RS district is to provide areas for suburban-density residential development to promote the proper transition of land from rural to urban uses. The RS district permits single-family dwelling units, family care homes, agricultural support uses, and community facilities.
- 4. Residential Low-1 (RL-1): The purpose of the RL-1 district is to provide areas for the low density residential needs of residents in urban areas who desire areas with larger sized lots, a minimum of 40,000 square feet.
- 5. Residential Low-2 (RL-2): The purpose of the RL-2 district is to provide areas for the low density residential needs of residents in urban areas who desire areas with smaller lots than the RL-1 districts, a minimum of 15,000 square feet.
- 6. Residential Low-3 (RL-3): The purpose of the RL-3 district is to provide areas for the low density residential needs of residents in urban areas who desire areas with smaller lots, a minimum of 10,000 square feet.
- 7. Residential Low-4 (RL-4): The purpose of the RL-4 district is to provide areas for the low density residential needs of residents in urban areas who desire areas with smaller lots, a minimum of 6,000 square feet.
- 8. Residential Medium (RM): The purpose of the RM district is to provide areas for medium density residential development within urban areas. The RM district permits single-family dwelling units, duplex units, multi-family units, group living facilities, and community facilities.
- 9. Residential High (RH): The purpose of the RH district is to provide areas for high-density residential development within urban areas. The RH district permits single-family dwelling units, duplex units, multi-family units, group living facilities, and community facilities. Multi-family structures may contain non-residential uses to provide retail and personal services for residents.

### B. Non-residential Districts/Activity Centers (Revised 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

- 1. Rural Cluster Center (RCC): The purpose of the RCC district is to provide locations in the rural area for the placement of retail and service establishments to accommodate the daily shopping needs of rural residents. The RCC district permits commercial and office uses at an intensity and scale necessary to provide the immediate rural population with retail and personal services, agricultural support uses, and community facilities.
- 2. Convenience Center (CC): The purpose of the CC district is to provide for the convenience shopping needs of residents within an immediate surrounding area. The CC district permits non-residential uses such as offices, convenience stores, gas stations, dry cleaners and community facilities.
- 3. Neighborhood Activity Center (NAC): The purpose of the NAC district is to provide for the daily shopping needs of residents within neighborhoods surrounding the center. The NAC district non-residential uses such as offices, grocery stores, drug stores banks and community facilities.
- 4. Community Activity Center (CAC): The purpose of the CAC district is to provide for shopping needs of residents living within a surrounding community. The CAC district permits special residential development, non-residential uses such as offices, department stores, supermarkets, restaurants and community facilities.
- 5. Regional Activity Center (RAC): The purpose of the RAC district is to provide for the regional shopping needs of residents. The RAC district permits special residential development, regional shopping centers, other regional attractors and community facilities.
- 6. Office Center (OC): The purpose of the OC district is to provide areas for small offices. The OC district permits professional offices and some retail uses. All development within the OC requires a Level 3 Review.

# C. Other Standard Land Use Districts (Revised: 3/18/14 – Ord. 14-015; 7/29/02 – Ord. 02-51)

- 1. Linear Commercial Corridor (LCC): The purpose of the LCC district is to recognize existing linear concentrations of commercial, office, institutional, and industrial uses along roadways.
- 2. Business Park Center-1 (BPC-1): The purpose of the BPC-1 district is to provide areas for office and business park development. The BPC-1 district permits office, research and development parks, distribution centers and wholesaling activities. Some retail uses are also permitted to support the businesses and activities within the Business Park Center.

- 3. Business Park Center-2 (BPC-2): The purpose of the BPC-2 district is to provide areas for light-industrial activities. The BPC-2 district permits light manufacturing, fabrication, assembly, distribution and wholesaling activities, and some retail uses to support the businesses and activities within the Business Park Center.
- 4. Commercial Enclave (CE): The purpose of the CE district is to recognize existing concentrations of commercial and office uses located outside of Activity Centers and Linear Commercial Corridors, whose future development or redevelopment is consistent with the Polk County Comprehensive Plan.
- 5. High-Impact Commercial Center (HIC): The purpose of the HIC district is to provide areas for non-retail businesses and service establishments that may generate substantial truck traffic, noise, odor, and visual impacts to adjacent properties. The HIC district permits a range of non-residential service establishments and general retail uses to support the businesses and activities.
- 6. Industrial (IND): The purpose of the IND district is to provide areas for general manufacturing, processing, and distribution of goods. General commercial uses necessary to support the industrial area are also permitted.
- 7. Phosphate Mining (PM): The purpose of the PM district is to provide areas for phosphate mining operations, phosphate mining support facilities, and other uses that are compatible with and related to phosphate mining and its allied uses.
- 8. Leisure/Recreation (L/R): The purpose of the L/R district is to provide for facilities and areas oriented primarily towards providing recreation-related services for residents and short-term visitors.
- 9. Institutional-1 (INST-1): the purpose of the INST-1 district is to provide for the use and development of lands for private and public service structures with minimal external impacts such as elementary and middle schools, government facilities, cultural facilities, hospitals, and Class I and Class II utilities.
- 10. Institutional-2 (INST-2): the purpose of the INST-2 district is to provide for the use and development of lands for private and public service structures which are characterized primarily by outdoor activities such as high schools, government vehicle maintenance facilities, Class III utilities, solid waste management facilities, and prisons.
- 11. Recreation and Open Space (ROS): The purpose of the ROS district is to provide for the use and development of lands and areas which are accessible to the public, and which are oriented towards providing recreational activities and services for County residents and visitors.
- 12. Preservation Areas (PRESV): The purpose of the PRESV district is to provide for the preservation of public or privately owned preservation areas, either obtained for long-term protective purposes, containing sensitive and unique vegetative or animal

habitats, or publicly accessible property intended for long-term open space purposes.

13. Tourism-Commercial Center (TCC): The purpose of the TCC district is to provide areas for tourism activities, recreation, and tourist-related commercial establishments. The TCC district permits commercial amusement activities, lodging facilities, service stations, restaurants, gift shops and ancillary non-residential uses to the tourism industry.

### Section 205 Use Tables for Standard Land Use Districts (Revised 5/1/18 – Ord. 18-025)

The permitted and conditional uses for the standard land use districts are prescribed in Table 2.1. Additional review levels may be required as specified in Section 903.

The following are the Footnotes for use with Table 2.1 *Use Table for Standard Land Use Districts*:

#### A. Prohibited Uses

The use of land or structures not expressly listed in the Use Tables in Sections 205, Chapter 4 (SAP's) or Chapter 5 (ACSC) as permitted or conditional are prohibited.

### B. Selected Area Plans (SAP) and Neighborhood Plans (Revised 1/6/2010 – Ord. 10-002)

Uses proposed within any of the SAPs or Neighborhood Plans are identified in the respective Use Tables in Chapter 4 and shall be adhered to accordingly. Land uses not shown are prohibited

### C. Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern (ACSC) (Revised 1/6/2010 – Ord. 10-002)

Uses proposed within any of the SAPs or Neighborhood Plans are identified in the respective Use Tables in Chapter 4 and shall be adhered to accordingly. Land uses not shown are prohibited

### D. Other Regulations

Uses listed as permitted may be established only after meeting all applicable regulations of Polk County and other governmental agencies.

#### E. Conditional Uses

Uses listed as conditional may be established only after compliance with the specific conditions and procedures outlined in Chapter 3, Conditional Uses, and all applicable codes of Polk County and other governmental agencies.

- C1 Conditional uses which are reviewed at the staff level through an existing permit procedure. The review process is a Level 1 Review.
- C2 Conditional uses which are reviewed by the staff but involve multiple issues or departments. The review process is a Level 2 Review, and involves review of a site plan by the Development Review Committee.
- C3 Conditional uses which are reviewed by the staff but involve multiple issues and potential off-site impacts. The review process is a Level 3 Review, and includes a site plan submittal for review by the Development Review Committee (DRC) and a public hearing before the Planning Commission (PC).
- C4 Conditional uses which involve multiple issues and potential significant off-site impacts. These uses are reviewed by the DRC and include public hearings before the Planning Commission and BOCC. The procedure for this review is a Level 4 Review.

### F. Accessory and Temporary Uses

Accessory and Temporary Uses are defined in Chapter 10 and regulated in Sections 206 and 207 of this Chapter.

### G. Infill and Compatibility

1. All uses are subject to Infill and Compatibility requirements outlined in Sections 220 and 221.

### H. Linear Commercial Corridor (LCC) Infill Criteria

- 1. New industrial and High-Impact-Commercial-type (HIC) development uses within the Linear Commercial Corridor (LCC) land use district shall be limited to in-filling existing industrial/HIC areas, and new industrial/HIC development shall not extend or expand these industrial/high-impact areas.
- 2. New development or redevelopment of non-residential uses within a Linear Commercial Corridor shall be limited to the intensities of uses at the same or less intensity as adjacent existing uses. New development or redevelopment of non-residential uses adjacent to existing uses shall be compatible with each other without allowing a higher intensity of development.

### I. Pre-Development of Regional Impact and Development of Regional Impact

Pre-Development of Regional Impact and Development of Regional Impact land use designations shall be consistent with Chapter 4 of the Land Development Regulations (Section 402).

### J. Resulting Nonconformity

Any proposed use that will render a legal use nonconforming shall require a Level 3 Review.

Table 2.1 Use Table for Standard Land Use Districts (For revision history, please see last row of table.)

### **Key to Table: P = Permitted Use; C = Conditional Use/Level of Review**

	A/R R	RC C-R	RS	RL- 1	RL- 2	RL- 3	RL- 4	RM	RH	RC C	СС	CE	LC C	NA C	CA C	RA C	ос	TC C	ніс	BP C-1	BP C-2	IND	PM	L/R	INS T1	INS T2	RO S	PR ES V
Residential Uses																												
Duplex, Two-family Attached		C3	СЗ			СЗ	СЗ	Р	Р	СЗ																		
Family Farm	C1		C1																				C1					
Fly-in Community	C3		C3																									
Group Home, Small (6 or less residents)	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1																			
Group Home, Large (7-14 residents)	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ					C1	C1																C1	C1		
Group Living Facility (15 or more residents)	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	C2																C2	C2		
Farm Worker Dormitory, Apartment Style	C2	C2	C2							C2													C2					
Farm Worker Dormitory, Barrack Style	С3	C3	С3							С3											C2	C2	С3					
Mobile Home Park & Subdivision	СЗ	СЗ	C4	C4	C4	C4	C4	СЗ	СЗ																			
Mobile Homes, Individual	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1																			
Multi-family		C3		C3	C3	C3	C3	Р	Р	C3			C3	C3	C2	C2	C3	C2		C3				C2	C3	C3		
Residential Infill Development			C2	C2	C2	C2	C2																					
Rural Residential Development (RRD)	СЗ		СЗ																									
Short-Term Rental Unit				СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ									Р						Р				
Single-family Detached Home & Subdivision	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	C2																			
Suburban Planned Development			СЗ																									]
Mixed Uses																												

Planned Development	C3																											
Residentially Based Mixed Development (RBMD)	С3		C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3																				
Rural Mixed Development (RMD)	СЗ		С3																									
Transitional Area Development			C3	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	C3			C3	C3	C3	C3	С3	СЗ		C3	C3	С3	СЗ							
All Other Uses																												
Adult Day Care Center (7 or more clients)	С3	C3	C2																C2	C2								
Adult Use													C1		C1	C1		C1										
Agricultural Support, Off-Site	C3	C3	C3	C3						Р		Р	Р				C3		Р	C3	Р	Р	C3					
Airport	C4															C4				C4	C4	C4	C4			C4		
Alcohol Package Sales										C1		C1	C1	C1	C1	C1		C1										
Animal Farm, Intensive	Р		C1	C1						Р										СЗ	Р	Р	Р					
Bars, Lounges, and Taverns												СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	C1	C1		C1	C1	C1	C1	C1		C1				
Bed and Breakfast	C3	C2	C2	C2																								
Breeding, Boarding, and Rehabilitation Facility, Wild or Exotic	С3									C3											C2	C2	С3					
Car Wash, Full Service													C2		Р	Р		Р										
Car Wash, Incidental										C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	Р	Р		Р										
Car Wash, Self Service													C2		Р	Р		Р										
Cemetery	C2	C3	C3							C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C2	C2		C3	C2						C2	C2		
Childcare Center	C3	Р	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р	C3	Р	C1					C2	Р	Р										
Clinics & Medical Offices										C2	C2	C2	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р							C2	C2		
Commercial Vehicle Parking										СЗ		C2	C2		C2	C2		C2	Р	C2	Р	Р						
Communication Towers, Guyed and Lattice	C2		С3												C3	С3			C3	С3	C2	C2	C2		C2	C2	C3	С3

Communication																												
Tower, Monopole	C2		C3							C3			C3		C2	C2		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C3	C2	C2	C3	C3
Community Center	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2									
Construction Aggregate Processing																						СЗ						
Construction																						C3						
Aggregate Storage Convenience Stores,																												$\vdash$
Isolated	C2	C2	C2							C2									C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2				
Correctional Facility	C4																									C4		1
Crematorium																						Р						i .
Cultural Facility	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	1								
Emergency Shelter, Small (6 or less residents)	C1																											
Emergency Shelter, Medium (7-14 residents)	С3	С3	С3					C1	C1																C1	C1		
Emergency Shelter, Large (15 or more residents)	С3	С3	С3	C3	С3	С3	С3	С3	C2																C2	C2		
Event Facility	C3		C3																									1
Fish Camp																								Р				1
Farming General	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	1
Financial Institution										Р	Р	C2	C2	Р	Р	Р	C2	Р	C2	C2	C2	C2						1
Financial Institution, Drive Through										C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	СЗ	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2						
Flea Market/Enclosed															C1	C1			C1									
Flea Market/Open															C4	C3			C1									
Funeral Home & Related Facilities										C2	C2	СЗ	C2		C2	Р			Р									
Gas Station										C2	C2	C2	C2	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р	C2	C2	C2			C3	C2		l
Golf Course	C1	C3	C3	C3		<u> </u>	<u> </u>	•	•	<u> </u>		C1	<u> </u>	C1	C1	C1		C1	C1	C1	C1	C2						
Government Facility	C3	P	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	C3	P	Р	P	P	P	C3	C3	P	P	C3									
Gypsum Stack										•	<u> </u>	•	•	•	•	<u> </u>		•	<u> </u>	<u> </u>		•	C4		-	•		
Hazardous Waste																												
Transfer, Storage																						C4	C4					
Hazardous Waste Treatment Facilities																							C4					<u> </u>
Heavy Machinery Equipment Sales and Services													C2						C2		C2	Р	C2					

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Heliports	C2												C3		C2	C2		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2		C2	C2		
Helistops	C2	C3	C2	C2	C3	C3	C2	C3	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C3	C2	C2	C2										
Hospitals										Р					Р	Р	C3								C3	C2		
Hotels and Motels												C3	C2		Р	Р		Р		C2	C2	C2		C2				
Institutional Campground	СЗ		С3																					Р	Р	Р		
Kennels, Boarding and Breeding	Р		СЗ							C2		Р	Р		C1	Р		C1	Р		C2	Р	Р					
Lime Stabilization Facility	СЗ		С3							СЗ		С3	СЗ						С3	С3	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ		СЗ	С3		
Livestock Sale, Auction	Р		C1	C1						Р			C2						C2		C2	Р	Р					
Lodges and Retreats, Private	СЗ									Р		C2	Р						Р					Р	Р	Р		
Manufacturing, Explosives/ Volatile Material																						Р	C2					
Manufacturing, General													C2									Р	C2					
Manufacturing, Light													C2							C2	Р	Р	C2					
Marinas and Related Facilities	СЗ									СЗ		C1	C1	C1	C1	C1		C1						C1				
Medical Marijuana Dispensaries										C2	СЗ	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2		C2										
Mining, Non-phosphate	СЗ	С3	С3	СЗ	С3	С3	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	С3	С3	С3	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	С3	С3							
Mining, Phosphate																							C4					
Motor Freight Terminal												СЗ	СЗ						Р		Р	Р	C2					
Nightclubs and Dance Halls												СЗ	СЗ		СЗ	C1		C1						СЗ				
Nurseries, Retail										Р	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р			Р	C2	C2	C2						
Nurseries and Greenhouses	Р	C1	C1	C1						Р	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р					Р	Р	Р	Р					
Nursing Home								C2	C2	C2		C2	C2		C2	C2									C2	C2		
Office										C2	C2	C2	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р			C2	C2		
Office Park													Р				C2			Р	Р				C2	C2		
Outdoor Concert Venue	СЗ		С3															С3						СЗ			C3	
Personal Service										C2	C2	C1	Р	C2	Р	Р	C2	Р	C2	Р	Р	Р		C2				<u></u>
Power Plants Non-Certified, Low																			C4	C4	C4	C4	C4			C2		

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Power Plants, Non-Certified, High																					C4	C4	C4			C3		
Power Generation,																							0.4					
Certified																							C4					
Printing & Publishing													C2				C2		Р	Р	Р	Р						
Railroad Yard																			C3			C3	C3					
Recreation, Passive	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1	C1									
Recreation, High Intensity	СЗ									C1					СЗ	C1	C1	C1	C1	С3								
Recreation, Low Intensity	C2									C1					C2	C1	C1	C1	C1	C3								
Recreation & Amusement General										C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2		C2	C2					C2				
Recreation & Amusement Intensive													СЗ			СЗ		C2	С3					C4				
Recreation, Vehicle Oriented	СЗ									C2						C2	C2	C2	C2									
Recreational Vehicle Park																		Р						C2				
Religious Institution	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2									
Research & Development													C2			Р	С3		Р	Р	Р	Р	C2		C2	C2		
Residential Treatment Facility	C4									C4		C4	C4		C4	C4									C4	C4		
Restaurant, Drive-thru/Drive-in										C2	C2	СЗ	C2	C2	C2	c2		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2		C2				
Restaurant, Sit-down/Take-out										C2	C2	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р	C2	C2	C2		Р				
Retail, 10,000 – 34,999 sq. ft.										СЗ	СЗ	C2	Р	Р	Р	Р	СЗ	Р	Р	C2	C2	C2		C2				
Retail, 35,000 - 64,999 sq. ft													Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р	C2	C2	C2						
Retail, More than 65,000 sq. ft.													СЗ	СЗ	Р	Р		C2	C2	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ						
Retail, Home Sales Offsite												СЗ	C2			Р			Р									
Retail, Less than 10,000 sq. ft.										Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	СЗ	Р	Р	C2	C2	C2		C2				
Retail, Outdoor Sales/Display												СЗ	C2		СЗ	СЗ		С3	Р		Р							
Riding Academies	C1		C1	C3						Р													C1	Р			C1	
Salvage Yard																						C3	-	•			-	

School, Elementary	C3	C2															Р	C2										
School, Middle		C3	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2	C3															Р	C2		
School, High		C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C2	C2																C3	Р		
School,																												
Leisure/Special	C3	C2	C2	C2	Р	Р	C3	Р	Р	C2	C2	C3	C3	Р	Р	Р	Ρ	1										
Interest																												<u> </u>
School,																												1
Technical/Vocational/	C3									C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C2	C2	C2	C2	Р	C2	C2	Р	C2		C3	Р		1
Trade & Training																												
School,		СЗ					СЗ	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ			C2	СЗ	СЗ	СЗ		СЗ	C3	C2	C2	СЗ			СЗ	Р		1
University/College							00	00	00	00			02	00		00		00		02	02							
Seaplane Base	C3	C3	C3																			C3		C3	C3	C3		
Self-storage Facility										C3		C2	C2	C2	C2	C2			C2	C2	C2	C2						
Solid Waste																										C4		1
Management Facility																												
Studio, Production										Р		Р	Р			Р	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р			Р	Р		
Solar Electric-Power	C2	СЗ	C3																C2	C2	C2	C2	C2		C2	C2		1
Generation Facility	02	00																		02			02		02			<u> </u>
Transit, Commercial													C3			Р			C2		Р	Р				C2		<u> </u>
Transit, Facility										Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р	Р	Р	Р			Р	Р		
Truck Stop													C2			Р			Р									
Utilities, Class I	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р
Utilities, Class II	C1	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	C1	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р										
Utilities, Class III	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C2	C2	C3	C3	C3	C3																
Vehicle Recovery										C2		C2	C2						C2		C2	C2						
Service/Agency										02		02	02						02		02	O2						
Vehicle Repair, Auto										C2		СЗ	СЗ						Р		Р	Р						1
Body										02		00	00						'		'	'						
Vehicle Service,										Р		СЗ	C2	Р	Р	Р		Р	Р		Р	Р						l
Mechanical										'		00	02		'			'	'		'	'						
Vehicle Sales,										C2		СЗ	C2		C2	Р		C2	Р									İ
Leasing																ļ i			·									
Veterinary Service	Р		C2							C1	C1	Р	Р	Р	Р	Р	C2	Р	Р		C2	C2	Р	Р				
Warehousing/Distribut													C2						Р	P	Р	Р						i
ion													_						•	<u>'</u>	•	•						
Water Ski Schools	C4		C4							C4	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3		C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	C3	1 46

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Table 2.2 Density and Dimensional Regulations for Standard Districts (Revised 12/15/2015 – Ord. 15-079; 3/18/14 – Ord. 14-015; 11/16/10 – Ord. 10-078; 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80; 12/27/02 - Ord. 02-88; 7/29/02 - Ord. 02-51; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

	A/R	RC	RS	RL-	RL-	RL-	RL-	RM	RH	RC	ос	СС	NA	CA
	R	C-R		1	2	3	4			С			С	С
RESIDENTIAL GROSS DENSITY12:	1	2	1	1	2	3	4	7	10	N/A	N/A			
	du/5	du/ac	du/5	du/ac	du/ac	du/ac	du/ac	du/ac	du/ac					
	ac²		ac²											
MAXIMUM / MINIMUM	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	25/15
MIN. RESIDENTIAL LOT AREA <sup>3</sup>	5 AC	20,00	5 AC	40,00	15,00	10,00	6,000	6,000	5,000	N/A	N/A	4,500	4,000	3,500
		O sf		O sf	O sf	O sf	sf	sf	sf			sf	sf	sf
MAX. NON-RESIDENTIAL	0.50	0.50	0.60	0.65	0.65	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.70	0.50	0.70,	0.70,	0.70,	0.70,
IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO (ISR)											0.60-	0.60-	0.60-	0.60-
											SDA	SDA	SDA	SDA
MAX. NON-RESIDENTIAL FLOOR	0.25	0.30	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.30	0.30	0.25	0.25	0.30,
AREA RATIO (FAR) 5														0.25-
														SDA

<sup>1</sup> Residential density is the average number of dwelling units per acre of land. Gross density is calculated by dividing the total number of dwelling units on a site by the gross site area, exclusive of existing water bodies (Note: The term "water bodies" does not include man-made wet-retention/detention areas, man made lakes, or man made ponds). The area for computing gross density shall include all public and institutional land areas (e.g. internal streets, sewer plants, schools, and parks) located within a site, as well as one-half of the right-of-way area for perimeter local streets, and one-fourth of the right-of-way area for perimeter local street intersections.

<sup>2</sup> Higher densities may be achieved through a Planned Development. See Section 303.

<sup>3</sup> Lot areas are given on a per unit basis for single-family and duplex units. Smaller lot areas may be achieved through a Planned Development. See Section 303.

<sup>4</sup> The impervious surface ratio (ISR) is the relationship between the total amount of impervious surface which is present on a site and the total site area. Impervious surfaces are those which do not absorb water. They include buildings, parking areas, driveways, roads, sidewalks, and any areas of concrete or asphalt. The ISR is calculated by dividing the total area of all impervious surfaces on a site by the gross site area, excluding existing water bodies (Note: The term "water bodies" does not include man-made wet-retention/detention areas, man made lakes, or man made ponds).

<sup>5</sup> The floor area ratio (FAR) is the relationship between the total floor area on a site and the total site area. The FAR is calculated by adding together all floor areas of all floors and dividing this total by the gross site area, exclusive of existing water bodies (Note: The term "water bodies" does not include man-made wet-retention/detention areas, man made lakes, or man made ponds).

MIN. SETBACKS: (ROAD														
Rights-of-Way / Center Line)														
6,7,8,9														
LIMITED ACCESS	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100 /	100/	100 /	100 /	100 /
	NA     NA	NA	NA											
PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL	65	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /	65 /
	/125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125	125
MINOR ARTERIAL	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /	50 /
	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
URBAN COLLECTOR	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /
	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /
	65	65	65	65	65	95	95	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35 /	35	35 /	35 /	35 /
	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	/65	65	65	65
LOCAL, 60' R/W, or greater	25 /	25 /	20 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /
	55	55	50	45	45	45	45	45	45	45	60	60	60	60
LOCAL, 41- 60' R/W	25 /	25 /	20 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /
	50	50	45	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	60	60	60	60
LOCAL, 40' R/W	25 /	25 /	20 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	30/5	30 /	30 /	30 /
	45	45	40	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	5	55	55	55
MINIMUM SETBACKS														
(Principal Structure /														
Accessory Structures)														
INTERIOR SIDE 7,8,10	15 /	15 /	10 /	10 /	7 / 5	7 / 5	7 / 5	7 / 5	7 / 5	7 / 5	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /
	10	10	5	5							15	15	15	15
INTERIOR REAR <sup>7,8</sup>	20 /	20 /	15 /	15	10 /	10 /	10 /	10 /	10 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /
	10	10	10	/10	5	5	5	5	5	5	15	15	15	15
MAX. STRUCTURE HEIGHT (ft) 11,12	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	75	50	50	50	50	75

6 Front, exterior side, and exterior rear setbacks for principal and accessory structures shall be determined by the distance from the road right-of-way (R/W) or road centerline (C/L), whichever results in the greatest distance from the property line. Setbacks from private roads shall be calculated in the same manner or from the edge of pavement, whichever is greater. All linear dimensions are given in feet.

<sup>7</sup> All development is subject to Section 220 - Compatibility.

<sup>8</sup> All development is subject to Section 219 - Residential Infill Requirements.

<sup>9</sup> There are no minimum setback requirements from railroad rights-of-way in the IND, BPC, and HIC districts. Structures in all other categories shall use the applicable setback.

<sup>10</sup> The side yard set back for lots of 75 feet or less in width which exist at the time of adoption of this ordinance shall be a minimum of seven feet provided that the sum of both set backs shall be a minimum of 15 feet.

<sup>11</sup> Residential structures exceeding 35 feet in height, setbacks shall be increased by one-half of one foot for each one foot of height over 35 feet.

Table 2.2. Density and Dimensional Regulations for Standard Districts (Revised 12/27/02 - Ord. 02-88; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

	RAC	врс	врс	HIC	TCC	LCC	CE	IND	PM	L/R	INST	INST	ROS	PRE
		-1	-2								1	2		sv
RESIDENTIAL GROSS DENSITY <sup>1,2</sup> :	25	15 du/ac	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	10 du/ac	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAXIMUM/MINIMUM	15	10.01 du/ac								N/A				
MIN. RESIDENTIAL LOT AREA <sup>3</sup>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAX. NON-RESIDENTIAL  IMPERVIOUS SURFACE RATIO (ISR) 4	0.70, 0.60- SDA	0.75, 0.60- SDA, 0.55- RDA	0.75, 0.60- SDA, 0.55- RDA	0.80, 0.70- SDA	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.75, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.75	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.70, 0.60- SDA, 0.50- RDA	0.20, 0.15- SDA, 0.10- RDA	0.000
MAX. NON-RESIDENTIAL FLOOR AREA RATIO (FAR.) <sup>5</sup>	0.35	0.75, 0.50- SDA, 0.35- RDA, 0.25- COM	0.75, 0.60- SDA, .35-R DA, 0.25- COM	0.50, 0.40- SDA	0.35, 0.30- SDA, 0.25- RDA	0.35, 0.30- SDA, 0.25- RDA	0.35, 0.30- SDA, 0.25- RDA	0.75, 0.65- SDA, 0.50- RDA, 0.25- COM	0.75	0.25	0.75	0.75	0.10, 0.05- SDA, 0.01- RDA	0.000 05
MINIMUM SETBACKS:(ROAD Rights- of- Way / Center Line) 6.7,8,9														
LIMITED ACCESS	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA	100 / NA
PRINCIPAL ARTERIAL	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125	65 / 125
MINOR ARTERIAL	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90	50 / 90
URBAN COLLECTOR	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65
RURAL MAJOR COLLECTOR	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65
RURAL MINOR COLLECTOR	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65	35 / 65
LOCAL, 60' R/W, or greater	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	25 / 55	25 / 55	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	30 / 60	25 / 55

LOCAL, 41- 60' R/W	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	25 /	25 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	25 /
	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	50	50	60	60	60	60	50
LOCAL, 40> R/W	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	25 /	25 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	30 /	25 /
	55	55	55	55	55	55	55	45	45	55	55	55	55	45
MINIMUM SETBACKS (Principal Structure/ Accessory Structures)														
INTERIOR SIDE 7.8.10	15 /	20 /	20 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /	15 /
	15	20	20	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
INTERIOR REAR 7.8	30 / 10	20 /	20 / 20	15 / 15	15 / 15	15 / 15	15 / 15	30 / 10	30 / 10	15 / 15	15 / 15	15 / 15	15 / 15	30 / 10
MAX. STRUCTURE HEIGHT (ft) 11,12	75	75	100	50	100	35	35	N/A 13	N/A 13	50	50	160	25 )14	25

See footnotes following table.

# Footnotes for Table 2.2 (Revised 9/18/12 - Ord 12-028; 12/27/02 - Ord. 02-88; 7/29/02 - Ord. 02-52; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

- 1. All development is subject to Section 610 Setbacks from lakes and surface waters.
- Chimneys, smoke stacks, communication towers, and Religious Institution symbols, unless located in the Avon Park
  Air Force Range Military Compatibility Zone, as depicted in the Military Compatibility Zone Map, are exempt from the
  structure height limitations.
- 3. All structures shall comply with Section 214 Distance Between Buildings.
- 4. Minimum interior side setbacks for non-residential uses which adjoin non-residential districts may utilize a zero setback in accordance with the provisions in Section 755, provided that side adjoins a non-residential district.
- 5. Non-residential farm outbuildings are excluded from height regulations.
- 6. The Building Official may approve a reduction in the required setbacks of up to ten percent (10%) of the requirement through a Level 1 Review process.

<sup>12</sup> All structures are subject to compliance with the Polk County Airport Zoning Regulations, adopted and administered by the Joint Airport Zoning Board (JAZB).

<sup>13</sup> Where a structure in IND or PM abuts a residential use or district, structure height shall be limited to 50 feet at the building set back line and may be increased one foot higher for each foot a structure is placed further from the required setback.

<sup>14</sup> Recreational lighting, seating, press boxes, and other similar appurtenances are excluded from height restrictions when approved through a Level 3 Conditional Use process.

# Section 206 Accessory Uses (Revised 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083; 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

Accessory uses are permitted in conjunction with the primary use in all land use districts. Accessory uses are those land uses that are incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the property (see table 2.1 for a list of primary land uses allowed per district). Specific requirements pertaining to the determination of what is incidental and subordinate for certain types of accessory uses are listed in the section and sections to follow in this chapter. All accessory uses contained herein, and any other not included shall comply with Section 209.

### A. Accessory Apartments, Garage Apartments, and Guest Houses

Accessory apartments, garage apartments, and guest houses may be permitted as accessory uses to single-family detached homes in all residential districts subject to the applicable district regulations and the following requirements:

- 1. No more than one accessory apartment, garage apartment, or guest house may be permitted on any single-family residential lot or parcel.
- 2. A guest house shall be located in the rear yard of the principal dwelling unit.
- 3. Garage apartments and guest houses shall meet all setbacks pertaining to accessory structures.
- 4. Mobile homes shall not be permitted to be used as guest houses.
- 5. Accessory dwelling uses shall be permitted subject to a Level 1 Review.
- 6. Accessory dwelling structures are prohibited in developments approved for short-term rental.

### B. Security Residences

Security residences may be permitted as an attached or detached accessory use in all non-residential districts for purposes of security and protection of the principal non-residential use, subject to the applicable district regulations and the following requirements:

- 1. Not more than one single-family dwelling unit may be permitted as a security residence on the same lot or parcel as a non-residential use.
- 2. A security residence may be permitted as an accessory use pursuant to a Level 2 Review.

### C. Dining Facilities, Employee Fitness Centers, and Childcare Centers in Non-Residential Developments (Revised 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

Non-residential development projects may provide amenities for the exclusive use of the employees of the project. Such amenities shall only be permitted as accessory uses in accordance with the following:

- 1. Dining rooms/cafeterias/snack shops shall not be open to the general public. There shall be no identification signs other than directional signs, identifying the facility.
- 2. Employee fitness and childcare centers shall not be open to the general public.
  - a. There shall be no signs, other than directional signs, identifying the facility.
  - b. A childcare center shall meet all of the requirements of Section 303.
- 3. Alcohol beverage sales for consumption on site shall be permitted as an accessory use in dining facilities. Alcohol sales shall be less than 50% of total food sales based on gross revenue.
- 4. Such facilities shall be permitted subject to a Level 1 Review.

# D. Dining Facilities, Clubhouses, and Recreation Facilities in Residential Developments (Revised 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57; 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80)

Residential development projects may provide amenities for the exclusive use of the residents of the project. Such amenities shall be permitted as accessory uses only as provided:

- 1. Dining rooms/cafeterias/snack shops shall not be open to the general public and there shall be no identifying signs, other than directional signs identifying the facility.
- 2. Residential projects may provide a central facility for a meeting place and recreation opportunities (including golf course, swimming pool, or tennis courts) for residents, subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. The facilities shall not be open to the general public.
  - b. Parking to serve the facilities shall be provided as required by Chapter 7.
  - c. There shall be no signs, other than directional signs identifying the facilities.
- 3. Alcohol beverage sales for consumption on site shall be permitted as an accessory use in dining facilities. Alcohol sales shall be less than 50% of total food sales on gross revenue.

4. Such uses shall be subject to the same review process as for the principal residential project. If any of these accessory facilities are proposed after a residential development is constructed and lots are sold, then such facility shall be permitted as an accessory use pursuant to a Level 3 Review.

### E. Home Occupations (Revised 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80)

Home occupations may be permitted as an accessory use to an existing dwelling unit in all residential districts subject to the applicable district regulations and the requirements listed.

#### 1. Procedure:

- a. Home occupations located other than within the principal dwelling unit (e.g. within an accessory structure or garage) shall be allowed as an accessory use pursuant to a Level 3 Review.
- b. Home occupations conforming to this Section and located within the principal dwelling unit shall be allowed without further County approval.
- c. A maximum of one person who is not a member of the immediate family residing on the premises may be employed in the operation of a home occupation.
- 2. Regardless of the location of the home occupation, the principal dwelling unit on the property shall be the bona fide residence of the home occupation practitioner. The home occupation shall be clearly incidental and secondary to the property's use for residential purposes.
- 3. No home occupation may occupy more than 25 percent of the gross habitable ground floor area of the principal dwelling unit,
- 4. Traffic generated by the proposed use must not negatively impact the safety, ambiance and characteristics of the residential neighborhood. The increase to existing traffic created by the home occupation shall not exceed ten additional trips per day. The assumption is that each residential site generates ten trips per day. Therefore, a home occupation may not exceed 20 trips per day.
- 5. No display of merchandise or outside storage of equipment or materials shall be permitted.
- 6. No alterations shall be made to the external appearance of any principal or accessory structures or of the property which changes the character of the site from residential to non-residential.
- 7. No equipment or process used in the home occupation shall create noise, vibration, glare, fumes, electromagnetic interference, odors, or air pollution outside the building.

- 8. One non-illuminated business identification sign mounted flush to the dwelling unit and not more than two square feet in area shall be allowed.
- 9. No storage of hazardous materials, other than substances of a type and quantity customarily associated with a home or hobby, shall be permitted.
- 10. All home occupation practitioners shall obtain an occupational license.
- 11. The following uses are examples of home occupations:
  - a. Activities conducted principally by telephone, computer, facsimile, or mail.
  - b. Studios where handicrafts or objects-of-art are produced.
  - c. Teaching and tutoring instruction of no more than four pupils at a time.
  - d. Dressmaking or apparel alterations.
  - e. Barber and beauty shop (one chair).
- 12. The following are prohibited as home occupations:
  - a. Adult entertainment.
  - b. Automotive service and repair.
  - c. Bed and breakfast.
  - d. Eating and drinking establishments.
  - e. Kennels.
  - f. Manufacturing.
  - g. Tanning Salons, tattoo parlors, massage parlors.
  - h. Commercial sales or leasing of vehicles.
  - i. Any use that requires a Building Code upgrade (i.e., from residential standards to commercial standards) to accommodate the home occupation.

### F. Outdoor Display of Merchandise

Outdoor display of merchandise, as an accessory use in non-residential districts where outdoor retail sales are not otherwise allowed, is permitted on a limited basis in accordance with the following requirements:

1. The merchandise being displayed must be an item otherwise permitted to be sold in the district where the property is located. Such merchandise to be displayed

outdoors shall comprise no more than 25 percent of the total merchandise sold on site

- 2. Only merchandise ordinarily used outdoors after purchase (such as outdoor play equipment or landscaping materials) may be displayed outdoors. Merchandise not ordinarily used outside (such as appliances or furniture other than patio furniture) may not be displayed outdoors except during occasional "sidewalk sales" in accordance with the requirements of Section 207, temporary uses.
- 3. Merchandise displayed outdoors shall not encroach into any required parking area, vehicular use area, landscaped area, buffer yard, or public right-of-way.
- 4. Outside display areas must be shown on the approved site plan for the project. Areas used for the outside display of merchandise under this Section shall be included in the Floor Area Ratio (FAR) calculation for the site.

# G. Religious Institution Schools (Revised 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80; 12/28/01 - Ord. 01-92)

Schools locating within existing or proposed religious institutions shall be permitted as an accessory use in accordance with the following requirements:

- 1. The maximum allowable students shall be no more than 100;
- 2. All parking used for the school shall meet the parking space requirements as outlined in Section 708. Spaces designated for the religious institution may be used to calculate the required spaces for the school;
- 3. All parking used for the school shall be paved and in addition comply with Section 709;
- 4. The curriculum shall be no higher than an eighth grade level;
- 5. All landscaping and buffering shall be in accordance Section 720;
- 6. All parking designated for the school shall be oriented in such a manner so as not be located adjacent to residential property. If this cannot be met, then those areas shall be buffered with either a solid fence or Type C buffer (see Section 720) that has 80 percent opacity within two years; and
- 7. All signage shall comply with Section 760.
- 8. All access points shall be on a collector road or better if any of the following conditions exist:
- 9. The uses (Religious Institution and School combined) generate 50 or more Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT).

- 10. The overall Gross Floor Area (GFA) of all proposed uses combined exceeds 5,400 square feet.
- 11. If the Religious Institution and accessory uses generate more than 50 AADT based on the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Rate-Land Use Code 560 (9.11 trips per 1,000 square feet) or exceeds 5,400 square feet, the applicant has the option to provide a detailed study demonstrating that a lower trip generation rate can be achieved. The methodology shall be subject to approval by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and follow the guidelines as set forth in Appendix AC@ of this Code.

### H. Religious Institution Childcare Center (Revised 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80; 12/28/01 - Ord. 01-92)

Childcare centers locating within existing or proposed religious institutions shall be permitted as an accessory use in accordance with all conditions as outlined in Section 303 for childcare centers. In addition, the following standards shall also apply:

- 1. The maximum allowable children shall be no more than 100;
- 2. All parking used for the school shall meet the parking space requirements as outlined in Section 708. Spaces designated for the religious institution may be used to calculate the required spaces for the school;
- 3. All parking used for the school shall be paved and in addition comply with Section 709:
- 4. All landscaping and buffering shall be in accordance with Section 720; and
- 5. All signage shall comply with Section 760.
- 6. All access points shall be on a collector road or better if any of the following conditions exist:
  - a. The uses (Religious Institution and Childcare Center combined) generate 50 or more Average Annual Daily Trips (AADT).
  - b. The overall Gross Floor Area (GFA) of all proposed uses combined exceeds 5,400 square feet.

If the Religious Institution and accessory uses generate more than 50 AADT based on the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) Rate-Land Use Code 560 (9.11 trips per 1,000 square feet) or exceeds 5,400 square feet, the applicant has the option to provide a detailed study demonstrating that a lower trip generation rate can be achieved. The methodology shall be subject to approval by the Polk Transportation Planning Organization (TPO) and follow the guidelines as set forth in Appendix AC@ of this Code.

### I. Alcoholic Sales (Consumption on site) (Revised 01/03/05 - Ord. 04-80; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

Other than those establishments provided in this section, Section 224, and Table 2.1 the on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages shall be permitted as an accessory use according to the following requirements:

- 1. Alcoholic beverage sales for consumption on-site for Community Centers, Cultural Facilities, Religious Institutions, private Lodges, Intensive and General Recreation and Amusement, and High Intensity Recreation shall be permitted as an accessory use only in conjunction with a special event at the facility. The consumption, sales, or service of alcoholic beverages shall meet those requirements in Section 224 for Alcohol Sales.
- 2. Alcoholic Beverage sales for consumption on-site shall be permitted as an accessory use associated with a hotel and motel. Alcohol sales shall be less than 50% of gross revenue.
- 3. Alcohol sales, meeting those conditions in Section 224, shall be considered accessory.
- 4. Such Sale uses shall be permitted subject to Level 1 Review.

### J. Family Day Care Home (Added 7/22/09 - Ord. 09-047)

Home may be permitted as an accessory use to a single-family detached dwelling unit in A/RR, RCC-R and all Residential districts subject to the applicable district regulations and a Level 1 Review. The Family Day Care Home activities must be clearly incidental to the residential use of the property. The following shall apply to Family Day Care Homes:

- 1. The Family Day Care Home shall comply with all applicable Florida Statues. In addition, it shall also comply with all applicable provisions and requirements imposed by the Florida Department of Children and Family Services, or its successor agency.
- 2. There shall be no exterior alterations which change the residential character of the dwelling unit.
- 3. One non-illuminated sign mounted flush to the dwelling unit and not more than two square feet in area shall be allowed.
- 4. The Family Day Care Home use is not transferable to other locations or other providers.
- 5. The Family Day Care Home shall be confined to the interior of the dwelling unit with exception to the outdoor play area which shall be confined to the rear and side

- yards. The outdoor play area and structures shall be located to minimize any noise and adverse impact on adjacent properties.
- 6. The garage or any other vehicle storage areas shall not be utilized for child care activities, including use as a play area.
- 7. Family Day Care Home shall be allowed to provide care for a maximum of twelve (12) children, which includes those children under thirteen (13) years of age that are related to the caregiver(s).
- 8. Excluding the homeowner/operator and other adult family members residing on the premises, there shall only be one (1) person assisting in the Family Day Care Home at any one time.
- 9. There shall be sufficient off-street parking to accommodate the vehicle of the non-resident employee.

### K. Cargo Containers for Permanent Storage (Rev. 09/02/09 - Ord. 09-058)

Cargo containers are permitted to be used as permanent storage in accordance with the following:

- 1. All cargo containers shall comply with the Florida Building Code, Florida Fire Prevention code, and shall require a building permit.
- 2. Cargo Containers for permanent storage are prohibited in the following land use districts: RCC-R, RL, RM, RH, OC, L/R, ROS, and PRESV.
- 3. Cargo containers shall be permitted in accordance with the following:
  - a. As a temporary use in any land use district in conjunction with an authorized construction project, and shall be removed upon completion of the project unless properly permitted to remain as permanent storage in accordance with section.
  - b. Bona fide agricultural properties are permitted to have one cargo container per five acres of agricultural tax exempt acres of land, with no minimum acreage being required.
  - c. parcels designated A/RR and RS shall be permitted one cargo container per five acre parcel, with a minimum property size of five acres.
  - d. Non-residential properties are permitted one cargo container per acre, with no minimum acreage being required.
- 4. In the instance where more than one cargo container, as outlined in this section, is allowed they shall not be stacked. However, within the IND and BPC-2 land use district they shall be permitted to be stacked two-high.

- 5. Cargo containers located on a residentially developed lot, or within the CE, LCC, RCC, CC, NAC, CAC land use districts, that is adjacent to residentially developed lots or structures shall be buffered and/or screened from the adjacent off-site residential lot or structure. Additionally, they shall maintain a minimum setback of 15 feet.
- 6. All cargo containers shall be placed in either the side or rear yard and meet accessory structure setbacks for the applicable land use district or the set back as outlined in the Condition #5 above, whichever is more restrictive.
- 7. Cargo containers shall not be located within any drainage easements.
- 8. Cargo containers shall not occupy any required off-street parking spaces, vehicular accesses or drive aisles, pedestrian facilities or landscape areas for the site.
- 9. Cargo containers shall not be permitted to have signage of any type.
- 10. Cargo Containers shall not be modified or retrofitted for habitation.

### L. Adult Day Care Home (6 Clients or less) (Rev. 12/01/09 – Ord. 09-073)

The following shall apply to Adult Day Care Homes containing six (6) clients or less:

- 1. Any request for an Adult Day Care Home shall comply with Chapter 429, F.S.
- 2. A maximum of one person who is not a member of the immediate family residing on the premises may be employed in the operation of an Adult Day Care Home.
- 3. There shall be no exterior alterations which change the residential character of the structure.
- 4. Adult Day Care Homes shall be permitted one non illuminated sign mounted flush to the dwelling unit and not more than two square feet in area shall be allowed.

### M. Non Residential Mixed and Accessory Uses (Revised 2/3/10 – Ord. 10-007)

- 1. Non-residential properties can accommodate more than one primary use.
- 2. All accessory uses and structures in a non-residential district shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to their primary host or they will be evaluated as an additional primary use.
- 3. Accessory uses to retail and service establishments such as storage, offices, or light assembly may be conducted in a detached structure so long as it is incidental and subordinate to the primary retail or service establishment.

4. Non-residential uses, whether accessory or primary, which require the use of loud equipment or machinery (e.g. saws, mixers, conveyors, hoppers, compactors, etc.) may only be allowed in Industrial (IND), High Impact Commercial (HIC), or within an enclosed facility in a Business Park Center-2 (BPC-2) district.

### N. Solar Panels and Solar Energy Systems (Revised 12/6/11 – Ord. 11-033)

- 1. Solar panels and solar energy systems shall be allowed on all types of structures, lots, or parcels and in all land use designations as an accessory use. The installation of such devices shall comply with the following:
  - a. All devices shall comply with the Florida Building Code and be required to obtain a building permit.
  - b. All ground-mounted solar panels and solar energy systems shall comply with the following:
    - i. Shall be located on lots or parcels a minimum of 15,000 square feet in size;
    - ii. All setback requirements for accessory structures shall be met;
    - iii. Shall be located in the side or rear yard (may be allowed in the front yard with a 100 foot setback from all rights-of-way);
    - iv. For lots less than one acre in size, all ground-mounted solar panels and solar energy systems shall not exceed 10 feet in height when utilized in conjunction with residential properties or structures; all other uses and properties shall comply with the structure height requirements for the applicable land use district; and,
    - v. For lots less than one acre in size, the total surface area of all ground-mounted solar panels and solar energy systems shall not exceed 800 square feet when in a residential land use district or lot containing a residential structure.
  - c. The installation of solar panels or solar energy systems on rooftops or structures shall comply with the following:
    - i. All structure height requirements for the applicable land use district shall be complied with, inclusive of the solar panel or solar energy system;
    - ii. No part of the solar panel or solar energy system and equipment shall extend beyond the edge of the roof; and

- iii. Required accessory equipment may be permitted on the roof or ground. Accessory equipment located on the ground shall meet all accessory structure setbacks.
- d. Any solar panel or solar energy system that has generated no electricity for a period of 12 months shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall be removed within 180 days of such abandonment. This shall include the removal of the entire solar panel or solar energy system and any associated facilities and equipment connected thereto from the premises and the restoration of the area to a compliant pre-installation condition.
- e. A variance may be requested for lot size, setbacks, height, or solar panel or equipment location requirements in accordance with Section 930 of this Code.
- 2. These provisions contained herein this subsection only apply when the solar panel or solar energy system are considered to be accessory. These provisions do not apply to Solar Electric-Power Generation Facilities as defined in this Code (see Chapter 10, Definitions, and Section 303).

### O. *Outdoor Storage (Added 11/4/14 – Ord. 14-066)*

Outdoor storage shall be allowed as an accessory use in accordance with the following:

- 1. Bona fide agricultural uses are permitted outdoor storage of equipment, supplies and other items customary to an agricultural operation;
- 2. Outdoor storage shall be allowed in the following land use districts as an accessory use: LCC, CE, HIC, BPC-2, IND and PM (non-residential use only). Outdoor storage shall be screened from off-site view in LCC, CE, and BPC-2.
- 3. All outdoor storage shall be a minimum of 50 feet from any residential use or residential land use district;
- 4. Additional restrictions regarding outdoor storage are found within this Code. The more restrictive provisions shall apply.

## P. Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) (Added 03/06/18 – Ord. 18-014, LDC 18T-01)

A Wind Energy Conversion System (WECS) is allowed on all types of structures, lots, or parcels as an accessory use to a home, business or farm located on the lot or parcel provided the following requirements are met:

- 1. All ground-mounted WECS shall comply with the following:
  - a. Shall be setback from all property lines, public road rights-of-way, overhead utility lines, and occupied structures (not including garages or storage buildings or pump houses) a distance greater than one and one quarter times

- (1.25x) the height of the entire structure as measured from the average adjacent grade to the end of the rotor blade at its highest reach.
- b. Shall be located in the side or rear yard.
- c. The standard height limits of the land use districts shall apply, unless variance is granted in accordance with Section 930, and as limited by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. Height shall be as measured from the average adjacent grade to the end of the rotor blade at its highest reach. In districts without height limits, WECS shall not exceed 120 feet as measured from the average adjacent grade to the end of the rotor blade at its highest reach.
- d. Shall be designed to utilize tubular supports with pointed tops rather than lattice supports to minimize bird perching and nesting opportunities. The placement of external ladders and platforms on tubular towers should be avoided in an effort to minimize perching and nesting by birds.
- e. Shall either be supported by a tower that lacks useable hand or foot holds below sixteen feet in height, or if supported by a tower that could be climbed, shall be fenced with six-foot security fence around the base.
- f. Shall not emit noise exceeding 50dBA as measured at the property line. The described level may be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms.
- g. Shall not produce vibrations which are humanly perceptible at or beyond the property lines. The described level may be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms.
- h. Shall not be artificially lighted unless such lighting is required by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- i. Shall remain painted or finished the color or finish that was originally applied by the manufacturer, unless approved in the building permit. Paint or finishes shall be non-reflective and shall be maintained free of rust and corrosion by the operator throughout the life of the equipment.
- j. Shall have no signage visible from any public right-of-way, except for appropriate warning signs and to identify the manufacturer, installer, and/or owner.
- 2. The installation of WECS on rooftops or structures shall comply with the following:
  - a. The standard height limits of the land use districts shall apply, unless variance is granted in accordance with Section 930, and as limited by Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations. Height shall be as

measured from the average adjacent grade to the end of the rotor blade at its highest reach. In districts without height limits, WECS shall not exceed 120 feet as measured from the average adjacent grade to the end of the rotor blade at its highest reach.

- b. No part of the WECS shall extend beyond the edge of the roof.
- c. Required accessory equipment may be permitted on the roof or ground provided accessory equipment located on the ground shall meet all accessory structure setbacks.
- d. Shall not emit noise exceeding 50dBA as measured at the property line. The described level may be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms.
- e. Shall not produce vibrations which are humanly perceptible at or beyond the property lines. The described level may be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms. When placing WECS on a building, vibration pads or other engineering shall be considered.
- f. Shall not be artificially lighted unless such lighting is required by the Federal Aviation Administration.
- g. Shall remain painted or finished the color or finish that was originally applied by the manufacturer, unless approved in the building permit. Paint or finishes shall be non-reflective and shall be maintained free of rust and corrosion by the operator throughout the life of the equipment.
- h. Shall have no signage visible from any public right-of-way, except for appropriate warning signs and to identify the manufacturer, installer, and/or owner.
- 3. Building permit applications for WECS shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the WECS, including the tower, base, and footings. An engineering analysis of the tower showing compliance with the currently adopted edition of the Florida Building Code and certified by a licensed professional engineer shall also be submitted. A site plan shall be submitted clearly denoting the proposed WECS location on the property including the distances to property boundaries, existing structures on the property.
- 4. The WECS shall be equipped with a manual braking system for use in the event of an emergency.
- 5. Any WECS that has generated no electricity for a period of one year shall be deemed to be abandoned and shall be removed within 180 days of such abandonment. This shall include the removal of the entire WECS and any

- associated facilities and equipment connected thereto from the premises and the restoration of the area to a compliant pre-installation condition.
- 6. An applicant may seek relief pursuant to Section 930 for any requirement that has the effect of prohibiting the installation of WECS under Section 163.04, Florida Statutes.

### **Section 207** Temporary Uses

Temporary uses are defined as those types of activities that are not regularly conducted from a permanent structure or location, and are conducted for only a short period of time. Uses that meet the definition of an Outdoor Concert Venue are only permitted as conditional uses in select land use districts subject to applicable development criteria in Section 303. (Revised 11/21/17 – Ord. 17-066)

- A. Categories of Temporary Uses (Revised 11/21/17 Ord. 17-066; 12/17/13 Ord. 13-68; 12/18/12 Ord. 12-040)
- 1. Garage or yard sales;
- 2. Booths, platforms, food trucks, and stands used for the production and sale of prepared or processed food products, such as hot dog and portable barbecue stands, also known as "Food Stands;"
- 3. Booths, platforms, and stands used for the selling flowers, fruits, vegetables, and firewood, (Flowers, firewood, fruits, and vegetables that are grown or cultivated on-site are exempt from the requirements of this section), also known as "Produce Stands;"
- 4. Sales of retail products not classified as Produce Stands, such as fireworks, crafts, and Christmas trees, also known as "Retail Sales;"
- 5. Sales of vehicles to include, cars, trucks, boats, recreational vehicles, and other similar type vehicles;
- 6. Tents, bleachers, and similar types of facilities intended for use by congregations of people, also known as "Meeting Places;
- 7. Circuses, fairs, carnivals, festivals, rodeos and similar types of activities that are unlike the usual activities associated with the properties where the events are to be located, and which are intended or likely to attract substantial crowds, also known as "Special Events;" and
- 8. Other similar uses or activities as determined by the Land Development Director.

### B. Review Criteria (Revised 11/21/17 – Ord. 17-066; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

Temporary Use applications shall be submitted in accordance with Section 207 C, through the Office of Planning and Development and evaluated for;

- 1. Whether there is a legally established non-residential land use on the property;
- 2. Whether the proposed temporary use is incidental and subordinate to the legally established non-residential land use:
- 3. Whether the property is appropriately sized to accommodate all activities without infringement into public rights-of-way;
- 4. Whether all setback requirements and off-street parking and loading are consistent with the applicable district requirements;
- 5. Whether the proposed temporary use is compatible with surrounding properties;
- 6. If the proposed temporary use will attract 250 people or more at any given time during the event or will involve amplified music, whether it is appropriately sized to ensure that noise, odor, lighting, and traffic impacts to surrounding properties will be minimized and is compatible with surrounding properties;
- 7. Whether the proposed temporary use constitutes an Outdoor Concert Venue as defined in Chapter 10.
- 8. Whether proposed strategies for mitigating noise, odor, lighting, and traffic impacts adequately protect the surrounding property owners;
- 9. Whether the hours of operation of the proposed temporary use are compatible with surrounding properties;
- 10. Whether adequate measures have been taken to ensure the safety of participants and customers, including but not limited to crowd control, fire safety, and emergency access;
- 11. Whether adequate plans exist to ensure that trash and debris are removed from the site within 24 hours of the conclusion of the proposed temporary use;
- 12. Whether consumption, distribution, or sale of alcoholic beverages comply with Section 224 of this code and all other Federal, state and local regulations;
- 13. Whether proposed temporary signage is compatible with surrounding areas, not intruding into the public right of way, or otherwise posing a safety hazard;
- 14. Whether appropriate measures have been made to avoid the repeat of any previous violations or infractions of prior temporary uses.

### C. Application Requirements (Revised 11/21/17 – Ord. 17-066; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

Except as provided herein, no person or entity shall stage, conduct, manage or authorize a Temporary Use without first obtaining a Temporary Use Permit from the County.

- 1. Garage or yard sales require no permit from the County and shall be permitted in any district, notwithstanding the following:
  - a. The property where the sale is to be held must also contain a principal structure and,
  - b. Frequency of sales is limited, as noted in Section 207 E.
- 2. All other temporary use types may be permitted as specified in Table 2.3 and where there is a legally established non-residential land use and the temporary use is incidental and subordinate to the primary non-residential use.
- 3. All temporary use requests, with the exception of garage or yard sales, shall be required to apply for a Temporary Use permit, which is a Level 1 administrative review. Application requirements include, at a minimum:
  - a. Identification of legally established non-residential principal land use on the property to be used for the temporary use.
  - b. Description of the temporary use proposed;
  - c. The hours of operation and anticipated duration of the temporary use,
  - d. The number of persons expected to attend the temporary use on a daily basis and over the duration of the temporary use together with the highest anticipated attendance at any time. The maximum attendance expected for any event with amplified sound or music.
  - e. A site layout plan that addresses location of temporary uses, access, parking area, pedestrian and vehicular travel patterns and distance from surrounding properties;
  - f. Description of any amplified sound or music to be provided including the location of speakers and measures to be implemented to minimize noise impacts on surrounding properties.
  - g. Description of potential impacts (e.g. noise, odor, traffic, lights) to surrounding properties and mitigation efforts to minimize such impacts.
  - h. Description of safety and security measures to be followed, as well as a waste management plan;
  - i. Description of temporary uses on the properties within the current calendar year;

- j. Description of any planned advertisement and marketing strategies;
- k. Description of any activities that require permitting from other agencies, such as the Florida Department of Health and the status of such permitting.
- 1. Provision of necessary permitting from the Polk County Transportation Division or applicable agency if utilization of or closure of any public rights-of-way are being proposed, and
- m. Provision of any other additional information as requested by the County or reviewing agencies which is deemed necessary to evaluate the application.

### D. *Review Procedures (Revised 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)*

Upon receipt of completed application packet and appropriate fees, (to be received no later than 15 business days prior to Meeting Place and Special Event type temporary uses), the Office of Planning and Development will administer the review in accordance with the following:

- 1. For Special Events and Meeting Place temporary uses, the application packet will be distributed for review to affected divisions or agencies, including but not limited to Transportation Division, Waste Resource Management, Building and Codes Division, Land Development Division, Polk County Health Department; Polk County Sheriff's Office; and the Polk County Fire Marshal.
- 2. Each reviewing agency or division shall review the application to determine if it is in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations within each reviewing agency's purview and if the health, safety, and welfare of the participants, as well as that of the surrounding community are reasonably protected.
- 3. In the event that an agency or division determines that it cannot support the proposed temporary use or can only do so with conditions, the agency or division shall notify the Office of Planning and Development of such objections or conditions.
- 4. Upon receipt of responses from each agency the Director of the Office of Planning and Development or his or her assign shall approve the application, approve the application with conditions, or deny the application for failure to meet the standards of approval provided in Section 207B. No permit shall be issued until applicant complies with Section 207C, as applicable.

# E. Frequency Limitations (Revised 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-068; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

An applicant may apply for a new temporary use permit or apply for renewal of an existing temporary use permit on the same lot(s) or parcel(s), in accordance with the following limitations:

- 1. Food stands: maximum of six months at a time per parcel<sup>1</sup>, but renewable with a new application and review.
- 2. Retail stands: maximum of 60 days per calendar year per parcel<sup>16</sup>.
- 3. Produce stands: maximum of six months at a time per parcel<sup>16</sup>, but renewable with a new application and review.
- 4. Meeting places: maximum of 30 days<sup>15</sup>, renewable with application after use has ceased for 60 days.
- 5. Special events: maximum of 14 days per calendar year per parcel<sup>16</sup>.
- 6. Garage or yard sales: Although permits are not required, limited to four times a calendar year with a limit of three days per sale per parcel
- 7. Vehicle sales: a maximum of four (4) four-day permits per calendar year per parcel<sup>16</sup>.
- 8. All other uses not specifically addressed: maximum of 30 days per calendar year per parcel<sup>16</sup>.
- 9. Applicants may not obtain a permit for a temporary use for the same parcel if that site has exceeded the time limitation for that calendar year. In the event that an applicant requests a temporary use permit for a parcel that has previously received a permit for an activity that is different from the current permit request, the most restrictive time limitation for the applicable temporary use shall apply.

# F. Signage for Temporary Uses (Revised 09/01/15 – Ord. 15-056; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

Signs for Temporary Uses shall be in accordance with Section 760.F, Temporary Signs.

<sup>15</sup> A five day extension may be authorized by the Director of the Office of Planning and Development or his/her designee.

<sup>16</sup> Contiguous parcels under the same ownership comprising a single principal use, including accessory uses, shall be considered as one parcel.

# G. Performance Bond Requirements (Revised 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

- 1. For Special Events or Meeting Places types of temporary uses with expected attendance greater than 250 people, the applicant shall obtain a performance bond on behalf of Polk County in the sum of \$10,000, conditioned that the applicant shall conduct the approved temporary use in accordance with the approval and any imposed conditions and that any damages to public infrastructure, demands for removal, or other failure on the part of the applicant, the amount thereof shall be recoverable by the County for any damages resulting from the failure.
- 2. The performance bond provisions may be waived or modified by the Director of the Office of Planning and Development upon written request accompanied by evidence of financial responsibility, an estimate demonstrating coverage less than \$10,000 is sufficient to cover any damages or failure to comply with approval, or demonstration of the successful execution of prior temporary uses.

**Table 2.3** Temporary Uses (Revised 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-68; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040)

District	Retail Stands <sup>1</sup>	Vehicle Sales	Food & Produce Stands	Meeting Places <sup>1</sup>	Special Events <sup>1</sup>
RCC	Х		Х	Х	Х
RCC-R					
CC	Х		Х	Х	
NAC	Χ		X	X	X
CAC	Χ	Χ	X	X	X
RAC	Χ	Χ	X	X	X
IAC	Χ	Χ	X	X	X
EC	Χ		X	X	X
OC	Χ		X		
TC	Χ		X	X	X
MU	Χ		X	X	X
PI	Χ		X		
BPC-1	Χ		X	X	X
BPC-2	Χ		X	X	X
HIC	Χ	Χ	X	X	X
TCC	Χ	Χ	Х	X	Х
LCC	Х	Χ	Х	Х	Х
CE	Х		Х	Х	Х
IND	Χ		X	Χ	X

<sup>1</sup> For non-residential principal land uses in RS, RL-1, RL-2, RL-3, RL-4, RM, and RH land use districts that were either approved through the conditional use process (including Planned Developments) or are legal, non-conforming uses, Special Events, Retail Stands, and Meeting Place may be considered.

PM	Х		Х	Х	Х
L/R	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х
INST-1	X		Х	Х	X
INST-2	X		X	Х	X
ROS				X	X
PRESV					
RS <sup>2</sup>	X <sup>2</sup>		X <sup>2</sup>	Х	X <sup>2</sup>
RL-1					
RL-2					
RL-3					
RL-4					
RM					
RH					
A/RR	X		X	Х	X
CORE					
Pre-DRI & DRL <sup>3</sup>	Х	Χ	Χ		X

Note: Table 2.3 regulates temporary uses within all Future Land Use Map (FLUM) designations within unincorporated Polk County, including land within the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern and all Neighborhood Plans and Selected Area Plans (SAPs).

X = Permitted subject to requirements in Section 207, Blank = Not Permitted

### H. Homes and Temporary Sales Offices (Revised 8/28/02 - Ord. 02-56)

Model homes and temporary sales offices may be permitted within residential subdivisions, for the sale of lots/homes. The following standards apply:

- 1. The number of model homes within a subdivision shall not exceed 5 units or 10 percent of the subdivision, whichever is greater. One or more of the model homes, or a separate modular unit, may also be permitted as a temporary sales office for the project developer, builders, or their agents.
- 2. Model home units shall meet all lot area, setbacks, parking, and unit separation requirements of the district in which they are located.
- 3. A stabilized road base and fire protection facilities must be in place to the model home lots prior to lintel inspection for a model home unit or temporary sales office, as certified in writing by the engineer of record for the subdivision.

<sup>2</sup> Uses are only permitted within the Wahneta Neighborhood Plan for parcels fronting a collector or arterial road. They are not permitted within any other RS district.

<sup>3</sup> Temporary Uses within a Pre-DRI or DRI shall only be permitted in non-residentially designated areas of an approved binding site plan with an existing non-residential primary use.

- 4. Model homes and temporary sales offices may continue operation until all lots or houses within that subdivision are sold. Certificates of Occupancy may not be issued for model homes until the subdivision plat has been approved by the County.
- 5. Signs used for model home and temporary sales offices shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 7.

### I. Construction Trailers/Offices

Construction trailers/offices may be permitted on a temporary basis in all districts subject to a Level 1 Review and the following requirements:

- 1. Construction trailers/offices may only be approved for licensed contractors working on construction projects for which permits have been issued. They shall be located on the same property and within the same project area where the work is being done and shall not encroach into any public right-of-way. Construction trailers/offices shall be required to meet all applicable state and local building and set-up codes.
- 2. Construction trailers/offices may be approved no sooner than 30 days prior to the start of construction and shall be removed within 30 days after completion of the work for which the construction permit has been issued.
- 3. Temporary construction trailers/offices may not be used as residences.

# J. Temporary Mobile Homes for Medical Hardships (Revised 02/05/2019 – Ord. 19-08; 12/18/12 – Ord. 12-040; 5/20/09 – Ord. 09-023; 9/25/02 - Ord. 02-59)

Mobile homes may be permitted as a temporary special exception in all residential districts, on the same lot or parcel as an existing principal residence, in cases of medical hardship in which the infirm resident requires continuous supervision. The mobile home may be the residence of the infirm person, or the residence of the person providing the supervision. Temporary mobile homes for medical hardships are subject to the applicable district regulations and the following requirements:

- 1. The mobile home may not be approved on a lot or parcel less than 12,500 square feet or 50 feet in width.
- 2. The mobile home shall not be located in the front yard of the existing principal residence.
- 3. The mobile home shall meet all setbacks and building separation requirements pertaining to the principal residence.
- 4. The mobile home may be approved only in cases of medical hardship where a resident requires continuous care and supervision as substantiated by a letter submitted by an attending physician.

- 5. Approvals shall be valid for one year, or for a shorter period as specified by the Land Use Hearing Officer. Approvals may be renewed by the Land Development Director, following notice provided by the Land Development Director within 30 days before expiration, when the medical hardship warranting the original approval remains and is verified. If for any reason the resident requiring medical supervision ceases to reside on the property, the mobile home must be removed from the property within 60 days.
- 6. Approval is not transferable to another person, and it shall not remain in effect in the event of a change of ownership of any land, structure, use, or other item covered by the approval.
- 7. An application for a temporary mobile home for a medical hardship may only be heard before the Land Use Hearing Officer pursuant to procedures in Chapter 9.

# K. Temporary Emergency Shelters (Revised 5/20/09 – Ord. 09-023)

When a permanent residential dwelling unit has been rendered uninhabitable by a calamity, an emergency shelter (mobile home or recreational vehicle) may be temporarily occupied on the same property during the reconstruction, repair, or renovation of the permanent dwelling, subject to a Level 1 Review. Initial occupancy of the temporary shelter shall not exceed 90 consecutive days. Extensions may be approved by the Building and Codes Division Director when determined to be necessary to complete the work to make the permanent residence habitable; however, in no instance shall the period of temporary occupancy of the shelter exceed nine consecutive months.

### L. Road Construction Materials/Equipment (Added 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-068)

Road construction materials/equipment may be permitted on a temporary basis in all land use districts subject to a Level 1 Review and meeting the following requirements:

- 1. Road construction materials/equipment may only be approved for licensed contractors working on road construction projects for which permits have been issued. They shall be located within close proximity, if not along the road under construction. The construction materials/equipment may be permitted to be located within the right of way as long as their placement and location does not impede the traffic flow or obstruct the view of motorists.
- 2. Road construction materials/equipment may be located no sooner than 30 days prior to the start of construction and shall be removed within 30 days after completion of the work for which the construction permits have been issued.
- 3. Construction trailers/offices shall comply with subsection I of this section.

4. Road construction materials/equipment shall be prohibited from being located within a wetland. Road construction equipment may be located within a flood plain if approved as part of the Level 1 Review.

# Section 208 Density and Dimensional Regulations for Standard Districts (Rev. 05/06/09 - Ord. 09-020)

Density and dimensional regulations for the standard land use districts are prescribed in Table 2.2.

# Section 209 Accessory Structures (Rev. 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083: 12/17/0 3 - Ord. 03-96)

This Section applies to accessory structures in all districts. Accessory structures may be located on a parcel provided that the following requirements are met:

### A. Building Permit (Rev. 12/17/0 3 - Ord. 03-96)

A building permit shall be obtained prior to the construction of an accessory structure.

### B. *Permitted Principle Use (Rev. 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083)*

Prior to locating an accessory structure on a parcel, there shall be a permitted principal use as listed on Table 2.1 located on the parcel, in full compliance with all applicable standards and requirements. This shall not apply to structures utilized in conjunction with bonafide agricultural uses.

### C. Compliance with Standards

All accessory buildings shall comply with standards pertaining to the principal use, for height restrictions and building separations.

### D. Location (Rev. 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-065; 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083)

- 1. Accessory structures shall be located in the side or rear yard meeting the required setbacks. Only those accessory structures located within the Agriculture/Residential Rural land use district that are part of a bona fide agricultural use shall be permitted within any yard (front, side, or rear) and shall adhere to applicable setback requirements for the district.
- 2. They shall not be located in a required buffer, minimum accessory structure setback area, public rights-of-way, or easement (unless authorized by the easement or approval is obtained from the easement holder).

- 3. Carports, garages and any other structures intended for the storage of vehicles which have both a rigid roof and a permanent foundation may be permitted in the front yard, provided the front yard setbacks are met.
- 4. When a lot is determined to be a reverse frontage lot, the front, side and rear lot lines, the orientation of the primary structure (with regards to primary front access), along with the applicable setback requirements for the land use district, shall be used to determine the allowable placement location of an accessory structure(s).

### E. Prohibited Accessory Structures (Rev. 09/02/09 – Ord. 09-058)

Vehicles, vehicle parts, boilers, walk-in freezers, and mobile homes shall not be used as accessory structures in any district.

### F. Attached/Connected Accessory Structures

Roofed accessory structures physically attached or connected to the principal structure shall be considered a part of the principal structure and shall be subject to the same standards as the principal structure unless exempted or superseded elsewhere in this Code.

### G. Size (Rev. 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083)

Accessory structures are customarily associated with, subordinate in size, and incidental in use to the principal structure located on the same site. However, an accessory structure may be permitted to be larger in square footage or in height than the principal structure on-site pursuant to on of the following:

- 1. Accessory structures may be permitted up to 150 % of the principal structure square footage or height with a minimum lot size of five acres in the A/RR district (no variance required);
- 2. With approval of a variance from the Land Use Hearing Officer pursuant to Sections 930 and 931; or
- 3. Accessory structures utilized in conjunction with bona fide agricultural uses.

### H. Variance (Rev. 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 12/1/10 – Ord. 10-083)

The Land Use Hearing Officer shall have the authority to grant variances from subsection G of this Section.

# Section 210 Section 210 Fences and Walls Permitted and Regulated (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-22)

### A. General Regulations for Fences (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-22)

- 1. In areas where property faces two roadways, or is located in any other area construed to be a corner lot, no fence or wall shall be located within the clear visibility triangle per Section 711.
- 2. No fence or wall shall be constructed or installed in such manner as to impede drainage on or adjacent to the site.
- 3. No fence or wall shall be constructed or installed in such a manner as to obstruct public safety apparatus and personnel from accessing any property.
- 4. No fence or wall shall be constructed in the right-of-way.
- 5. In general, the design of fences shall be in keeping with neighborhood appearance. Such materials as corrugated or sheet metal or any scrap or offensive material shall not be permitted. In addition, fences in any residential district shall not contain any substance such as broken glass, spikes, nails, high voltage electronically charged wiring or similar materials designed to inflict pain or injury to any person.
- 6. Barbed wire or razor wire shall be permitted in all non-residential districts.
- 7. Barbed wire fences may be permitted in conjunction with agricultural activities.
- 8. All opaque fences shall be limited to a height of eight feet, measured from the ground, unless a building permit is acquired pursuant to a Level 1 Review.
- 9. All fencing erected prior to March 25, 2003, shall be granted non-conforming status.

### B. Permitted Fence Materials (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-22)

The following types of fences shall be allowed:

- 1. Chain link or ornamental wire fences with uniformly spaced metal or wood posts:
- 2. Ornamental wrought iron or other ornamental metals or plastics and fiberglass manufactured for fences;
- 3. Wood or prefabricated units with finished or unfinished posts that are of uniform length and size; or
- 4. Precast masonry, concrete or brick units of uniform length and size with an appropriate building permit.

#### C. Maintenance

Fences, walls and gates shall be privately maintained.

### Section 211 Section 211 Pools and Screen Enclosures

### A. Temporary Safety Barrier (Revised 8/28/02 - Ord. 02-56)

A temporary safety barrier shall be placed around any pool under construction in such a manner as to keep children from entering the pool area. The temporary safety barrier shall be installed prior to the beginning of excavation and shall remain until replaced by the permanent barrier required by the Code and the Florida Building Code. Failure to install or maintain the temporary safety barrier shall be a violation of this ordinance which may, at the discretion of the Building Official, result in a Stop Work Order or such other enforcement as provided by this Code.

# B. Swimming Pool Enclosures (Revised 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 12/1/10 - Ord. 10-082)

A swimming pool, spa or hot tub and its enclosure may only be constructed or installed in the side or rear yard. No part of any pool, spa or hot tub or its enclosure shall be closer than five feet to any seawall or property line. A variance to this setback requirement may be granted by the Land Use Hearing Officer in accordance with Section 930 and 931.

### C. Safety Barrier

Any swimming pool more than 24 inches in depth, as measured between the lowest portion of the floor of the pool and the maximum possible water level, shall be entirely enclosed by a safety barrier of not less than four feet in height. Safety barriers shall include a screened-in enclosure, fence, wall, or other equivalent barrier approved by the Building Division and erected either around the swimming pool or around the property on which the swimming pool is constructed. Exterior access to any swimming pool must be through self-closing and self-latching gates that automatically close and fasten.

The structure of an aboveground swimming pool may be used as its barrier or the barrier for such a pool may be mounted on top of its structure; however, such structure or separately mounted barrier must meet all barrier requirements of this Section. In addition, any ladder or steps that are the means of access to an aboveground pool must be capable of being secured, locked, or removed to prevent access or must be surrounded by a barrier that meets the requirements of this Section.

# D. Compliance with the Florida Building Code (Revised 11/27/02 - Ord. 02-84; 8/28/02 - Ord. 02-56)

All new swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs shall comply with the Florida Building Code.

### **Section 212 Reserved (Revised 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-065)**

# Section 213 Dumpsters and Donation Bins (Revised 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-65)

### A. Accessory Use Requirements

- 1. Dumpsters and donation bins shall meet all of the applicable requirements in Section 209.B. in addition to the requirements of this Section.
- 2. Donation bins shall comply with the following criteria:
  - a. Donation bins shall only be allowed within non-residential land use districts (or in conjunction with approved non-residential uses) and may be allowed within any yard (front, side, or rear).
  - b. Donation bins shall not be located within the right-of-way.
  - c. Donation bins are required to be at least 10 feet from all lot lines;
  - d. When located within a parking lot, donation bins shall not impede traffic circulation or create any potential traffic hazard;
  - e. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent whose property the bin is placed to ensure that all items are deposited within the donation bin. Donation items shall not be permitted to be deposited or stored outside of the donation bin.
  - f. Donation bins shall comply with the applicable requirements in Section 220, Compatibility Standards, of the Code.
- 3. Dumpsters shall comply with the following criteria:
  - a. Dumpsters shall be prohibited within residential land use districts unless they are part of an approved non-residential use, a mobile home park, a recreational vehicle park, or multifamily development project.
  - b. Within non-residential land use districts, dumpsters shall be located to the side or rear of a principal building. When two or more roadway frontages exist (as with reverse frontage lots), the orientation of the principal building (with regards to its primary front access) shall be used to guide the

- placement of the dumpster to a side or rear yard location based upon the identified side and rear lot lines.
- c. Dumpsters shall adhere to the setback requirements of the applicable land use district to which it is being placed.
- d. It shall be the responsibility of the owner or agent whose property is being serviced by the dumpster(s) to maintain the lid(s) in a closed condition at all times except when actually in the process of placing in or removing refuse from the dumpster(s).
- e. It shall be the responsibility of the property owner to maintain the dumpster area free of odors, scattered debris, overflow, and all other nuisances.
- f. No dumpster shall be used to dispose of hazardous or bio-hazardous materials.
- g. Dumpsters shall be situated so as not to obstruct the view of flowing traffic.

### B. Screening (Revised 12/17/13 – Ord. 13-065)

All dumpsters shall be completely screened from view of all public roads and residential dwelling units. Screening shall include a minimum six (6) foot high opaque fence or wall. Screening requirements do not apply to donation bins or areas where dumpsters are temporarily set out for the collection of refuse.

### Section 214 Distance Between Buildings (Revised 12/15/15 – Ord. 15-080

### A. Building Height Adjustment

When a building exceeds 35 feet in height, the minimum distance from an adjacent detached building shall be increased by one-half foot for each one foot of building height or fraction thereof over 25 feet.

#### **Section 215 Setbacks from Private Roads**

All principal structures shall be set back from private roads in accordance with the following standards:

### A. Minimum Setbacks

The minimum setback distance from front, exterior side, and exterior rear lot lines shall be the same distance as the minimum setback from the right-of-way line of a public local road in the district where the principal structure is located (refer to Table 2.2).

### B. Location of Measurements

Measurements of the minimum setback distance shall be made from the property line or the edge of road pavement, using the measurement which provides for the greatest setback distance from the private road.

# Section 216 Commercial Vehicle Parking and Storage

### A. Residential Parking

Parking, storing, or keeping a commercial vehicle regulated by this Section on any lot or parcel within a residential district is prohibited, except in accordance with the requirements of this Section.

### B. Commercial Vehicles Defined

For purposes of this Section, commercial vehicles shall include the following:

- 1. Heavy Machinery Equipment;
- 2. Dump Trucks;
- 3. Tractors and trailer rigs, either as one unit, or separately;
- 4. Vehicles having more than two axles on the road; and
- 5. Similar vehicles not ordinarily used for personal transportation when the parking is not accessory to a permitted use.

### C. Exemptions (Revised 4/4/02 - Ord. 02-18)

The following shall be exempted from the requirements of this Section:

- 1. Commercial vehicles that meet all of the following:
  - a. Less than two tons load capacity;
  - b. Less than nine feet in height, including the load, bed, or box; and
  - c. Less than 26 feet in length.
- 2. The parking of one commercial vehicle on a five-acre or larger parcel in the A/RR district, provided that the vehicle is parked a minimum of 20 feet from all property boundaries.

- 3. The temporary parking of construction equipment and vehicles on private land in residential districts where construction is underway, and for which a current and valid building permit has been issued by the County and is displayed on the premises.
- 4. Any vehicle owned by a public or private utility provider when used in the event of emergencies requiring immediate attention.
- 5. The parking of agricultural equipment and vehicles on private land used for bona fide agricultural purposes.
- 6. The storage of lawn maintenance equipment within an enclosed structure.

# D. Special Exceptions (Revised 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 5/20/09 – Ord. 09-023; 9/25/02 - Ord. 02-59; 04/04/02 - Ord. 02-17)

The parking of commercial vehicles in residential districts may be approved as a special exception by the Land Use Hearing Officer provided they conform to the following standards:

- 1. Only one commercial vehicle, as regulated by this Section, shall be permitted on any residential lot or parcel.
- 2. Commercial vehicles shall be currently registered or licensed.
- 3. The parking of said vehicle does not have a negative impact to the health, safety of welfare of adjacent properties.
- 4. The applicant can demonstrate that denial of said request would place an unnecessary hardship on the property prohibiting the use of land in a manner otherwise allowed under this Code.
- 5. Commercial vehicles must be parked on the same lot occupied by the owner or operator of the vehicle.
- 6. The vehicle shall not be parked in the front yard of the principal residence.
- 7. The parking area shall be at least 20 feet from all property boundaries.
- 8. The vehicle shall park in a manner so that the minimum amount of vehicle surface is facing the road adjacent to the property, unless the vehicle is screened or buffered as provided.
- 9. When the vehicle parking area will be less than 200 feet from a residentially designated or used property, it shall be buffered from the adjacent residential property with a Type B Bufferyard as outlined in Section 720. A fence with a minimum height of six feet may be used in lieu of, or in conjunction with, a vegetative bufferyard.

- 10. Refrigerator units on vehicles shall not be operated on the site.
- 11. Approvals shall be valid for one year, or for a shorter period as specified by the Land Use Hearing Officer. Approvals may be renewed, with proper application following notice provided by the Land Development Director 30 days prior to the expiration date, if the commercial vehicle location is consistent with the Land Development Code. The applicant shall bear the burden in demonstrating that the vehicle parking still meets the criteria of the approved Special Exception and this Section.

#### **Section 217 Distressed or Abandoned Vehicles**

### A. Vehicle Storage

Except as provided in Section 217.B, no distressed or abandoned vehicle shall be parked, and no motor vehicle frame, vehicle body, or vehicle body part shall be stored, on residentially designated or used property except when in a completely enclosed garage or building.

### B. Screening (Revised 4/4/02 - Ord. 02-18)

One distressed or abandoned vehicle or vehicle component is permitted in the rear yard of a residential dwelling unit provided such vehicle or vehicle component is stored no closer than five feet from any side or rear property line and is completely screened from view of neighboring homes and properties. Sheet metal or tarpaulin shall not be used to satisfy these screening requirements and those outlined in Chapter 10, Screening.

### Section 218 Boats, Utility Trailers, Sports Vehicles and Recreational Vehicles

Vehicles such as unoccupied boats, air boats, or personal water crafts with or without trailers; sports vehicles such as dune buggies, racing vehicles, off-road vehicles, hunting vehicles; or unoccupied recreational vehicles; or utility trailers may be parked on residential lots or parcels provided the following criteria are met:

#### A. Front Yard

Only one such vehicle may be parked or stored in the front yard. More than one vehicle may be parked or stored in the side and rear yard of a dwelling unit provided that they are no closer than five feet from any side or rear property line.

### B. Vehicle Registration

The vehicle is operative and is currently registered or licensed where required by state law.

### C. Driveway Function

The driveway to the residence remains functional, and the parking of such vehicle is exclusive of the required two parking spaces on the lot.

### D. Public Rights-of-Way

No such vehicle shall be parked or stored in such a manner as to encroach into a public right-of-way. All such vehicles shall be completely parked or stored on the residential lot except for the purpose of loading or unloading, not to exceed one hour in any 24 hour period.

#### E. Connection to Utilities

No recreational vehicle shall be connected to utility services except in preparation for departure.

#### F. Residential Use

It is strictly prohibited to reside in a vehicle parked in a residential district or residential development other than for use as a Temporary Emergency Shelter as permitted under Section 207.E of this Code.

#### Section 219 Setbacks for Residential Infill

This Section shall be applied where the setback requirements of this Code would create incompatible infill development. In cases where vacant lots exist in established residential neighborhoods or subdivisions, development of said vacant lots shall be compatible with those abutting lots. The proposed infill units shall conform to any standards required by valid recorded plats, deed restriction

or approved, valid site plans, to the extent provided by law. Where such documentation is not available, the setbacks of the proposed infill units shall be based upon the minimum setbacks of abutting units. [Example: if a proposed infill lot abuts two single-family homes with front setbacks of 15 feet and 25 feet, the proposed unit shall be constructed with a 20 feet front setback].

# Section 220 Compatibility Standards (Revised 05/15/18 – Ord. 18-031; 5/15/02 - Ord. 02-22; 2/11/02 - Ord. 02-04)

The provisions of this Section shall apply to all development within 50 feet of an existing residence or property designated as Residential Suburban (RS), Residential-Low (RL-1, RL-2, RL-3, RL-4), Residential-Medium (RM), Residential High (RH) or Rural Cluster Center-Residential (RCC-R)

by the Future Land Use Map Series. Only the portion of the development within the 50 foot compatibility area shall be subject to the requirements of this Section.

### A. Signage

Signage shall be attached to the building or shall be limited to signs of 24 square feet in area and ten feet in height. Internal illuminated signs shall be prohibited.

### B. Lighting (Revised 05/15/18 – Ord. No. 18-031)

Electrical reflectors, spotlights, floodlights and other sources of illumination may be used to illuminate buildings, landscaping, signs, parking and loading areas, on any property provided they are equipped with proper lenses or other devices concentrating the illumination upon the building, landscaping, signs, parking and loading areas, on any property, and preventing any bright, direct illumination upon adjacent property or any public right-of-way. A lighting plan shall be required for all non-residential development proposing light fixtures within 50 feet of existing residential properties or residential districts. The plan shall clearly demonstrate that there will be no increase in ambient lighting into existing residential properties and residential districts.

# C. Buildings (Revised 05/15/18 – Ord. No. 18-031)

No buildings shall be located within 50-foot compatibility area.

### D. Prohibited Uses/Activities (Revised 05/15/18 – Ord. No. 18-031):

The following are prohibited within the 50 feet compatibility area:

- 1. Dumpsters, except temporary construction dumpsters.
- 2. Outdoor sales, storage or display.
- 3. Air conditioning units greater than five tons. If said unit has a capacity of less than five tons, the unit shall be located to reduce off-site impacts.
- 4. Loading facilities/structures.
- 5. Drive-thru facilities.
- 6. Grease Traps
- 7. Wastewater lift stations.
- 8. Gasoline pump islands

# E. Additional Screening and Buffering for Parking Areas

When vehicle parking is located within 50 feet of a residential structure or platted residential lots with a lot depth of less than 200 feet, the parking area shall require a minimum setback of 15 feet and additional landscaping with specific types of plantings required to minimize noise, light and visual effects upon neighboring residential properties. The following shall be applied in addition to the standard buffer required:

- 1. For noise reduction: evergreen plantings shall be required with thick foliage covering from ground level to a minimum of 12 feet in height at maturity and spaced to provide overlapping branches within two years after planting;
- 2. For minimizing ambient light: well foliated, non-deciduous canopy trees spaced to provide overlapping branches within five (5) years after planting and a hedge row to reach 100% opacity above 4 feet within three (3) years to block vehicle lights;
- 3. For visual effects: decorative plantings, that seasonally flower, staggered between buildings and property line(s) at eight trees per 100 linear feet.

### F. Commercial Vehicles

Along drive aisles and where commercial vehicles may park or travel within 50 feet of a residential property line there shall be a wall or sound reducing opaque fence of at least eight (8) feet in height or greater. Where there are grade separations in which the drive aisles, parking, loading occur that are lower than the residential properties, wall height may be adjusted.

# G. Linear Commercial Corridor and Commercial Enclave (Revised 05/17/18 – Ord. 18-031; 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-26; 02/11/02 - Ord. 02/04)

In addition to the other requirements of this section, these requirements shall apply to all new development and redevelopment of LCC and CE properties:

1. New development or redevelopment of non-residential uses within a Linear Commercial Corridor and Commercial Enclave shall be limited to the intensities of uses at the same or less intensity as adjacent existing uses.

# Section 221 Principal Uses and Buildings

Use districts represent principal uses which conform to the intent of this Code.

#### A. Residential Districts/Uses

In a residential land use district one single-family dwelling unit and accessory structures shall be permitted on a single lot meeting the minimum requirements of this Code.

#### B. Non-residential Districts/Uses

In any Multi-family, Office, Commercial, or Industrial district, a single use, detached building, or a group of uses shall be permitted as a matter of right or may be authorized by a Conditional Use Permit on a single lot meeting the minimum requirements of this Code. A multiple building complex shall be considered as a single principal use.

# Section 222 Agricultural (Revised 01/30/03 - Ord. 03-14

### A. General Farming (Revised 1/10/12 – Ord. 12-001)

Nothing herein shall prevent the use of any land for agricultural purposes, or the construction and use of buildings or structures incidental to that purpose. No conditional use permit or certificate shall be required for any new agricultural building or structure provided, however, no structure for the sheltering or feeding of animals (such as barns, stables, coups, aviaries, troughs or feeders) shall be permitted to be built within 50 feet of

a property boundary except within the A/RR, A/RRX, PM and CORE Future Land Use Map districts.

# B. Non-residential Farm Buildings (Revised 1/6/2010 – Ord. 10-002; 09/02/09 – Ord. 09-054):

Non-residential farming related buildings are not required to meet the standards of the Florida Building Code except as required by Chapter 553.73, F.S.

# C. Farm Worker Housing (Revised 09/02/09 – Ord. 09-054):

Nothing in this code shall prohibit the use of a single-family, duplex, or multifamily unit from housing farm workers in the same manner as a family defined within Chapter 10 of this code.

# D. Farming, General and Animal Grazing (Revised 1/10/12 – Ord. 12-001; 6/28/11 – Ord. 11-008)

Nothing herein shall prevent the use of any land for farming, general and animal grazing for bona fide agricultural purposes, or the good faith commercial agricultural use of land, as defined in Section 193.461, F.S. This shall be allowed in all land use classifications.

# E. Livestock and Fowl in Residential Neighborhoods (Revised 2/5/19 Ord. 19-008; 12/15/15 – Ord. 15-080; 1/10/12 – Ord. 12-001)

This section is intended to address the balance between quality of life for residents and responsible animal husbandry in residential neighborhoods. Code enforcement action of this subsection (222.E) may be initiated only by complaint from and owner of residential property within 250 feet of the property on which livestock or fowl are contained. The following provision apply to only residential properties less than ½ acre (21,780 square feet) in size and do not apply to any property within the A/RR, A/RRX, PM and CORE Future Land Use Map districts. These provisions do not apply to the good faith commercial agricultural use of land (bona fide agricultural purposes), as defined in Section 193.461., F.S.

- 1. Livestock shall be contained within fenced areas.
- 2. Fowl and Swine shall be kept in pens or fenced areas at least 50 feet from neighboring residential property lines.
- 3. The storage of animal waste shall be located at least 50 feet from neighboring residential property lines.

- 4. Show animals and educational projects shall be exempted from the requirements for pens in Section 222.E.2, provided the manure setback requirement in Section 222.E.3, can be met.
- 5. Relaxation of the standards set forth in this section may be approved by the Land Use Hearing Officer through the process provided in Section 930 of this code.

### F. Cottage Industries (Added 05/19/2015 – Ord. 15-29)

Cottage industries in accordance with the definition in Chapter 10 are permitted as accessory uses to a bona fide agricultural property in the A/RR, RS, and RL-1 districts, outside of the Green Swamp Area of Critical State Concern, and under the following conditions:

- 1. Structures used for light manufacturing, agricultural processing and storage of the goods produced are:
  - a. no greater than an FAR of 0.025 cumulatively of the contiguous agricultural property or properties;
  - b. no single structure is greater than 15,000 square feet under roof; and,
  - c. the total square footage all structures used in production is less than 40,000 square feet cumulatively;
- 2. All production is conducted within enclosed structures;
- 3. Structures used for manufacturing, processing and storage of the goods produced are at least 200 feet from offsite residential structures;
- 4. All storage of finished goods is kept within enclosed structures or containers;
- 5. There is no slaughtering of animals permitted onsite;
- 6. Onsite retail sales may be approved by the Planning Commission through a Level 3 Review with consideration given to the extent of the retail activity, infrastructure available to support it, and compatibility with surrounding uses;
- 7. Events and activities to promote the products produced onsite may be approved in accordance with Section 229, Agritourism; and,
- 8. Production and sale of alcohol beverages shall be in accordance with the provisions in Section 224 in addition to the Florida Statutes and Florida Administrative Code.
- 9. Mail order sales and wholesale distribution of products produced onsite is permitted.

This level of land use approval allows for greater production than the Cottage food operations pursuant to the Florida Statutes (Section 500.80 at the time this amendment was adopted) Therefore, state and local food and beverage laws will apply. However, Florida Statute Chapter 500.80 Cottage Food Operations are permitted in all districts on bona fide agricultural property regardless of district regulations.

### Section 223 Property Maintenance (Revised 06/08/04 Ord. 04-09)

### A. Outside Storage (Revised 7/29/02 - Ord. 02-52; 9/26/01 - Ord. 01-70)

It is unlawful to utilize a residential property for the open storage of any building material, household appliance, building rubbish, weeds, dead trees, trash, garbage or similar items. The discarding or accumulation of junk upon any public or private property other than places specifically authorized and permitted as a salvage yard in conformance with this Code shall be prohibited.

# B. Overgrown Lots Creating a Nuisance (Revised 3/4/09 – Ord. 09-003; 7/29/02 – Ord. 02-52)

- 1. The Code Enforcement Division is authorized to declare that a nuisance or threat to the public health, safety, and welfare exists for all lots or parcels of land, as defined in this Ordinance, larger than one acre in size, which are located within 200 feet of a structure suitable for human occupancy and meet the provisions of this Section. Such a declaration of a nuisance or threat to the public health, safety, and welfare shall be made in writing and outline, at a minimum, the following:
  - a. The date and time the property was inspected;
  - b. The size of the property;
  - c. The conditions which exist on the property; and,
  - d. The proximity of all nearby structures designed for human occupancy.
- 2. The majority of any lot one acre or less in size that has been cleared or disturbed in the past but which has been allowed to grow up with weeds, underbrush, or other uncultivated vegetation or debris exceeding 18 inches in height for unimproved lots and 12 inches in height for improved lots which tends to be a breeding place or haven for snakes, rodents, or other vermin, which tends to create a fire hazard, or which otherwise creates a nuisance or threat to the public health, safety, or welfare shall be prohibited.

# C. Organic Debris (Revised 4/4/02 - Ord. 02-18)

Organic debris in excess of six cubic yards upon any public or private property other than places specifically authorized and permitted as landfills in conformance with this Code for more than 30 days shall be prohibited. This subsection shall only apply to lots one acre or less in size which have been cleared or disturbed in the past.

### D. Adequate Drainage Paths (Revised 12/08/03 Ord. 03-69)

Adequate drainage paths shall be provided around residential and non-residential structures, to guide stormwater runoff away from them, as well as adjacent structures and property.

### E. Storm Water System Maintenance (Revised 06/08/04 - Ord. 04-09)

Unless identified in the approved development permit and/or recorded subdivision plat, property owners or occupants shall not construct or maintain any building, residence, structure, or undertake or perform any development activity in wetlands, wetland mitigation areas, buffer areas, upland conservation areas, and drainage easements unless prior approval is received from appropriate agencies.

# F. Stagnant Water Within a Swimming Pool, Hot Tub or Wading Pool Creating a Nuisance Revised 07/22/09 - Ord. 04-049)

- 1. Swimming pools, hot tubs or wading pools containing stagnant water shall be prohibited on all lots or parcels of land, as defined in this Code. For purposes of this section, stagnant water shall include without limitations water that is not properly aerated and/or chlorinated that may serve as a breeding area or habitat or otherwise attract mosquitoes or other insects including larvae that is considered a threat to human or animal health and safety.
- 2. Additionally, the Code Enforcement Unit is authorized to declare that a nuisance or threat to the public health, safety, and welfare exists for all lots or parcels of land, as defined in this Code, where stagnant water exists within swimming pools, hot tubs or wading pools and is determined to be in a condition that is susceptible to producing disease, mosquito breeding or otherwise creating a hazard.

# Section 224 Alcohol Sales (Revised 08/13/18 – Ord. 18:49; 04/17/18 – Ord. 18-023; 12/20/11 – Ord. 11-042; 3/25/03 - Ord. 3-26; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57

All alcohol sales shall conform to the following:

1. No Certificate of Approval shall be issued, and no place of business shall be established, in the territory lying without the limits of incorporated municipalities in Polk County, Florida, for the sale of malt beverages having an alcoholic content

of more than 1 percent by weight, or wine regardless of alcoholic content, for consumption on the premises, which place of business within 1,000 feet of any established religious institution or public and private kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade school located outside of a Commercial Future Land Use Map District.

- 2. No Certificate of Approval shall be issued, and no place of business shall be established, in the territory lying without the limits of incorporated municipalities in Polk County, Florida for the sale of alcoholic beverages having an alcoholic content of greater than 1 percent by weight (except malt beverages and wine) which place of business is within 2,500 feet of an established religious institution or public and private kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade school located outside of a Commercial Future Land Use Map District.
- 3. [No longer needed with revised Table 2.4]
- 4. [No longer needed with revised Table 2.4]
- 5. The table to follow illustrates the required distance between the business property for which the type of license is applied and religious institutions or kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> grade schools (public or private) located outside of a Commercial Future Land Use Map District. The distance separation shall be measured so that no point on the property/lease line of the business applying for the Certificate of Approval shall be located closer than the applicable minimum distance from any point on the property/lease line of the church or school located outside of a Commercial Future Land Use Map District.
- 6. Whenever a vendor of alcoholic beverages has procured a license permitting the sale of alcoholic beverages in a Commercial Future Land Use Map District and, thereafter, a religious institutions or public and private kindergarten thru 12th grade schools is established within a separation distance required herein, the establishment of such religious institutions or kindergarten thru 12th grade schools (public and private) shall not be a cause for the discontinuance or classification as a nonconforming use of the business as a vendor of alcoholic beverages. In the event a vendor ceases to operate at such a location, a new vendor with an equal or lesser series license for the sale of alcoholic beverages may be established within five years of the date when the previous vendor ceased to operate at that location.

NOTE: Commercial Future Land Use Map Districts include the following: CC, NAC, CAC, RAC, HIC, LCC, CE, TCX and TCC.

Table 2.4 (Revised 8/7/18 – Ord. 18-50; 8/7//8 – Ord. 18-049; 7/25/01 - Ord. 01-57)

License <sup>17</sup> (DBPR License Code <sup>18</sup> )	Description <sup>19</sup>	Distance <sup>20</sup>	Hours of Operation	Hours of Operation
Standard Retail Licenses				
1APS & 2APS	Beer and Wine package sales	No distance requirement	Monday thru Sunday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	
3PS	Liquor, beer and wine package sales	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	No Sunday Sales
1COP	Beer package sales and consumption on premises	1,000 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
2COP	Beer and Wine consumption on premises	1,000 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
4COP	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
Special Retail Licenses				
4COP-S	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises in a Hotel, Motel, Motor Court or Condominium	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*

<sup>17</sup> Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulation Code. Ordinance is not bound strictly by DBPR code because it is subject to change.

<sup>18</sup> Except on New Year's Eve sales may continue until 2:00 PM on the Monday.

<sup>19</sup> If DPBR code is altered, the Land Development Director shall use the description to determine the applicable license.

<sup>20</sup> Distance between alcohol sales establishments and Religious Institutions or public and private kindergarten thru 12th grade school or any childcare facility offering the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program in accordance with Chapter 1002 of the Florida Statutes.

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4COP-SRX	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption at a restaurant seating 150 people and 2,500 square feet	No distance requirement	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
4COP-SBX	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises at a <b>Bowling Alley</b>	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
4COP-SPX	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on a pleasure, sightseeing or charter boat	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
4COP-SAL	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises at an airport	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
11C	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises at private clubs (social, fraternal, recreational, etc.)	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
11CG, GC	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises at a regulation <b>golf course</b>	No distance requirement	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
ODP	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises at special events to benefit non-profit organizations (1-3 days, up to 3 per year)	No distance requirement	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
14BC	Bottle Clubs - Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises brought in by patrons	2,500 feet	Monday thru Saturday, 7:00 AM to 2:00 AM next day	Sunday, 12:00 PM until 12:00 AM Monday next*
13CT	Liquor, Wine and Beer consumption on premises served by a caterer at any specified location (51% revenue from food service)	No distance requirement	No restriction	No restriction
SWP	Sacramental Wine served by religious institution	No distance requirement	No restriction	No restriction
Wholesale Licenses				
AMW, BMWC, CMB,DD, ERB	Manufacturers	No distance requirement	No restriction	No restriction

EDB, OPS KLD,KLD2, JDBW,JDSW	Distributers	No distance requirement	No restriction	No restriction
BSA, IMPR	Brokers	No distance requirement	No restriction	No restriction

- 7. Alcoholic beverages may be sold, consumed at any place holding a license under the Florida Department of Business Regulation, Division or Beverage within the territory of Polk County not included within any municipality in accordance with Table 2.4.
- 8. Variances from the distance provisions of this Ordinance may be granted by Land Use Hearing Officer as described in Section 930 of this Code.
- 9. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$500.00 or imprisonment for not more than 60 days, or both.

# Section 225 Maintenance of Commercial, Office, and Industrial Structures and Premises (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

### A. Exterior Maintenance (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

The exterior of every structure or accessory structure (including, but not limited to, storefronts, walls, fences, and signs) shall be substantially weather tight, watertight, and impervious to the adverse effects of weather, shall be maintained in sound condition and good repair, and shall not constitute a safety hazard or nuisance.

- 1. All surfaces shall be maintained free of broken glass, loose siding or shingles, crumbling stone or brick, excessive peeling paint, graffiti, mildew, mold, dirt, or other condition reflective of deterioration or inadequate maintenance to the end that the basic integrity of the structure may be preserved, safety and fire hazards may be eliminated, and adjoining properties and the neighborhood may be protected from blighting influence..
- 2. Exterior porches, landings, balconies, stairs, and fire escapes shall be kept structurally sound, in good repair and free from defects.
- 3. Any exterior signs which have excessively weathered or faded or those upon which the paint has excessively peeled or cracked shall, with their supporting members, be removed forthwith or put into a good state of repair.

### B. Exterior Repairs (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

In the event exterior repairs become necessary, such repairs shall be made with the same or similar materials used in the construction of the existing structure and in such a manner as to permanently repair the damaged area or areas.

### C. Reconstruction of Exterior Walls and Sidings (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

All reconstruction of exterior walls and sidings shall conform to the requirements of the Polk County Building Code and shall be finished in a manner such that the materials used will not be of a kind that by their appearance, under prevailing appraisal practices and standards, will depreciate the values of neighboring and adjoining properties.

# D. Roof Covering (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

All roofs shall have a suitable covering, free of holes, cracks, or excessively worn surfaces, which will prevent the entrance of moisture into the structure and provide reasonable durability. Roofs shall be maintained in a safe manner and have no defects which might admit rain or cause dampness in the walls or interior portion of the building.

### E. Supporting Structures and Foundation Walls (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Supporting structural members and foundation walls are to be kept structurally sound, free of deterioration and capable of bearing imposed loads safely.

### F. Exterior Electrical Wiring and Equipment (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

All exterior electrical wiring and equipment shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the requirements of the authority having jurisdiction.

### G. *Garbage Storage (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)*

The owner and operator shall each have the duty and full responsibility of providing garbage storage containers for occupied structures.

#### H. Non-functional Building Elements (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Existing miscellaneous non-functional elements on the building exterior, such as empty electrical conduit, unused awning brackets, pipes, duct-work, mechanical equipment, sign brackets, etc., shall be removed and the building surface repaired or rebuilt as required.

### I. Drainage (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Adequate run-off drains shall be provided and maintained in accordance with the appropriate provisions of this Ordinance to eliminate any such return or excessive accumulation of storm water.

### J. Infestation and Nuisance Conditions (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Sources of infestation and all nuisance conditions shall be abated, or they shall be subject to enforcement actions.

### K. Windows (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Window panes or an approved substitute shall be maintained without cracks or holes. Window openings in occupied buildings or structures shall not be boarded or filled except as a temporary measure during replacement or construction. Such temporary measure shall not exceed 120 days in duration. All windows exposed to public view shall be kept clean and free of marks or foreign substances except when necessary in the course of changing displays. No storage of materials, stock or inventory shall be permitted in window display areas or other areas ordinarily exposed to public view unless said areas are first screened from the public view by drapes, Venetian blinds or other permanent screening which renders the windows opaque to the public view. All such screening shall be maintained in a clean and attractive manner and in a good state of repair.

### L. Awnings and Marquees (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Any awning or marquee and its accompanying structural members which extend over any street, sidewalk, or any portion of the premises shall be maintained in good repair and shall not constitute a nuisance or a safety hazard. In the event such awnings or marquees are not properly maintained in accordance with the foregoing, they shall, together with their supporting members, be removed forthwith. In the event said awnings or marquees are made of cloth, plastic, or of a similar material, said cloth or plastic, where exposed to public view, shall be maintained in good condition and shall not show evidence of excessive weathering, discoloration, ripping, tearing, or other holes. Nothing herein shall be construed to authorize any encroachment on streets, sidewalks, or other parts of the public domain.

### M. Egress (Revised 03/25/03 - Ord. 03-24)

Every structure shall have such unobstructed means of egress leading to open space outside of any building or structure or part thereof, which shall be of a number, size, design, and location meeting local and state building codes, housing standards, fire code, and other applicable requirements.

- N. Commercial, Office, Multi- Family and Industrial Premises (Revised 03/25/03 Ord. 03-24; 12-04-03 Ord. 03-82)
- 1. All parts of the premises under the control of any owner or operator shall be kept in a clean and satisfactory condition and the occupant shall refrain from performing any acts which would render other parts of the premises unclean or unsanitary or which would obstruct the owner or occupant from performing any duty required hereunder or maintaining the premises in a clean and sanitary condition.
- 2. Every owner and operator shall be responsible for the elimination of infestation in and on the premises subject to his control.
- 3. Every owner and operator shall be responsible for willfully or maliciously causing damage to any part of the premises.
- 4. Nothing herein shall be construed to provide a defense to any owner violating this ordinance. Owners are presumed responsible for the properties. However, in the above defined circumstances, operators may be held jointly and severely liable, as well as the owners.
- 5. Every owner shall be responsible for the perpetual care and maintenance of all landscaped areas. Replacement vegetation may be substituted as long as it is appropriate for the water use zone within which it is proposed to be planted.

### Section 226 - Irrigation Systems: (Revised 3-18-09 – Ord. 09-006; 12-04-03 Ord. 03-82)

The following shall be required of all subsurface and automatic irrigation systems installed within unincorporated Polk County.

### A. Permit Requirements (Revised 3-18-09 – Ord. 09-006)

- 1. Irrigation systems shall require a permit, issued by the Building Division.
- 2. Prior to issuance of an irrigation permit, the applicant shall either certify by check list or demonstrate with a lot landscape plan compliance with Section 720. E. The checklist is available through the Polk County Building Division and the Land Development Division.

### B. Rain Sensors and Soil Moisture Sensors (Revised 3-18-09 – Ord. 09-006

Rain sensor shut-off equipment shall be required on all permanently installed irrigation systems to avoid irrigation during periods of sufficient rainfall. The equipment shall be adjusted and maintained to shut off the irrigation system when adequate rainfall has occurred.

Soil moisture sensors may be used in addition to rain sensor shut-off equipment.

### C. County Watering Restrictions (Revised 3-18-09 – Ord. 09-006

Irrigation shall be conducted in accordance with County or Water Management District water restrictions, whichever is more restrictive.

### Section 227 - Filling and Excavating Land (Added 09-12-07 Ord. 07-55)

Clearing and grubbing of upland property is permitted in the unincorporated areas of Polk County except where prohibited by habitat or tree preservation requirements within this code, the laws of Florida or by Federal rules and regulations. However, the addition or removal of soils from a property is required to undergo review. The filling and excavating requirements are established in this section.

All property owners and building permit applicants are required to control erosion and retain all sediments on their building site. Erosion and sediment control "Best Management Practices" shall be implemented as necessary to prevent off-site sediment discharges. Best Management Practices (BMPs) include, but are not limited to, silt fencing, entrance/exit controls, stabilization, temporary sediment basins, berms, etc.

### A. Exemptions (Revised 4/7/10 – Ord. 10-013)

The following land use activities are exempted from review under this section:

- 1. Residential dwellings on lots with a minimum width that is equal to or greater than 80 linear feet;
- 2. Residential development where the areas in which fill material will be placed no closer than 10 feet from the nearest property line;
- 3. Residential dwellings that are built on a stem wall foundation;
- 4. On-site sewage disposal systems installed as permitted by the Florida Department of Health;
- 5. Mining operations or soil excavation that will extract less than five acre/feet or 8,000 cubic yards of soil from the property when conducted in conjunction with an authorized development order or building permit. This exemption shall not apply to any site within 1,000 feet of another site under the same ownership that has been granted an exemption under this provision;
- 6. Soil excavation approved as part of site grading operations for development sites (not solely mining operations) with approved Level 2 Review plans, so long as the duration of the soil removal does not exceed six consecutive months. The Land Development Director may extend the duration up to an additional 90 consecutive days. This shall supersede the exemption provided for in subsection 5. above; and

7. Agricultural water management systems regulated by the water management district

### B. Lot Grading

Within developments that have an approved lot grading plan, all filling or excavating of lots shall be consistent with such plan. When no such plan exists the following requirements shall apply:

- 1. Single-family dwellings, duplexes, and mobile homes shall have the lowest floor, including the floor of an attached garage, elevated at least 18 inches above the crown of the road at the high side of the property or 12 inches above the base flood elevation, whichever is higher. In areas of substantial relief where the lot grade may be below the crown of the road, the finished floor elevation shall be a minimum of 18 inches above the highest existing grade at the proposed building corner, unless shown otherwise in an approved engineering plan.
- 2. The finished floor of the proposed dwelling shall be consistent with Section 1803.3 of the 2004 Florida Building Code.
- 3. The permit applicant shall provide an adequate drainage system whereby either surface water runoff from normal rainfall events is retained on-site and does not drain onto adjacent properties, or is directed into a legal, positive outfall following BMP implementation. Choosing from the four lot grading plans provided, Types A, B, C, or D (figures 2.1 through 2.4), will expedite the review and inspection.

### C. Alternative Lot Grading

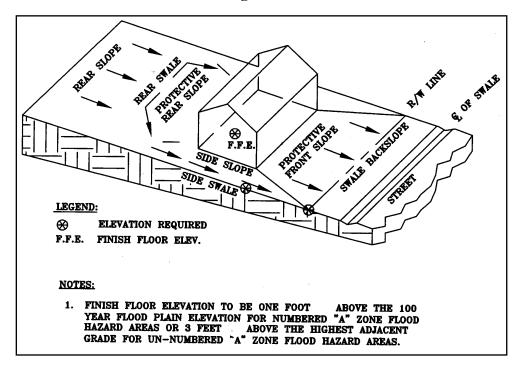
Where the above requirements can not be met, alternate measures other than fill material shall be utilized, including but not limited to, crawl space, stem walls, pilings, pumped onsite sewage systems with elevated drain fields, yard piping and inlets, or other approved methods. In cases where other regulatory requirements demand that fill material in excess of the parameters above be added to construct the dwelling or its appurtenant structures, the following shall be required:

- 1. A boundary and topographic survey with sufficient vertical elevations to establish lot height and drainage pattern shall be submitted with the building permit application.
- 2. Where a proposed habitable one- or two-family dwelling is to be constructed on a lot adjacent to an existing one- or two-family dwelling, the survey shall show the finished floor elevation of the existing adjacent dwelling in relation to a fixed point of reference. The finished floor elevation of the proposed habitable one- or two-family dwelling shall be denoted on the survey or site drainage plan in relation to the fixed point of reference. A form board survey by a Florida state-registered

- surveyor showing the form boards and the relations to property lines shall accompany the form board inspection request.
- 3. The permit applicant shall provide an adequate drainage system whereby either surface water runoff from normal rainfall events is retained on-site and does not drain onto adjacent properties, or is directed into a legal, positive outfall following BMP implementation.

### D. Lot Grading Types

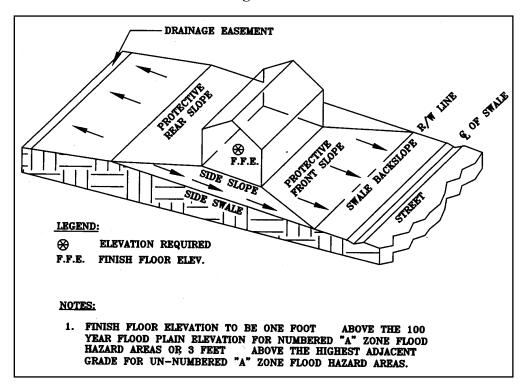
Figure 2.1



Typical Lot Grading

Type "A"

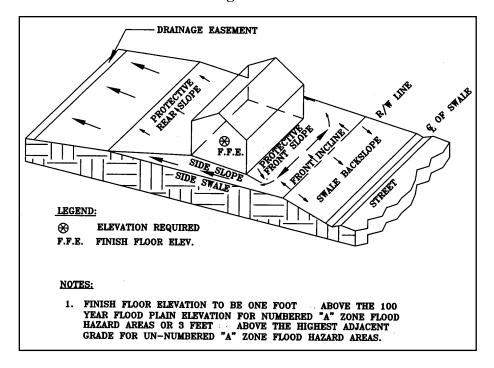
Figure 2.2



# **Typical Lot Grading**

# Type "B"

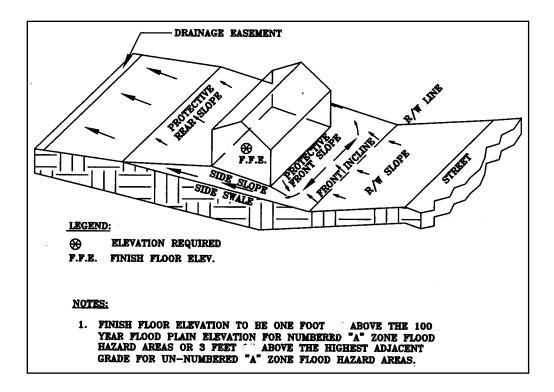
Figure 2.3



# **Typical Lot Grading**

Type "C"

Figure 2.4



# Typical Lot Grading Type "D"

### E. Soil Removal

Removal of soils from any one property or location in excess of 8,000 cubic yards are considered a non-phosphate mine and shall follow the requirements and procedures of Section 303 of this code for Mining, Non-phosphate.

### Section 228 Measurement of Setbacks (Revised 12/1/10 - Ord. 10-082)

Setback shall be measured in accordance with the following:

- 1. Setbacks shall be measured by the shortest dimension, running from the property line to the base of the structure or vertical wall/support structure.
- 2. No portion of an alley shall be considered as part of a required setback.
- 3. For determinations of setbacks, corner lots and multiple-frontage lots shall be considered to have fronts on all street frontages unless otherwise specified in this chapter. Side setbacks shall apply to all other sides of such a lot or parcel.

4. Sills, eaves, cornices, chimneys, flues, mechanical equipment and similar projections may project into a setback area not more than three feet and shall not extend over adjacent properties except in accordance with Section 755 (zero-lot-line design).

#### Section 229 Reserved

### **Section 230** Specific Provisions Applicable to Non-Residential Districts and Uses

Development within non-residential districts shall have impacts that are consistent with this Section and shall not create public nuisances that affect the public health, safety, or welfare or interfere with the safe operation of equipment on site or on adjacent property.

### A. Ambient Air Quality

Uses emitting air pollutants affecting ambient air quality shall conform to all Federal Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) regulations.

#### B. Emissions Into or Onto Water Bodies

Uses emitting solids, liquids, or other matter into or onto bodies of water or the ground shall comply with all FDEP, Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), St. John's River Water Management District (SJRWMD), South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD), and local regulations.

### C. Vibration

No vibration shall be permitted which is discernible without instruments beyond any boundary of the district permitting the use.

### D. Air Quality

Establishments shall not exhaust or discharge into the air quantity of fly ash, smoke, dust, dirt, or similar form of particulate matter except as permitted by the appropriate agency having authority.

# E. Noxious and Odorous Quantities

No emission of noxious and odorous gases, fumes, or other odorous or toxic matter shall be permitted in such quantities as to be readily detectable by appropriate instruments beyond the property line of any establishment creating such odorous emission thereby creating a public nuisance or hazard.

#### F. Glare

No direct glare from floodlights, high temperature processes such as combustion or welding, or from any other source shall be visible at the property line of any establishment.

### G. Discharge of Waste

No discharge of liquid or solid wastes into any public or private sewage system; lake, stream, ditch, or other body of water; flood way, swale, dry retention pond, or other intermittent facility for water storage or management; or onto or into the ground shall be permitted except as approved the appropriate agency having authority.

#### H. Heated/Cooled Matter

No establishment shall produce heated or cooled air, water or other matter in such quantity or in such manner as to adversely alter the natural temperature of the air, water, or other matter beyond the property line of the establishment except as may be approved by the appropriate agency having authority.

### I. Radioactive Materials

No establishment shall produce, store, transfer, or use radioactive materials in any manner hazardous to human health except as may be approved by the appropriate agency having authority.

### J. Electrical/Electronic Disturbances

No establishment shall produce electrical or electronic disturbances perceptible beyond the property line of the establishment which adversely affects the public health, safety, welfare, or creates a public nuisance or hazard including but not limited to interference with normal radio, telephone, or television reception from off the premises where the activity is conducted.

### K. Fire Explosion Hazards

Materials and processes having potential for fire explosion hazards shall not be permitted where they constitute undue hazards.

#### L. Noise

Noise which is determined to be objectionable to a reasonable person of normal sensitivities at the property line of the establishment creating such noise due to volume, frequency, or beat shall be prohibited. All uses shall comply with Section 761.

### M. Miscellaneous Hazards (Revised 5/20/09 – Ord. 09-023)

Miscellaneous hazards not specifically addressed by the performance standards established by this Code shall be made known to the Growth Management Director or his designee by any establishment proposing to locate in an industrial district. Regulations of such hazards shall be processed as a Level 4 Review.

# N. Open Testing

Open testing procedures of materials and processes shall be permitted only in conformance with this Code.

### **Section 231** Storage of Liquid Propane Tanks

The storage of any liquid propane gas tanks for retail sale shall be protected with bollards. Bollards shall be placed between the tank storage unit and vehicle parking. All bollards shall be no more than three feet on center and each bollard shall be at a minimum four inches in diameter steel pipe, concrete filled, six feet in length, with three feet anchored in 12 inches of concrete. All bollards shall extend the full length of the cabinet storing the liquid propane gas or tanks.