

CHAPTER 17.44
C-G GENERAL COMMERCIAL ZONE

§ 17.44.010. Intent and Purpose.

The intent and purpose of this district is to provide adequate areas properly located to serve the needs of the community and the surrounding area. These uses are considered compatible with each other, with all uses permitting similar services or merchandise, as well as permitting recreational and entertainment type uses.

(Prior code § 19-10.1)

§ 17.44.020. Permitted Uses.

A. The following uses only shall be permitted in the C-G, General Commercial District unless as may be otherwise provided for in this title.

1. Administrative, executive and professional offices (e.g., architect, lawyer, doctor, engineer, stock-broker, accountant, tax preparer, real estate, advertising and publicity, etc.).
2. Animal and veterinarian clinic, and pet grooming, without commercial boarding or kennels.
3. Antique store.
4. Art supply and framing sales.
5. Art gallery.
6. Auto parts (retail sales only).
7. Bail bond services.
8. Bakery.
9. Bank.
10. Barber or beauty shop.
11. Beauty supplies (retail sales only) store.
12. Bicycle shop.
13. Bingo establishments (public and non-profit).
14. Billiards (three or fewer tables).
15. Blinds and window coverings store.
16. Books new or used.
17. Bridge, chess, "go" clubs.

18. Cabinet and furniture retail sales and wholesale, including showrooms.
19. Camera shop.
20. Candle shop.
21. Carpet, flooring and tile showroom sales.
22. Carwashes, accessory to automobile rental and not for public use.
23. Catering establishment.
24. Charter bus depots.
25. Cigar, smoke, and tobacco shop.
26. Clothing store.
27. Coffee house.
28. Comic books and/or trading card store.
29. Computer and electronic supply and repair.
30. Confectionery/candy store.
31. Consignment goods, as an accessory activity with a use listed in this chapter as a permitted use.
32. Contractor's office (no outside storage).
33. Cookware, kitchenware and houseware store.
34. Copy services, including blueprinting, photostating, printing, photo processing and photocopying services.
35. Costume, party and crafts shop.
36. Cottage food operations in a permitted residential structure/use, consistent with all standards in Section 17.16.190.
37. Delicatessen.
38. Department store.
39. Dialysis center.
40. Dress, clothing, or millinery shop, including alterations and tailoring.
41. Drugstore, including pharmacy.
42. Dry cleaning services (includes drop-off/pick-up laundry service).
43. Dry goods store.
44. Electrical appliance store and repairs for radios, televisions, microwave ovens,

- DVD/video players, and similar devices.
45. Employment agency.
 46. Fabric, yardage, sewing supplies store.
 47. Fan and lighting shop.
 48. Fire and police stations.
 49. Flooring, carpet, and tile showroom (no outside storage or display).
 50. Florist shop.
 51. Furniture sales (new) and rentals.
 52. Garage, public.
 53. Gifts, stationery and card store.
 54. Glassware, pottery and chinaware shop.
 55. Graphic arts, computer-assisted drafting, computer-assisted design, and/or similar studio or production office.
 56. Grocery, including produce, meat and general merchandise store (indoor).
 57. Hardware store, without any outside storage or display.
 58. Health food store.
 59. Hobby and handicraft store.
 60. Home occupation in permitted residential structure/use (only one business per residential household is permitted).
 61. Hospices, home health care.
 62. Ice cream or donut shop.
 63. Insurance office/agency.
 64. Interior decorating store, including sale of drapery, wall coverings, and other related items.
 65. Janitorial services.
 66. Jewelry and gem store.
 67. Laboratories.
 68. Library.
 69. Locksmith and security system stores (i.e., burglar alarms).
 70. Luggage and leather goods store.

71. Mailbox rental and shipping stores.
72. Medical, dental and related uses such as acupuncture, chiropractic, etc.
73. [Reserved].
74. Music or vocal instruction.
75. Music store and musical instrument sales and rental.
76. Newsstand.
77. Office supply store.
78. Paint sales.
79. Parking lot, public or private, accessory or primary, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.88 of this Code.
80. Party supply store and events planner service.
81. Patio, outdoor furniture, barbeque and fireplace sales and related merchandise.
82. Pest control service (without hazardous chemical storage on-site).
83. Pet and tackle stores.
84. Pet supplies, including animal feed, store (no outside storage, display or sales).
85. Post office substation.
86. Public utility offices, payment centers, and distribution substation with microwave facilities (does not include cell phone antenna sites and support facilities, or facilities that have outside storage).
87. Plumbing fixtures.
88. Publishing house.
89. Restaurant, tea room or café, provided that any dancing and/or live entertainments comply with the provisions of this Code. Outdoor dining must comply with the requirements of Chapters 17.74 and 17.88. On-site sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages must comply with the provisions of this Code.
90. Window and door sales and installation.
91. Security, private patrol services.
92. Shoe sales and/or repair shop.
93. Sleep shop, including beds, bedding and mattresses.
94. Sporting goods store. Any sale of guns is subject to Title 9 of this Code.

95. Stamp and/or coin shop.
96. Studios, artist, music, photography, radio, recording, sound and video production.
97. Surgical supplies.
98. Surplus store.
99. Swimming pool supplies (retail sales only).
100. Taxidermist.
101. Telephone exchange/telemarketing/answering service.
102. Ticket agency.
103. Toy store.
104. Tool sales and rentals (limited to hand-held equipment that are stored within an enclosed structure).
105. Travel agency.
106. Trophy shop.
107. Tuxedo and/or bridal shop.
108. Unattended donation boxes, pursuant to the provisions of Section 17.44.340.
109. Video, DVD, CD and electronic game rental/sales.
110. Watch and clock shop and repair services.
111. Water and purifier stores.
112. Wholesale business (without storage area).
113. Wine or beer making supplies (no on-site sale or consumption of alcohol).
114. Furniture upholstery shop.
115. Incidental Instruction.
 - a. No more than an aggregate of 15% of the total gross floor area of available first floor building space within a commercial/retail center shall be occupied by any incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, high-intensity educational institution, or combination thereof. An inventory of the existing commercial/retail center uses shall be submitted to the Planning Department upon submitting an application.
 - b. No incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, or high-intensity educational institution shall be located within 750 linear feet from any other incidental instruction, low-intensity educational

institution or high-intensity educational institution.

B. Limitations on Permitted Uses. Every use permitted in the C-G, General Commercial District shall be subject to the following conditions and limitations:

1. All goods offered for sale, with the exception of nursery stock or the limited outside display of retail goods as permitted in Section 17.44.310, and the limited outside preparation, sale and consumption of food as permitted in Section 17.44.320, shall be displayed within a building enclosed by a roof and all sides by walls.
2. No enterprise is permitted which produces or causes any dust, gas, smoke, noise, fumes, odors or vibrations which are or may be detrimental to other property in the neighborhood or to the welfare of the occupants thereof.

C. Other possible uses substantially similar to those listed above. It shall be necessary for the Planning Commission to review and determine that the possible use is substantially similar to a use permitted by this section.

(Prior code § 19-10.2; Ord. 1150 § 1 (Exh. 6), 11/26/07; Ord. 1179 § 1 (Exh. F), 5/26/09; Ord. 1217 § 9, 9/26/11; Ord. 1231 § 2, 11/13/12; Ord. 1252 § 4, 10/14/13; Ord. 1253 § 3, 10/14/13; Ord. 1272 § 7, 4/28/14; Ord. 1281 § 10, 9/8/14; Ord. 1319 § 11, 10/10/16; Ord. 1408 § 5, 9/27/21; Ord. 1443, 4/28/2025)

§ 17.44.030. Conditional Uses.

A. The following uses are permitted only after a valid Conditional Use Permit is approved by the Planning Commission, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.96 of this Code. Any such use must also comply with all applicable development standards and other requirements set forth in this Code including, without limitation, obtaining any additional permits or licenses required by this Code.

1. Adult Business. Adult business, including, but not limited to, adult book stores, adult mini-motion picture theater, adult motion picture theater, adult theater, and adult video arcade and/or theater, subject to the provisions of this Code.
2. Adult day care facilities, subject to the following parking requirements: provide one parking space for every five clients, plus one parking space for every two employees. At least three parking spaces shall be provided.
3. Alcohol sales (on-site or off-site sales, primary use or accessory use).
4. Ambulance service.
5. Animal and veterinarian clinic, and pet grooming, with commercial boarding or kennels.
6. Auction house or store.
7. Automobile repair center.

8. Automobile repair shop.
9. Automobile sales; retail and/or wholesale sale of new and/or used, including specialty automobiles and antique automobiles.
10. Automobile, truck (maximum one ton), and equipment rental.
11. Billiard parlors.
12. Billboard trucks.
13. Boat and personal water craft sales, maintenance, and repair including other water-related recreational vehicles.
14. Bowling alleys.
15. Cannabis-related business.
16. Carwash (automatic, mechanical, hand-operated, or self-serve), including those facilities that are accessory to gasoline service stations.
17. Check cashing and cash advancing.
18. Reserved.
19. Civic and community clubs.
20. Collection centers (reverse vending machines only ancillary to a grocery store, indoor use only), subject to the requirements of Section 17.44.350.
21. Commercial recreational facilities, including skating rink, batting cages, paintball, laser tag, go carts, and similar recreational activities.
22. Contractor's office with outside storage area.
23. Cyber or internet cafés.
24. Dance and entertainment establishments.
25. Drive-in, or drive-through businesses.
26. Electronic cigarette and/or electronic liquid shop.
27. Escort services.
28. Fork lift repair shop.
29. Fortunetelling.
30. Funeral parlor, mortuary, crematory. Funeral parlor, mortuary, crematory with a total gross floor area of less than 5,000 square feet may be allowed with an Administrative Use Permit.
31. Game arcade.

32. Gun shop retail sales and ancillary repair.
33. Gym, fitness center or health club.
34. Hookah bars/café (water pipe smoking lounge).
35. Homework and tutoring center.
36. Hospitals.
37. Hotel, motel or rooming house.
38. Ice storage house of not more than five tons capacity.
39. Large outpatient clinics and medical professional offices.
40. Laundromats and/or self-serve laundry facilities.
41. Limousine service.
42. Manufactured home sales with on-site display.
43. Masseur-masseuse, massage establishments, acupressure spas, day spas, and similar uses subject to the requirements of Section 17.44.255 and Chapter 5.76.
44. Micro-brewery, wine making establishments (on-site or off-site sale of alcoholic beverages manufactured on-site).
45. Modeling studio.
46. Motorcycle funeral escort service.
47. Museums with a total gross floor area of less than 5,000 square feet may be allowed with an Administrative Use Permit.
48. Nursery (flowers, trees or plants; with or without buildings).
49. Off-premises signs.
50. Outdoor sales, storage or activities; either as a primary use or accessory to a permitted use. Such uses may include, but not be limited to, animal feed, small mammals (i.e., dogs and cats, etc.) and supplies, sales of produce and other food-stuff, newsstands and similar activities.
51. Pest control service (with hazardous chemical storage on-site).
52. Pharmaceutical trial clinic.
53. Reception/banquet halls.
54. Religious facilities with a total gross floor area of less than 5,000 square feet may be allowed with an Administrative Use Permit.

55. Rest home, convalescent hospital.
56. Secondhand stores and pawnshops.
57. Service stations.
58. Sporting goods stores with accessory (i.e., incidental) gun sales.
59. Spray booths.
60. Taxi services.
61. Theaters, auditoriums.
62. Tools and equipment sales and rental (heavy).
63. Towing company vehicle (may include accessory vehicle storage).
64. Wireless communications facilities.
65. Non-emergency medical transportation.
66. Automotive paintless dent removal.
67. Swap meets.
68. Exterior pay phones.

(Prior code § 19-10.3; Ord. 1150 § 1 (Exh. 6), 11/26/07; Ord. 1179 § 1 (Exh. F), 5/26/09; Ord. 1182 §§ 4, 5, 6/8/09; Ord. 1217 § 10, 9/26/11; Ord. 1247 § 3, 8/12/13; Ord. 1252 § 5, 10/14/13; Ord. 1272 § 7, 4/28/14; Ord. 1293 § 4, 8/24/15; Ord. 1300 § 5, 10/12/15; Ord. 1319 § 12, 10/10/16; Ord. 1323 § 8, 8/28/17; Ord. 1344 § 6, 10/23/17; Ord. 1351 § 2, 3/12/18; Ord. 1353 § 2, 2/26/18; Ord. 1370 § 6, 3/11/19; Ord. 1417 § 10, 8/8/22; Ord. 1443, 4/28/2025)

§ 17.44.040. Property Development Standards.

Notwithstanding any other relevant requirements of this Code, the development standards in Sections 17.44.050 through 17.44.300 shall apply to all C-G property.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(a))

§ 17.44.050. Area Requirements.

The minimum lot area shall be not less than 15,000 square feet, with minimum frontage of 100 feet on each public street, except as follows:

- A. A separate lot or parcel of record as of September 3, 1957, which lot or parcel may be occupied or utilized as having the minimum required area.
- B. A separate lot or parcel created prior to June 22, 1987, pursuant to applicable Municipal Code provisions, which lot or parcel may be occupied or utilized as having the minimum required area.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(1))

§ 17.44.060. Fences and Walls.

- A. Fences or walls are required where C-G zoning abuts a residential district either on a side or rear yard. Such wall shall be of solid masonry construction, not less than six feet, or more than eight feet in height, to protect the peace, privacy and general welfare of the residential district. If the proposed development of the C-G District includes a structure to be erected adjacent to an abutting residential district, no wall is required for that portion of the parcel where said structure is erected. Chain-link fences are prohibited in front yard and street side yard setbacks. Any permanent fence is subject to approval by the City as permitted in Section 17.72.060.
 - B. When any C-G lot has common side or rear property line with an R-zoned property, a masonry or concrete wall not less than six feet high shall be constructed and maintained, provided no wall shall exceed 42 inches in height where it is in the front yard area of an abutting residential use or district.
 - C. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this title, all existing uses, buildings, and structures in the C-G Zone which do not conform to this Code shall provide said perimeter wall at the time any permit is issued for physical alterations which also exceed the adopted valuation threshold for disabled access.
- (Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(2))

§ 17.44.070. Landscaping.

The following landscaping requirements are hereby established for the design of all landscape plans prepared for all properties located within the C-G Zone:

- A. Landscaping in the interior of the parking area shall be required to equal at least five percent of the parking area with a minimum 10-foot wide landscaped planter located adjacent to all rights-of-way, and the same shall be continuously maintained.
 - 1. Planting beds shall have a minimum width of six feet and shall be distributed throughout the parking area.
 - 2. Earth mounding shall be used when required by the planner.
 - 3. All planting beds shall be bordered by a minimum six-inch high concrete curb except where decorative walls are provided. No automobile space may incorporate the required planter within its dimension.
- B. Plants and irrigation systems shall be installed in all landscape areas in conjunction with any alteration or modification of the property except as noted herein.
- C. A minimum of one, 48-inch box tree and five, five gallon plants for each 1,000 square feet of floor area shall be provided.
- D. Landscape and irrigation plans shall be submitted to the Department of Planning and shall show the type, quantity, location, and size of all plants and irrigation equipment. Plants shall be selected appropriately based upon their adaptability to

the climatic, geologic, and topographical conditions of the site and the type shall be approved by the Planning Director. Protection and preservation of native species and creation of hydrozones are encouraged.

- E. Every plant shall be installed in the manner and location as provided herein.
1. Plants shall be installed a minimum of eight inches on center.
 2. Groundcover shall not exceed 50% of the total landscape area.
 3. Shrubs, annuals, semiannuals, and other plants shall be installed in groups or clusters.
 4. Mulch shall be provided three inches deep in all landscape areas except for groundcover areas.
- F. Irrigation Requirements. The following irrigation criteria is established for the preparation of irrigation plans for all properties located within the City of Bellflower:
1. All irrigation shall consist of an automatic drip irrigation system for all non-turf planter areas and conventional irrigation for turf and groundcover areas. Both types of irrigation systems shall include the following features:
 - a. Backflow prevention device;
 - b. Automatic controller;
 - c. Separate water meter;
 - d. Connection to reclaimed water system if subject property is located within 150 feet of a public reclaimed water distribution system, and subject to appropriate health standards.
 2. Irrigation shall occur only between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 3. Landscape and Irrigation Maintenance. The following maintenance schedule is established to ensure water use efficiency of the landscape and irrigation system. Landscape and irrigation system shall be consistently checked to ensure that the landscape and irrigation system is operating in optimum condition including, but not limited to:
 - a. Maintain irrigation lines;
 - b. Conduct valve adjustments/repairs;
 - c. Conduct sprinkler head adjustments/ repair;
 - d. Reset/repair automatic controllers;
 - e. Maintain static water pressure at the point of connection to the public water supply;

- f. Aerate and de-thatch turf areas;
- g. Replenish mulch;
- h. Prune and weed all landscaped areas;
- i. Replace all dead plant material.

G. Exceptions. Compliance to the landscape provisions contained herein is required for all properties located within the C-G Zone in conjunction with any alteration or modification of the property except where the alteration and modification does not result in an expansion of more than 50% of the gross floor area of all structures on the property. Developments with no structures, including, but not limited to, parking lots, shall not be exempt from the landscaping requirements.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(3); Ord. 1217 § 11, 9/26/11; Ord. 1321 § 9, 10/24/16)

§ 17.44.080. Lighting.

All outdoor lighting shall be located and shielded so as to prevent the spill of light onto adjacent lots and streets.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(4))

§ 17.44.090. Loading.

Each lot shall have loading facilities as required by Section 17.88.100.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(5))

§ 17.44.100. Mechanical Equipment—Compressors, Air Conditioning Units or Similar Machinery.

Each lot which has compressors, air conditioning units or similar machinery, located outside of the exterior walls of any building, shall comply with the following:

- A. All such mechanical equipment shall be enclosed within a permanent soundproofed enclosure subject to the approval of the building inspector. Location shall be subject to the approval of the planner.
- B. All such mechanical equipment shall be maintained in a clean and proper condition to prevent a collection of litter and filth and to avoid the emission of unnecessary noise, dust or fumes.
- C. All ground-mounted mechanical equipment shall be completely screened behind a permanent structure and all rooftop mechanical equipment shall be screened from view from the ground surface from a distance of 100 feet. Screening methods shall be architecturally compatible with the main building.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(6); Ord. 1247 § 3, 8/12/13)

§ 17.44.110. Parking Requirements.

The area developed for parking shall conform to the requirements of Chapter 17.88. If

the required parking is not located on the same lot as the structure for which it provides the parking, the parking must be located within 500 feet of the building. In the C-G District, parking shall be provided in an amount equal to one parking space for each 300 square feet of building area, exclusive of driveway, maneuvering and access area. If a portion of the required driveway width is also used as a back-out space and the minimum required back-out space is greater than the minimum required driveway width, the minimum required back-out space requirement shall apply for the portion of the driveway used as back-out space.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(7); Ord. 1179 § 1 (Exh. F), 5/26/09)

§ 17.44.120. Required Yards.

In the General Commercial (C-G) Zone, every lot or parcel must have setbacks or yards as follows:

- A. **Front Yards—Interior Lots.** Interior lots must have a front yard setback of not less than 10 feet from the front property line or ultimate right-of-way, whichever is greater, and no building nor structure, nor the enlargement thereof, is permitted to encroach within the required front yard setback. Through lots must maintain the required front yard setback on both abutting streets. Notwithstanding the foregoing, properties with less than the minimum required front yard setback are deemed to be conforming pursuant to Chapter 17.92.
- B. **Front Yards—Corner Lots.** Corner lots, reversed corner lots, and properties fronting more than one street shall provide setbacks per separate street frontage as required by Subsection (A) of this section, including minimum setback from ultimate right-of-way.
- C. **Side and Rear Yard.** No setback is required. Any structure to be constructed within three feet of a side or rear property line shall be constructed of concrete block, concrete tilt up or equivalent material. Permanent wall, color, texture, and/or relief shall be cast into concrete and shall not be painted.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(8); Ord. 1316 § 7, 9/26/16)

§ 17.44.130. Trash Facilities.

Each such lot shall be provided with facilities for the storage and collection of trash as follows:

- A. The trash area shall be enclosed by a five foot high solid masonry, brick or concrete wall except for access way which shall be enclosed with solid decorative gates of the same height.
- B. Location and size shall be subject to approval by the planner.
- C. Adequate vehicular access to and from such trash area shall be provided.
- D. Trash area enclosures shall be maintained in a closed manner at all times to prohibit unauthorized access and to prevent visibility from public rights-of-way or adjacent property. Trash area enclosures shall incorporate an architecturally consistent trellis

cover. All trash enclosures shall meet applicable Fire Code provisions, including, but not limited to fire-rated construction, and where deemed appropriate by the Building Official, shall incorporate the use of an overhead sprinkler system.

- E. Notwithstanding the foregoing, properties developed with no trash facilities are deemed to be conforming pursuant to Chapter 17.92.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(a)(11); Ord. 1316 § 7, 9/26/16)

§ 17.44.140. Adult Business.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to adult business:

- A. All such uses shall not be located within a radius of 500 feet of any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
- B. All such uses shall not be located within a radius of 500 feet of any public or private school, park, playground.
- C. Off-street parking shall be provided in the following ratio and developed in accordance with Chapter 17.88 of this title:
1. Adult book stores: one space per 25 square feet of gross floor area.
 2. Adult mini-motion picture, adult motion picture theaters and adult theaters: one space for every seven square feet of gross floor area.
- D. All building openings, entries, windows, etc., shall be located, covered or screened in such a manner to prevent a view into the interior from any public or semipublic area.
- E. No loudspeakers or sound equipment shall be used that can be discerned by the public from public or semipublic area.
- F. No use listed under this section shall be established within 500 feet of any property containing another use listed under this section, nor within 500 feet of any property utilized for the sale and consumption of beer or intoxicating liquor on the premises, hotels or motels, pawnshops, pool or billiard halls, and secondhand stores.
- G. No exterior window or building displays and/or sign to be visible from the street with the exception of those identifying the type of business conducted. The business license ordinance pertaining to the owner and employees to be adhered to with reference to this chapter.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(1); Ord. 1182 § 6, 6/8/09)

§ 17.44.150. Auction House or Store.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to auction houses or stores:

- A. The applicant shall submit plans showing the exterior elevations and treatment of

the building.

- B. The applicant shall submit a plot plan or plans proving that adequate parking is provided.
- C. The applicant shall affirmatively show or prove that the requested permit will not be detrimental to the neighborhood or surrounding community.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(2))

§ 17.44.160. Automobile Repair Center.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to automobile repair centers:

- A. Any of the individual repair shops, which comprises the repair center, may provide the following repair services: general tune-ups, lubrication, cooling system, drive train, brakes, wheels and tires, electrical, fuel system, body work, cylinder head, valve grinding, clutch work, transmission, painting, fender work, tire sales and service, upholstery service, auto stereo equipment and alarms installation, window tinting, auto accessories, and other similar repair.
- B. Automobile repair centers may include multiple automobile repair shops within one complex.
- C. Each individual repair shop may be operated by a different owner.
- D. Each individual repair shop must conduct services within an enclosed masonry building.
- E. The building shall have a ceiling of soundproofing material.
- F. Automobile repair centers shall operate on minimum 30,000 square foot lots.
- G. Lots for automobile repair centers shall have a minimum frontage of 100 feet along any public street.
- H. Location of any automobile repair centers shall not be within 500 feet of another automobile repair shop or center.
- I. If adjacent to a residentially-zoned parcel, an eight foot wall shall be provided to separate the auto repair center from the residential parcel. If the residential parcel is located along the side property lines, said eight foot wall shall either, not be constructed within the front setback area, or reduced to a maximum of 42 inches in height.
- J. Storage area for vehicles shall not encroach into the required parking area and shall comply with requirements described in Section 17.72.070 (Outdoor Storage) of this Code.
- K. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with standards described in Chapter 17.88 of this Code.

- L. A separate customer receiving area or vehicle drop-off area shall be provided, which is not part of the required parking area.
- M. No PA system loudspeakers shall be operated onsite. Testing or installed or repaired stereo equipment will be permitted.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(3); Ord. 1404 § 4, 12/14/20)

§ 17.44.170. Automobile Repair Shop.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to automobile repair shop:

- A. The following repair services shall be allowed: general tune-ups, lubrication, cooling system, drive train, brakes, wheels and tires, electrical, fuel system, body work, cylinder head, valve grinding, clutch work, transmission, painting, fender work, tire sales and service, upholstery service, auto stereo equipment and alarms installation, window tinting, auto accessories, and other similar repair.
- B. Automobile repair shops shall conduct repair of automobiles within a completely enclosed building with no openings facing or adjacent to any residential zoning district.
- C. The enclosed building shall be of masonry construction and shall have a ceiling of soundproofing material.
- D. Automobile repair shops shall operate on 15,000 square foot lots.
- E. Lots for automobile repair shops shall have a minimum frontage of 100 feet along any public street.
- F. Automobile repair shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building. The building shall have concrete masonry walls and a ceiling made of a soundproofing material.
- G. Location of any automobile repair shop shall not be within 500 feet of another automobile repair shop.
- H. If adjacent to a residentially-zoned parcel, an eight foot wall shall be provided to separate the auto repair shop with the residential parcel. If the residential parcel is located along the side property lines, said eight foot wall shall either, not be constructed within the front setback area, or reduced to a maximum of 42 inches in height.
- I. Storage area for vehicles shall not encroach into the required parking area and shall comply with requirements described in Section 17.72.070 (Outdoor Storage) of the Bellflower Municipal Code.
- J. Off-street parking shall be provided in accordance with standards described in Chapter 17.88 of the Bellflower Municipal Code.
- K. A separate customer receiving area or vehicle drop-off area shall be provided,

which is not part of the required parking area.

- L. No PA system loudspeakers shall be operated onsite. Testing of installed or repaired stereo equipment will be permitted.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(4); Ord. 1404 § 6, 12/14/20)

§ 17.44.180. Automobile Sales.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to retail and/or wholesale sale of new and/or used automobiles, including specialty automobiles and antique automobiles:

- A. Minimum lot frontage width: 100 feet, as measured along any public street.
- B. Minimum lot size: 15,000 square feet.
- C. Specialty automobiles, including antique cars (1800 to 1954), classic (1955 to 1975), and exotics/specialty cars (including, but not limited to, electric vehicles, limited production vehicles and foreign sport cars), shall not exceed 15 automobiles for display.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(5))

§ 17.44.190. Billiard Parlors.

In addition to any other requirements of this Code, the following shall apply to billiard parlors:

- A. No billiard parlor shall be located within 500 feet of any school (offering any curriculum for any student from kindergarten through the twelfth (K-12th) grade, game arcade or other billiard parlor.
- B. All of the interior of the billiard parlor accessible to the public, except rest rooms, shall be immediately visible from any public entrance to the billiard parlor. The entrance door shall be glass or have a minimum one foot by one foot unobstructed clear glass insert, centered five feet six inches high, to provide view inside building for persons entering. Floor area shall be maintained as specifically approved by the City to provide adequate open area and be free and clear at all times. All of the interior of the billiard parlor accessible to the public, and all the exterior areas immediately adjacent to any entrance to the billiard parlor shall be adequately lighted in accordance with a lighting plan approved by the Planning Department.
- C. Notwithstanding Bellflower Municipal Code Chapter 5.84, no owner, operator, manager nor person in charge of any billiard parlor shall allow any person under 18 years of age to use any billiard table or pool table located in any billiard parlor during the regular academic years of the Bellflower and Paramount Unified School Districts between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., except on Saturdays, Sundays and school holidays.
- D. No billiard parlor shall be open to the public between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., except as specifically permitted in a Conditional Use Permit granted by

the City pursuant to this title. Except as permitted by the previous sentence, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., no owner, operator, manager, nor person in charge, of any billiard parlor shall allow, or permit, any member of the public to enter, or remain in, any billiard parlor, or upon any property adjacent to any billiard parlor which is under the control of any owner, operator, manager, or person in charge of, any billiard parlor.

- E. Except as allowed in the succeeding sentence, no owner, operator, manager, nor person in charge, of any billiard parlor shall allow any person to enter, or remain in, any billiard parlor while possessing, consuming, using or being under the influence of, any alcoholic beverage, or illegal drug. The prohibition contained in the preceding sentence shall not apply to the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages at any on-sale establishment licensed by the State of California Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.
- F. No owner, operator, manager, nor person in charge, of any billiard parlor, nor the owner, nor the sublessor, of any property upon which a billiard parlor is located, shall allow any person, or persons, to congregate, or loiter, or litter upon, or about, any property upon which a billiard parlor is located, nor upon any adjacent property under such person's control. Compliance with this condition may require the presence of security personnel to monitor the billiard parlor and/or any adjacent property under such person's control. The provisions of Section 9.04.080 of this Code shall be applied so as to make the owner or operator of a billiard parlor responsible for law enforcement costs associated with abating public disturbances and/or public nuisances on the lot where the billiard parlor is located.
- G. No owner, operator, manager, nor person in charge, of a billiard parlor shall operate such billiard parlor in such a manner that an entertainment permit, as provided for by Bellflower Municipal Code Section 5.36.010, is required, without first obtaining the permit required by said section.
- H. At the very least, one responsible person over the age of 24 years shall be physically present within the billiard parlor at all times during which it is open to the public in order to manage and supervise same.
- I. Any violation of any other local, State, or Federal, ordinance, law, regulation, or order, designed to protect the public health, or safety, shall also be deemed to be a violation of any Conditional Use Permit granted by the City pursuant to this title.
- J. Each billiard parlor shall provide public rest room facilities for the use of its customers, free of charge. Said public rest room facilities shall include separate facilities for males and females, each with water closets (toilets/urinals) and sinks, which shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition. One water closet shall be provided for each 20 persons of building capacity, with a minimum of two, one for each sex, required unless a different number is required pursuant to the terms of any Conditional Use Permit granted by the City pursuant to this title.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(7))

§ 17.44.195. Charter Bus Depots.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to charter bus depots:

- A. A dedicated and identified passenger loading/unloading area shall be provided (the "loading/unloading area"). The loading/unloading area shall have a minimum dimension of 12 feet wide by 45 feet long and, if applicable, a minimum 14 foot height clearance. The loading/unloading areas shall be located outside of any required drive aisle, parking area, setback area, or any other area designated or dedicated for another purpose.
- B. The loading/unloading area shall be designated, in a manner approved by the Planning Director, to: 1) delineate it clearly from the surrounding area; 2) provide reasonable separation among passengers, vehicles and pedestrians; and 3) include, at minimum, seating and a trash bin. The minimum number of seats within the loading/unloading area shall be equivalent to 20% of the number of seats on the largest charter bus utilizing the charter bus depot. In addition, the loading/unloading area shall be adequate in size to accommodate the required seating.
- C. Amenities such as the sale of sundries or convenience items, services, or similar, as well as accessible personal convenience facilities shall be available to waiting passengers within 1,320 feet (1/4 mile) of the charter bus depot, as measured from the loading/unloading area.
- D. Charter buses may not leave engines idling while at the charter bus depot.
- E. The driver or chauffeur of the charter bus shall be present and in charge of such charter bus while located on the charter bus depot.
- F. All passengers shall be dropped off at and picked up from the charter bus depot, unless parking is provided for charter bus passengers on the subject property. Where parking is required for the charter bus depot for passengers use, one parking space per every two seats on the largest charter bus utilizing the charter bus depot shall be provided.
- G. A Planning Director application shall be submitted in accordance with Chapter 17.80 (Development Review).
(Ord. 1231 § 3, 11/13/12; Ord. 1321 § 9, 10/24/16)

§ 17.44.200. (Reserved)

Prior History: Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(9); Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13; repealed by Ord. 1443, 4/28/2025.

§ 17.44.210. Cyber or Internet Cafés.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any cyber or Internet café. Cyber or Internet cafés are establishments that provide more than six computers and/or other electronic devices for access to the Internet, e-mail, video games

or computer software programs for a fee. These cafés are either networked (via LAN or WAN) or function as a client/server program.

- A. Minors (under 18 years of age) shall not be permitted to enter or remain in a cyber café during the following periods unless accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. The following weekday hours of restriction shall not apply to vacation days or school holidays as established by any public school district or private school.
 - 1. Between 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or after 10:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday of each week.
 - 2. Saturday and Sunday after 10:00 p.m.
- B. Notice of these hours of restriction for minors shall be posted at the entrance.
- C. The cyber café shall be open to the public between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- D. "No loitering" signs shall be posted at the front and rear of the business. In addition, a waiting area with at least eight seats shall be provided for customers waiting to use a computer. No outside waiting or seating area is permitted.
- E. No person shall be permitted to consume alcohol on the premises.
- F. Employees shall be at least 21 years of age. There shall be a minimum of one employee managing the cyber café during all working hours. If the business has more than 30 computers, the business is required to add one additional employee for every additional 30 computers. During each employee's working hours, the employee shall wear a badge identifying the business and the employee's full name.
- G. Maximum occupancy shall not exceed the Uniform Building Code and/or Uniform Fire Code. The maximum occupancy load shall be posted at the main entrance.
- H. The establishment shall maintain and operate a camera/video surveillance system with recording capability during all business hours. The system shall cover the entire interior of the premises and all entrances and exits. The camera/video surveillance system shall be capable of playing back any activity and the physical features of persons or areas within the premises.
 - 1. Tapes/disks shall be kept a minimum of 72 hours.
 - 2. The business owner shall permit the City to inspect the tapes/disks during business hours. The system shall be maintained in good working order, including the running of the tapes/disks.
 - 3. A sign shall be posted inside and at the entrance indicating that the premises are under camera/video surveillance.
- I. The business owner shall submit and receive approval of a fire exit plan from the City's Fire Department. The plan shall address all existing requirements of the Uniform Building Code and Uniform Fire Code, including equipment location,

aisle locations and widths, etc.

- J. Window areas shall not be covered or made opaque in any way. All windows and entrances must be unobstructed at all times so as to allow clear sight by a police officer.
- K. The business operator, at his/her expense shall provide a California licensed uniform security guard on the premises Monday through Friday between 4:00 p.m. and closing, and Saturday through Sunday between 12:00 p.m. and closing.
- L. No exterior pay phones shall be permitted.
- M. Pool tables or other amusement devices not directly related to Internet computer devices shall not be permitted.
- N. Gaming tournaments for cash prizes shall not be permitted.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(10); Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13)

§ 17.44.220. Game Arcades.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any game arcade:

- A. No game arcade shall be permitted within 500 feet of any liquor store, convenience market, public or private school, or other game arcade.
- B. The minimum size of a structure utilized for such use shall be 1,000 square feet of floor area.
- C. A minimum of 50% of the floor area of said structure shall be open and free at all times.
- D. A person shall not maintain any game to which the public is invited, unless the interior of such game arcade, except the restrooms thereof, is visible immediately upon entrance into the premises of which said game arcade is a part. All entrances and interior areas to be adequately lighted, and a lighting plan to be approved by the Planning Commission.
- E. No proprietor, employee thereof, or person in charge, shall allow any minor under 18 years of age to play or use any such game during the academic year for Bellflower Public Schools between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., except during school holidays and on Saturday and Sunday.
- F. No owner, manager or proprietor, or other person having charge of any game arcade shall keep the game open or allow or permit the same to be kept open between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. of the following day, except as specifically permitted by the terms of the Conditional Use Permit, nor allow or permit any person, except such owner, manager, proprietor or person in charge thereof, or persons regularly employed in and about the same, to be or remain therein between the hours.

- G. The walls of the game arcade, if in common with another business establishment, shall have a Sound Transmission Class Rating of 56.
 - H. A minimum of one bicycle rack space shall be provided for every one mechanical or electronic amusement machine. Such bicycle parking shall not be located on public right-of-way or within required parking spaces.
 - I. A person shall not enter, be or remain in any part of a game arcade while in the possession of, consuming, using or under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drug. The licensee, manager, and every supervisory employee shall not permit any such person to enter or remain upon the licensed premises. Establishments licensed under Chapter 17.96 of the Bellflower Municipal Code for the on-premises sale of alcoholic beverages are exempted.
 - J. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not permit any entertainment as defined in Section 5.36.020 of the Bellflower Municipal Code.
 - K. At least one responsible adult shall be in attendance at all times that the business establishment is open to provide adequate management control over said premises. At the discretion of the Planning Commission, this number may be increased if deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety and general welfare.
 - L. Any violation of other applicable local, State or Federal laws shall be deemed a violation of the Conditional Use Permit.
 - M. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, any property developed as of April 9, 2001 with a game arcade as defined in Chapter 17.08 prior to the adoption of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be nonconforming, providing they conform to the provisions stated in this Code and Subsections (A), (C) and (F) of this section within one year, and Subsections (D), (G), (H), (I) and (J) of this section within three months after the effective date thereof.
- (Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(11); Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13)

§ 17.44.230. High-Intensity Educational Institutions.

High-intensity educational institutions are subject to a Conditional Use Permit approval, must obtain appropriate licenses from the State of California, and be in accordance with the following:

- A. One parking space shall be provided for every 35 square feet plus one parking space provided for every instructor.
- B. No incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, or high-intensity educational institution shall be located within 750 linear feet from any other incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, or high-intensity educational institution.
- C. No more than an aggregate of 15% of the total gross floor area of available first floor building space within a commercial/retail center shall be occupied by any incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, high-intensity

educational institution, or combination thereof. An inventory of the existing commercial/retail center uses shall be submitted to the Planning Department upon submitting an application.

- D. Such other requirements as the Planning Commission may deem necessary to ensure that such use shall not unduly interfere with the use and enjoyment of properties or streets in the surrounding areas.

(Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13)

§ 17.44.235. Hotel, Motel, or Rooming House.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following apply to any hotel, motel, or rooming house:

- A. The minimum area of the parcel or lot cannot be less than 35,000 square feet.
- B. Each lot must have a minimum frontage of not less than 100 feet on a major or secondary street as depicted on the Land Use and Circulation Element of the General Plan.
- C. The owner and/or operator of a hotel, motel, and/or rooming house cannot permit any person to occupy a room or unit in such a hotel, motel, or rooming house for a period exceeding 30 consecutive calendar days. This prohibition does not apply to an employee of the hotel, motel, or rooming house who is occupying one room designated as a manager's unit.
- D. Side yard and rear yard setbacks, when adjoining residential zoned properties, must be as set forth in Section 17.32.080 of this Code. The setback requirements will be considered as minimum setback requirements.
- E. Off-street parking must be provided as follows:
1. Off-street parking must be provided at a minimum ratio of 0.8 parking spaces per room.
 2. One off-street parking space per 10 guest rooms for employees.
 3. All off-street parking spaces must be paved to a minimum eight feet three inches in width by 18 feet in length.
- F. All hotels, motels, and rooming houses must provide guest room corridors. The corridors must comply with the Building Code or the following, whichever is more restrictive:
1. A minimum five foot, six inch wide with no room entrances protruding into the corridors, or
 2. A minimum five foot-wide corridor with a six inch recess at doors on both sides of the corridor;
 3. Notwithstanding Subdivision 1 of this subsection, a minimum five foot-wide

corridor is allowed only if serving four or fewer guest rooms.

- G. A minimum of 10% of the total lot area must be landscaped.
- H. Public areas must be provided as follows:
1. A lobby must be provided at a minimum size of 400 square feet or 10 square feet per room for 40 to 150 rooms, whichever is greatest.
 2. A continental breakfast area, coffee shop, or lounge must be provided specifically for guests. The minimum area must be calculated based on the following formula:
 - a. $(\text{Number of guest rooms} \times 0.20) \times 15 \text{ square feet} = \text{minimum floor area for continental breakfast areas and coffee shops.}$
 - b. $(\text{Number of guest rooms} \times 0.20) \times 18 \text{ square feet} = \text{minimum floor area for lounge areas.}$
- I. A minimum of two common amenities must be provided on-site. The types of amenities must include fitness centers, guest laundry facilities, a business center, or swimming pool.
1. The minimum sizes for fitness center are as follows:
 - a. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with one to 50 rooms, a fitness center must be a minimum of 200 square feet.
 - b. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with 51 to 200 rooms, a fitness center must be a minimum of 275 square feet.
 - c. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with 201 and more rooms, a fitness center of at least 350 square feet.
 2. A business center must contain the following:
 - a. Fax machine, copier, and printer must be available for guest use.
 - b. One computer for 50 guest rooms or less; two computers for 51 to 100 guest rooms; three computers for 101 to 150 guest rooms; and four computers for over 150 guest rooms.
 3. The minimum size for a swimming pool is 400 square feet and the minimum sizes for the pool deck area are as follows:
 - a. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with one to 50 guest rooms, a deck must be a minimum 650 square feet.
 - b. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with 51 to 100 guest rooms, a deck must be a minimum 800 square feet.
 - c. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with 101 to 200 guest rooms, a deck must be a minimum 1,000 square feet.

- d. For hotel, motel, or rooming house with more than 200 guest rooms, a deck must be a minimum 1,200 square feet.
4. Other amenities the Planning Director, or designee, finds substantially similar to those listed above will be considered, based on a minimum area of 40 square feet per unit.
- J. Covenants, conditions and restrictions (CC&Rs), in a form approved by the Planning Director and City Attorney, must be recorded before final Building Department inspection. CC&Rs must include required development standards and limitations on use.
 - K. The owner and/or operator of any hotel, motel, or rooming house cannot permit any room or unit in such hotel, motel, or rooming house to be rented by any person or persons more than once in any consecutive 24 hour period.
 - L. The owner and/or operator of each hotel, motel, and rooming house must have and maintain only one meter for each utility service to such hotel, motel, or rooming house use.
 - M. The owner and/or operator of any hotel, motel, and rooming house cannot allow laundry facilities within a guest room or guest unit; laundry facilities for use of guests may be placed at one convenient location in the hotel, motel, or rooming house.
 - N. The owner and/or operator of any hotel, motel, or rooming house must provide daily cleaning service for each guest room in each such hotel, motel, or rooming house.
 - O. The owner and/or operator of each hotel, motel, or rooming house must comply with all provisions of this Code.
 - P. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, all nonconforming uses must be made to comply with the following provisions of this Code within the following time periods:
 1. Subsections (C), (K) and (N) of this section must be complied with July 9, 2001 (within 90 days of the enactment of these provisions); and
 2. Subsections (L), (M) and (O) of this section must be complied with within the time periods specified in Chapter 17.92 of this Code.
- (Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(12); Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13; Ord. 1320 § 2, 11/14/16)

§ 17.44.240. Laundromats.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any laundromat:

- A. Storefront windows must be of full length, extending from the top of the floor to the top of the finished ceiling height.

- B. Glazing material must be approved by the Planning Division and the Police Department for color and tint. Tint must not exceed 10%. Reflective glass will not be permitted.
- C. Interior lighting must be approved by the Police Department. The minimum level shall be one foot-candle.
- D. Service counters, seating areas, service sinks and coin-operated dispenser machines must not obstruct view of the interior space. No displays, posters or other obstructive materials can be installed on or near the storefront windows.
- E. No public telephones shall be located within the laundromat.
- F. No electronic video games, billiard tables or other gaming devices shall be allowed within the laundromat.
- G. No laundromat shall be located within 300 feet of any establishment that operates electronic video games or other gaming devices.
- H. Public rest rooms shall be locked at all times and available only through the request of the attendant on duty.
- I. Service corridors and all nonpublic spaces shall be locked and/or otherwise made unavailable to public access during all normal business hours.
- J. Rear exits are prohibited unless required by either the Uniform Building Code or Uniform Fire Code. When required, rear exit doors shall be kept in a locked closed position and shall have panic hardware.
- K. Hours of operation shall be restricted to seven a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- L. A sign prohibiting loitering on the premises shall be kept posted on the premises at all times.
- M. Laundromats shall provide at least six parking spaces for each 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(13); Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13)

§ 17.44.250. Low-Intensity Educational Institutions.

Low-intensity educational institutions are subject to an Administrative Use Permit approval, must obtain appropriate licenses from the State of California, and be in accordance with the following:

- A. One parking space shall be provided: (1) for each employee; and (2) for every two students the lowintensity educational institution is designed to accommodate. All parking areas shall conform to Chapter 17.88.
- B. A site plan shall be submitted to include proposed student loading and unloading area subject to review and approval by the Director of Planning.
- C. A pedestrian safety plan shall be submitted to include proposed safe paths of travel,

such as crosswalks at signaled intersections and across parking lots. Crossing guards may also be recommended subject to review and approval by the Director of Planning.

- D. A security plan shall be submitted to include proposed safety measures such as security cameras, gates/fencing, security guards, and check-in/check-out procedures.
- E. No incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, or high-intensity educational institution shall be located within 750 linear feet from any other incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, or high-intensity educational institution.
- F. Outdoor play hours shall be limited to the hours between nine a.m. and six p.m. if the play area is within 100 feet of an occupied residence.
- G. No more than an aggregate of 15% of the total gross floor area of available first floor building space within a commercial/retail center shall be occupied by any incidental instruction, low-intensity educational institution, high-intensity educational institution, or combination thereof. An inventory of the existing commercial/retail center uses shall be submitted to the Planning Department upon submitting an application.
- H. Such other requirements as the Director of Planning may deem necessary to ensure such use shall not unduly interfere with the use and enjoyment of properties or streets in the surrounding areas.

(Ord. 1252 § 6, 10/14/13; Ord. 1417 § 10, 8/8/22)

§ 17.44.255. Masseur-Masseuse, Massage Establishments, Acupressure Spas, Day Spas and Similar Uses.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following applies to masseur-masseuse, massage establishments, acupressure spas, day spas and similar uses:

- A. No person may provide massage services from any location in the City without a valid Conditional Use Permit, Massage Establishment Permit and a California Massage Therapy Council (CAMTC) Certificate.
- B. Off-Street Parking Requirements. One parking space for each 300 square feet of floor space.
- C. Hours of Operations. It is unlawful for any masseur-masseuse, massage establishments, acupressure spas, day spas and similar uses to operate between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and eight a.m. of the following day.
- D. The following separation criteria must be maintained:
 - 1. 1,000-foot separation between massage uses;
 - 2. 1,000-foot separation between massage and adult entertainment uses;

3. Not more than one massage establishment per parcel or integrated development; and
 4. Not adjacent to any residential zone.
- E. Interior Doors. All interior doors must remain unlocked during business hours, unless the business is owned by one person with one or no employees.
 - F. Occupancy Requirements. The maximum occupancy cannot exceed the Building Code of the City of Bellflower and Fire Code of the City of Bellflower. The maximum occupancy load must be posted at the main entrance.
 - G. Exit Plan. An owner or operator of a massage business or establishment must submit and receive approval of a fire exit plan from the Fire Department. The plan must address all existing requirements of the Building Code of the City of Bellflower and Fire Code of the City of Bellflower.
 - H. Health and Safety Requirements. An owner or operator of a massage business or establishment must provide clean massage rooms, clean towels and linens, and reasonable attire that is deemed by the CAMTC to constitute professional attire based on the custom and practice of the profession in California and personal hygiene requirements for persons providing massage services.
 - I. Business License Requirement. An owner or operator of a massage business or establishment must obtain a business license to operate a massage business or establishment. The operator must provide relevant information with the application.
 - J. The City may suspend, revoke, or restrict a permit issued to a massage establishment or business if violations occur on the business premises.
 - K. Site Inspection. The City may conduct reasonable inspections, during regular business hours, to ensure compliance with local ordinance, and/or other applicable fire and health and safety requirements.
 - L. Notification. An owner or operator of a massage business or establishment must notify the City of any intention to rename, change management, or convey the business to another person.
 - M. During all hours of operation the massage establishments must be supervised. The name and photograph (minimum size of four inches by six inches) of the on-duty manager must be posted in a conspicuous public place in the lobby of the massage establishment at all times that the business is in operation.
 - N. No sale or storage of barrier contraception items (e.g., condoms or similar items) are permitted within the massage establishment.
 - O. Business owners and operators of the massage establishments are responsible for the actions of their employees or independent contractors working on the premises of the business or establishment.
 - P. No massage establishment with exterior windows fronting a public street, highway,

walkway, or parking area can block visibility into the interior reception and waiting area through the use of curtains, closed blinds, tints, or any material that obstructs or darkens the view into the premises.

- Q. No massage establishment may be used for residential purposes. Personal items of the employees and independent contractors must be kept in lockers while at the massage establishment.
- R. Amortization Period. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code, all massage establishments must obtain a Conditional Use Permit on or before September 9, 2020. It is unlawful to operate without a Conditional Use Permit after that date. If an application for a Conditional Use Permit is filed and deemed complete before that date, and the applicant diligently pursues obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the Planning Commission, then that establishment can continue in operation during the pendency of the application. Should, however, a Conditional Use Permit be denied, whether by the Planning Commission or (upon appeal) by the City Council, then that establishment must cease business as a massage establishment within 30 days after that denial is final.
- (Ord. 1182 § 7, 6/8/09; Ord. 1300 § 5, 10/12/15; Ord. 1344 § 8, 10/23/17; Ord. 1404 § 6, 12/14/20)

§ 17.44.260. Model Studios.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any model studio:

- A. No such model studio may be located within a distance of 500 feet from an existing public or private school or religious facility.
- B. No sign shall be erected, painted or maintained upon or adjacent to the outside of the said model studio which in whole or part depicts the human figure.
- C. A model studio shall not be operated between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 10:00 a.m. of the following day.
- D. The interior of the said model studio shall not be visible from the outside of the premises.
- E. The owner and the manager of the said model studio shall maintain a current file of all figure models employed by him/her or utilizing the premises. This file shall contain true name and aliases used by the model (person), age, birth date, height, weight, color of hair and eyes, home address, phone numbers, social security number and the date of employment and termination. Inactive file cards shall be maintained on the premises for a period of one year following termination. In the event the owner is a corporation, the owner shall also maintain at the premises a current record and file showing the name and residence address of each of the officers, directors and each stockholder owning more than five percent of the stock of the corporation. If the owner is a partnership, whether a general or limited partnership, the name and residence address of each partner shall be set forth. Each

owner and manager shall make all records available immediately upon demand of any Peace Officer or Zoning Official of the City.

- F. A person shall not enter, be or remain in any part of a model studio or premises licensed as such while in the possession of, consuming, using or under the influence of any alcoholic beverage or drugs. The licensee, manager and every supervisory employee shall not permit any such person to enter or remain upon the licensed premises.
- G. No residence shall be permitted in conjunction with any model studio.
- H. A permit issued pursuant to this section does not permit any entertainment as entertainment is defined in Section 5.36.020 of this Code.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(14); Ord. 1319 § 13, 10/10/16)

§ 17.44.270. Secondhand Stores.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any secondhand and surplus stores, pawnshops and similar stores:

- A. Such use shall not be located within a radius of 400 feet of any public school, park, playground, or private school or religious facility;
- B. The minimum size of a structure utilized for such use shall be 5,000 square feet of floor area;
- C. Such use shall not be established within 800 feet of any property containing another similar use, nor within 800 feet of any property utilized for adult businesses.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(16); Ord. 1319 § 14, 10/10/16)

§ 17.44.280. Service Stations.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any service stations:

- A. The minimum area of the parcel or lot shall not be less than 15,000 square feet.
- B. Each lot shall have a minimum primary frontage not less than 125 feet. The secondary frontage must be at least 75 feet.
- C. No building or structure shall be located less than 15 feet from any boundary line abutting a street property line nor less than 10 feet from any boundary which abuts another lot or alley, except as follows:
 1. A canopy or roof structure over a pump island may encroach 10 feet into the required setback area on the street frontage.
 2. One freestanding pole sign and light standards are permitted.
- D. All new and used merchandise shall be stored and displayed within the service station building, except lubrication items such as cans of motor oil and additives

which are maintained in movable cabinets or movable storage racks or maintained in storage cabinets or racks that are designed and constructed as a part of the service station facility and can be locked in the evening. Drums containing oil, kerosene, additives or weed oil placed on movable dollies are not permitted outside of the building, nor considered to fall within the interpretation of lubrication items permitted outside of the building.

- E. No used or discarded automotive parts or equipment or permanently disabled, junked or wrecked vehicles shall be located or stored outside the service station building.
- F. Service bays within the building shall be designed so as to permit side or rear entrance only. They shall not open directly to any street frontage unless the Planning Commission construes that the development on adjacent property is of such nature that such openings would become offensive and therefore may be permitted to open onto street frontages.
- G. Trash shall be stored in areas shielded from public view by a minimum five foot high masonry wall. Adequate truck access to such areas shall be provided.
- H. A maximum of two driveways from any street will be permitted, subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. The construction of the driveway entrance to the service station shall not be within the curb return. No driveway shall be located within five feet of any abutting property in a residential district.
 - 2. At all intersections, whenever possible, combined driveways servicing both the service station and adjacent shopping center shall be designated and provided.
- I. There shall be provided one parking space for each employee on the maximum shift, plus one parking space for each service bay. Parking within the service bay shall not be construed as providing any of the required parking herein stated. No vehicles or appurtenances shall be parked or stored on the premises for the purpose of storage or lease unless the Planning Commission states that such use is permitted at the time a Conditional Use Permit is granted.
- J. Banners, pennants, flags, captive balloons or signs which change color or appear to change color, or where the intensity of lighting changes or appears to change, or any other attention attractors are not permitted, except for a period of 30 days following the initial opening of the service station.
- K. A sign shall not flash, scintillate, move or rotate or contain any part which flashes, scintillates, moves or rotates, provided that continuously rotating signs that do not exceed a rotation speed of eight revolutions per minute are permitted.
- L. Perimeter or flood lighting is permitted only when such lighting is installed on private property and is hooded or shielded so that no direct beams therefrom fall upon public streets, alleys, highways or other private property.

- M. Landscaping, planter areas and tree wells irrigated with manually operated or automatic water sprinkler systems and constantly maintained shall be provided as follows:
1. A minimum three foot wide raised planter along all street-side property lines except for driveway openings.
 2. On corner lots, a minimum of 130 square feet of raised planter area at street corner between the sidewalk and a line drawn from the driveway openings at the intersecting streets.
 3. A minimum three foot wide raised planter along the interior perimeter boundaries, when such site is an integral part of a commercial shopping center. Two interior access openings to the commercial area may be permitted.
 4. Not less than 2% of the service station site shall be in raised landscaped areas.
 5. All landscaped areas shall be enclosed with a masonry planter box or curb having a minimum height of six inches.
- N. All public utility services shall be installed underground.
- O. The entrance to all comfort rooms shall be screened from view of the abutting properties by a decorative screen.
- P. Whenever a service station abuts property in a residential zone, there shall be erected along the property line abutting such residential zone a masonry wall six feet in height from finished grade, except that said wall shall be reduced to 42 inches in height within the front and/or side property lines which would normally be the setback areas. The walls shall contain tree wells not less than 36 square feet in area or may contain landscaped planting areas not less than 36 square feet in area. Tree wells shall be spaced not less than eight feet or more than 16 feet apart when included as a part of the wall construction.
- Q. No public address system or speakers located outside of the structure or which is audible outside of the structure is permitted.
- R. Temporary window signs must be placed entirely within the building and shall not cover more than 25% of the window area of the building.
- S. All servicing of vehicles shall be conducted within the building other than the standard servicing normally conducted at the pump island. A service station shall have at least two bays within the building for the repair, lubricating or servicing of vehicles.
- T. Public rest room facilities shall be provided during business hours, for use by service station customers, free of charge to customers. The public rest room shall not be temporary or portable; but shall be permanent and shall include separate facilities for men and women, each with toilets and sinks and shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary manner. Entrances to rest room facilities shall be obscured from view from surrounding areas.

- U. Convenience Mart. Any retail establishment may offer for sale prepackaged food products, household items, newspapers and magazines, sandwiches and other freshly prepared foods for off-site consumption.
- V. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary, any property presently developed with a service station prior to the adoption of the ordinance codified in this section shall be deemed nonconforming provided it conforms to the provisions stated in Subsections (D), (G), (L), (O) and (T) of this section within five years, Subsection (I) within three years, and Subsections (E), (J), (Q) and (R) within three months after the effective date thereof.
- W. Towing service that is accessory to the service station is permitted.
(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(17); Ord. 1404 §§ 4, 5, 12/14/20)

§ 17.44.290. Swap Meets.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following shall apply to any swap meets (indoor and outdoor) and similar types of retail sales operations:

- A. Provisions Applicable to Swap Meets.
 - 1. All sellers must have a permit from the State Board of Equalization to conduct business as a seller at that particular store.
 - 2. The minimum off-street parking requirement for indoor swap meets is 10 spaces for each 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.
- B. Provisions Applicable to All Swap Meets (Outdoor and Indoor).
 - 1. Fees and records, subject to the provisions of Title 5 (Business Licenses and Regulations) of the Bellflower Municipal Code.
 - 2. Other Provisions.
 - a. Swap meets and flea markets shall not be located within a radius of 300 feet of any property zoned or used for residential purposes.
 - b. Such use cannot be located within a radius of 300 feet of any public school, park, playground, or private school, or religious facility.
 - c. The minimum size of a structure utilized for such use shall be 1,000 square feet of floor area.
 - d. Such use shall not be established within 500 feet of any property containing another similar use, nor within 500 feet of any property utilized for adult businesses.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(b)(18); Ord. 1319 § 15, 10/10/16)

§ 17.44.300. Limitation on Uses.

All uses shall be conducted totally within a completely enclosed building, except for

those uses, which are customarily conducted in the open, and as permitted pursuant to Sections 17.44.310 and 17.44.320 of this chapter.

- A. There shall be no overnight parking of vehicles, except those used in conjunction with a permitted use.
- B. No use shall be permitted which produces or causes or emits any dust, gas, smoke, glare, noise, fumes, odors, electromagnetic emanations or vibrations which are or may be detrimental to the safety, welfare, health, and peace of the City and its residents.

(Prior code § 19-10.4(c))

§ 17.44.310. Limited Outside Display of Merchandise.

The intent of this section is to provide the opportunity for the limited and reasonable outside display of retail merchandise, directly related to the primary retail use, in an orderly and neat manner. The outside display of retail merchandise may be allowed, subject to the following provisions:

- A. **General Provisions.** Prior to any outside display of retail merchandise, the retailer shall obtain an Outside Display Permit as set forth in this section.
 - 1. **Retail Merchandise.** All material that is displayed shall be directly related to the inventory or product that is sold within the store. No merchandise or inventory that is not typically sold or maintained on the premises shall be allowed to be displayed as part of the outside display of merchandise.
 - 2. **Display Plan.** As a component of the Outside Display Permit, an Outside Display Plan shall be filed with the Department of Community Development as set forth in this section.
 - 3. **Condition of Merchandise.** All retail merchandise displayed outside shall be kept in a clean and orderly manner. All retail merchandise, including the display furniture, shall be relocated inside the store at the close of business hours. No merchandise, the display furniture upon which they are displayed, or any other article upon which the outside display of retail merchandise is promoted shall be maintained outside at the conclusion of business hours.
 - 4. **Duration of Permit.** The maximum duration of an Outside Display Permit shall be one year. All Outside Display Permits, regardless of the time of issuance, shall expire on March 1 of each year. Within 60 days prior to the expiration of the Outside Display Permit, the permit holder may apply for another Outside Display Permit pursuant to the provisions of this section. In circumstances where an existing Outside Display Permit holder has made application for a new permit pursuant to the provisions of this section, and prior to the expiration of the existing permit, the existing permit will remain valid until a determination on the new application of the new Outside Display Permit is made.
- B. **Minor Outside Display.** The minor outside display of retail merchandise, directly

related to the retail operation contained within the adjoining store, may be permitted pursuant to the following provisions:

1. Outside Display Permit Required. An Outside Display Permit must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this section.
 2. Location of Display Area. All merchandise, the furniture upon which it is displayed and any other feature that is a component of the outside display of the retail merchandise shall only be placed immediately adjacent to the building façade and on private property that is owned or leased by the store operator. No items may be placed within the public right-of-way.
 3. Configuration of Display Area. The maximum area allowed shall not be greater than a dimension of four feet in depth, as measured from the building façade towards the property line. The linear dimension of the minor outside display area shall not exceed the width of the building façade. Adequate clearance for building accessibility, as required by the Director of Community Development, shall be maintained.
 4. Height of Display. The maximum height allowed for merchandise displayed pursuant to these provisions shall not exceed a reasonable height as determined by the Director of Community Development. Issues such as public safety, orientation to pedestrians, building access, vehicular line-of-sight visibility and similar issues shall be a consideration in the evaluation of the Minor Outside Display Permit.
- C. Major Outside Display. The outside display of retail merchandise directly related to the retail operation contained within the adjoining store, in a volume greater than that allowed within Subsection (B) of this section may be allowed pursuant to the following provisions:
1. Outside Display Permit Required. An Outside Display Permit must be obtained pursuant to the provisions of this section.
 2. Location of Display Area. All merchandise, the furniture upon which it is displayed and any other feature that is a component of the outside display of the retail merchandise shall be wholly contained on private property that is owned or leased by the store operator. The location of the display area(s) is not required to be adjacent to the building façade. No required parking spaces, approved landscaped planter areas, drive-aisles, trash enclosure areas, or similar property features may be used for the outside display area(s). No items may be placed within the public rightof-way.
 3. Configuration of Display Area. The maximum surface land area that may be dedicated to the outside display of merchandise shall not exceed a surface land area amount greater than 25% of the lineal width of the primary street facing building façade.
 - a. For the purposes of this section, "primary street facing building façade" shall mean that portion of the building that is either located adjacent to

the public right-of-way, or is set back onto the property, but is aligned to be parallel to the public right-of-way.

- b. For the purposes of this section, the secondary frontage of a building located on a corner lot shall not be considered in calculating the amount of display area.
 - c. For the purposes of this section, portions of a building facing onto a private parking lot, alley, or similar surface area, that is not located between the public right-of-way and the building façade shall not be considered in calculating the amount of display area.
4. **Height of Display.** The maximum height allowed for merchandise displayed pursuant to these provisions shall not exceed a reasonable height as determined by the Director of Community Development. Issues such as public safety, orientation to pedestrians, building access, vehicular line-of-sight visibility and similar issues shall be a consideration in the evaluation of the Major Outside Display Permit.
 5. **Notification of Determination.** The determination of the Director of Community Development shall not become effective until the Major Outside Display Permit is approved by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall consider the permit at its next available meeting occurring not less than three business days after the Director of Community Development makes his/her determination. The decision of the Planning Commission to either uphold or overturn the determination of the Director of Community Development may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of this Code.
- D. **Special Outside Display.** The outside display of retail merchandise directly related to the retail operation contained within the adjoining store, in a volume greater than that allowed within Subsection (C) of this section, and/or in a configuration not provided in Subsections (B) and (C) of this section may be allowed pursuant to the following provisions:
1. **Outside Display Permit Required.** An Outside Display Permit must be approved by the Planning Commission.
 2. **Location of Display Area.** All merchandise, the furniture upon which it is displayed and any other feature that is a component of the outside display of the retail merchandise shall be wholly contained on private property that is owned or leased by the store operator. The location of the display area(s) is not required to be adjacent to the building façade. No required parking spaces, approved landscaped planter areas, drive-aisles, trash enclosure areas, or similar property features may be used for the outside display area(s). No items may be placed within the public rightof-way.
 3. **Consideration by Planning Commission.** The location, amount of surface area dedicated to outside display, height of the display and similar considerations

shall be determined by the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall make a determination pursuant to a recommendation provided by the Director of Community Development. The determination of the Planning Commission may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of this Code.

- E. Outside Display Plan. Every request for an Outside Display Permit shall include an Outside Display Plan. Said plan shall include the following:
1. Site Plan. A site plan showing all property lines of the property, the location of all buildings on the property, parking, landscaping and similar features. All relevant components of the site plan shall be dimensioned.
 2. Location of Outside Display Area. Included on the site plan, the area intended for the outside display of merchandise shall be clearly indicated. Dimensions shall be provided on the site plan for the outside display area.
 3. Other Information. Other information, including, but not limited to, description of merchandise display furniture, description of merchandise to be displayed and other information deemed necessary by the Director of Community Development, shall be provided on the Outside Display Plan.
- F. Outside Display Permit. No outside display of merchandise shall be allowed unless an Outside Display Permit has first been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this section.
1. Administrative Determination—Minor Outside Display. The Director of Community Development may approve or deny an application for a Minor Outside Display Permit pursuant to the provisions of this section. The determination of the Director of Community Development may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.112 of the Bellflower Zoning Code.
 2. Administrative Determination—Major Outside Display. The Director of Community Development may approve or deny an application for a Major Outside Display permit pursuant to the provisions of this section. The determination of the Director of Community Development shall not become effective until ratified by the Planning Commission at a regularly scheduled meeting. Said meeting shall be at the next available Planning Commission meeting from the time of the Director of Community Development's determination. The Planning Commission may alter the determination of the Director of Community Development, as it pertains to the discretionary components of this subsection.
 3. Special Outside Display. Upon receipt of a request for a Special Outside Display Permit, the Director of Community Development shall evaluate the request and prepare a written recommendation to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission shall make a determination on the Special Outside Display Permit at a regularly scheduled Planning Commission meeting. The determination of the Planning Commission may be appealed to the City Council, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.112 of this Code.

4. Appeal. Appeals of the determination of the Director of Community Development or the Planning Commission may be made pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.112 of this Code.

(Prior code § 19-10.5)

§ 17.44.320. Limited Outside Preparation and Sale of Food.

The intent of this section is to allow the limited and reasonable opportunity for retail food establishments to prepare and sell food in direct conjunction with an established retail food operation. In addition to all applicable law, the following provisions apply:

- A. General Provisions. Before any outside preparation or sale of food, the food operator must obtain an Outside Food Permit from the Director, as set forth in this section.
 1. Relationship of Food Activity. The vendor of outside food activity must be the operator of the permanent retail food establishment. No subcontractors, sublessee or other operator that is not directly affiliated or employed by the primary retail food establishment is permitted to operate the outside food activity.
 2. Outside Food Plan. As a component of the Outside Food Permit, an Outside Food Plan must be filed with the Director as set forth in this section.
 3. Duration of Permit. The maximum duration of an Outside Food Permit is one year. All Outside Food Permits expire on June 1 of each year. Within 60 days before the Outside Food Permit expires, the permit holder may apply for another Outside Food Permit pursuant to this section. In circumstances where an existing Outside Food Permit holder applied for a new permit and before the existing permit expires, the existing permit will remain valid until a determination on the new application of the new Outside Food Permit is made.
- B. Minor Outside Food Permit. The outside preparation and sale of food, directly related to the primary retail food operation contained within the adjoining store, may be permitted pursuant to the following provisions:
 1. Outside Food Permit Required. An Outside Food Permit must be obtained.
 2. Location of the Outside Food Area. The location of all activity associated with the outside preparation and/or sale of food must be located immediately adjacent to the building façade that is owned or leased by the store operator. The use of designated vehicle parking spaces, loading zones or landscaped planter areas for the outside food area is not permitted. The use of the public right-of-way is not permitted.
 3. Configuration of Outside Food Area. The location of the outside food area cannot exceed the width of the building façade, or the width of the store in the case of a multi-tenant structure. Adequate clearance for building accessibility as required by the Director must be provided.

- C. Major Outside Food Permit. The outside preparation, and/or sale of food, directly related to the primary retail food operation contained within the adjoining store as follows:
1. Outside Food Permit Required. An Outside Food Permit must be obtained.
 2. Location of the Outside Food Area. The location of all activity associated with the outside preparation and/or sale of food must be located in a manner as approved by the Planning Agency pursuant to the provisions of this section. In no case, will the location of the outside food area incorporate the use of landscaped planters, handicapped parking/access, drive-aisles, or the public right-of-way. The use of parking and/or loading areas may be approved.
 3. Configuration of Outside Food Area. The location of the outside food area will be pursuant to the Outside Food Plan approved by the Planning Agency as set forth by the provisions of this section.
- D. Outside Food Permit. No outside preparation and/or sale of food is allowed, in conjunction with the necessary approvals from other agencies as provided in this section, unless an Outside Food Permit has first been obtained pursuant to the provisions of this section.
1. Administrative Determination—Minor Outside Food Permit. The Director may approve or deny an application for a Minor Outside Food Permit pursuant to the provisions of this section. The determination of the Director may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.108 of this Code.
 2. Planning Agency Determination—Major Outside Food Permit. Upon the receipt of a request for a Major Outside Food Permit, the Director will evaluate the request and prepare a written recommendation to the Planning Agency. The Planning Agency must make a determination on the Major Outside Food Permit pursuant to the following:
 - a. Public Meeting. The Planning Agency must consider and make a determination of a Major Outside Food Permit at a regularly scheduled meeting. A Notice of the meeting will be mailed to all property owners within a 300 foot radius of the property on which the outside food activity will occur. A copy of said notice must be posted at the business in a manner visible to the public for a minimum 10 day period before the Planning Agency meeting.
 - b. Planning Agency Evaluation. In considering the Major Outside Food Permit, the Planning Agency must find that the proposed outside food activity will not create an unreasonable burden upon adjoining and neighboring businesses, unreasonably restrict parking/loading, restrict public access to adjoining business, create an undue burden on adjoining properties, that the outside food activity is maintained in a clean and orderly manner, that no impacts to the public health, general welfare and safety will result.

- c. **Renewal of Permit.** Upon the consideration of a request for a renewal of a Major Outside Food Permit, the Planning Agency must consider the manner in which the outside food permit applicant operated the outside food activity for the prior year.
- E. **Appeal.** The determination of the Director and/or the Planning Agency may be appealed pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 17.108 of this Code.
(Prior code § 19-10.6; Ord. 1408 § 6, 9-27-21)

§ 17.44.330. (Reserved)

Prior History: Ord. 1253 § 3, 10/14/13; Ord. 1321 § 9, 10/24/16; repealed by Ord. 1443, 4/28/2025.

§ 17.44.340. Unattended Donation Boxes.

A. Permits.

1. It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any property owner or other person to place, operate, maintain, or allow any unattended donation box on real property, unless the property owner first obtains a permit pursuant to this chapter and the unattended donation box is placed, operated, and maintained in accordance with all provisions in this chapter.
2. The permit application shall be made on a form provided by the Director of Planning and shall include the following information:
 - a. The name, address, email, website (if available), and telephone number of the applicant;
 - b. The name, address, telephone number, and signature of the property owner;
 - c. Written proof sufficient to establish that the operator who will utilize the unattended donation box is qualified to solicit donations of salvageable personal property pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 148.3, as amended;
 - d. The text of the disclosures that will be made on the unattended donation box as required by Subsection 17.44.340(C)(1)(c); and
 - e. The physical address of the property owner's real property and a drawing sufficient to indicate the proposed location of the unattended donation box on the property owner's real property and the size of the proposed unattended donation box.
3. The applicant must comply with the Electronic Waste Act of 2003 and California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 22, Division 4.5.
4. Each application shall be accompanied by a nonrefundable fee in the amount established by resolution of the City Council. This fee shall be in addition to

any fee or tax imposed by the City pursuant to any other provision of this Code.

5. Applications shall be filed with the Director of Planning, or designee.
6. Within 60 days after receiving a completed application, the Director of Planning shall issue a permit or deny the issuance of a permit.
7. The Director of Planning shall not issue a permit unless:
 - a. The applicant has submitted a complete and accurate application accompanied by the application fee;
 - b. The operator who will utilize the unattended donation box is qualified to solicit donations of salvageable personal property pursuant to California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 148.3, as amended;
 - c. The applicant commits to comply with the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003, California Code of Regulation (CCR) Title 22, Division 4.5; and
 - d. The proposed location of the unattended donation box on the property owner's real property is in compliance with all applicable laws.
8. If the Director of Planning denies an application, then the Director of Planning shall state, in writing, the specific reasons for denial.
9. The term of the permit shall expire one year after the date of issuance.
10. No person to whom a permit has been issued shall transfer, assign, or convey such permit to another person.
11. Prior to expiration of the permit, the permittee may voluntarily cancel the permit by notifying the Director of Planning, in writing, of the intent to cancel the permit. The permit shall become void upon the Director of Planning's receipt of a written notice of intent to cancel the permit.
12. One unattended donation box is allowed per permit.

B. Renewal of Permits.

1. A permittee may apply for permit renewal by submitting to the Director of Planning before the expiration of the permit, a renewal application and a nonrefundable renewal fee in an amount set by resolution of the City Council.
2. The Director of Planning shall either approve or deny the renewal of a permit within 30 days after receipt of the complete renewal application and payment of the renewal fee. The failure of the Director of Planning to timely act shall constitute approval of the renewal of the permit.
3. The Director of Planning shall approve the renewal of a permit if he or she finds no circumstance existed during the term of the permit, existed at the time

of submission of an application for renewal, or existed at any time during the review of the application for renewal that is inconsistent with any finding required for approval of a new permit as specified in Subsection (A)(6) or that would justify the revocation of the permit as specified in Subsection (D).

C. Requirements and Maintenance.

1. Each permittee shall ensure each unattended donation box related to the subject permit:
 - a. Is maintained and operated in good condition and appearance with no structural damage, holes, or visible rust, and shall be free of graffiti;
 - b. Is locked or otherwise secured;
 - c. Contains the following contact information in two inch type visible from the front of each unattended donation box: the name, address, email, and phone number of both the permittee and operator;
 - d. Is serviced and emptied as needed, but at least every seven days; and
 - e. Shall be no more than 84 inches high, 72 inches wide, and 60 inches deep.
2. The permittee shall maintain or cause to be maintained the area surrounding the unattended donation box free of any junk, debris, donated items, or other material and shall be responsible to the extent provided by the law for the cost to abate any violation. The permittee shall remove junk, debris, donated items, or other material within 24 hours after notification by the City.
3. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code, it is unlawful to locate:
 - a. Any unattended donation box less than 2,000 feet from any other unattended donation box;
 - b. Any unattended donation box on a parcel of less than two and one-half acres in size;
 - c. More than one unattended donation box on each parcel of real property; and
 - d. Any unattended donation box in any required parking space, drive aisle, landscape area or path of vehicular or pedestrian travel.

- D. Revocation of Permit, Removal of Unattended Donation Boxes and Liability. The Director of Planning shall have the right, for cause, to revoke any permit issued hereunder. Any of the grounds upon which he or she may refuse to issue an initial permit shall also constitute grounds for such revocation. In addition, the failure of the permittee to comply with any provision of this chapter or other provision of this Code or other law shall also constitute grounds for revocation of the permit. The Director of Planning shall provide a written notification to the permittee stating the specific grounds for revocation. Upon revocation, the permittee shall remove or

cause the removal of the unattended donation box within the time period specified in the written notification. If the unattended donation box is not removed within the time period specified, then the City may remove, store, and dispose of the unattended donation box at the expense of the permit holder. Upon revocation, a permit holder shall be prohibited from applying for a permit for a period of one year. The permittee may appeal the decision of the Director of Planning, pursuant to Chapter 17.112 of this Code. During the time the appeal is pending the unattended donation box may remain at the permitted location, subject to all the requirements of this Code and the permit.

(Ord. 1281 § 10, 9/8/14)

§ 17.44.350. Collection Centers—Reverse Vending Machines Only—Ancillary to a Grocery Store, Indoor Use Only.

In addition to any other requirement of this Code, the following apply to Collection Centers (reverse vending machines only—ancillary to a grocery store, indoor use only):

1. Must be established in conjunction and within a grocery store;
2. Must be separated by a minimum of 15 feet from any food or beverage vending machines;
3. Must occupy an area not to exceed 50 square feet per installation, and cannot be more than eight feet in height, including any protective enclosure;
4. May sort and process containers mechanically provided that the entire process is enclosed within the machine;
5. Must be constructed and maintained with durable material;
6. Must be clearly marked to include the type of material to be deposited, operating instructions, and the identity and telephone number of the operator or responsible person to call if the machine is inoperative;
7. If more than one reverse vending machine is installed, the total number cannot exceed three per grocery store and the machines must be grouped together and the style, color, and signage of the machines must be coordinated; and
8. Operating hours must coincide with those of the grocery store.

(Ord. 1370 § 7, 3/11/19)