

Chapter 84. Zoning

Article XII. Industrial Zoning Districts

§ 84-39. I-3 General Industrial District.

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A. District purpose and use regulations. The purpose of this district is to provide areas for a wide variety of industries that require smaller lots and prefer a more built-up environment than the uses located in the other industrial zoning districts. A building may be erected, altered or used and a lot or premises may be used for any of the following purposes and for no other:

- (1) Research, engineering or test laboratory.
- (2) Any production, processing, cleaning, testing, repair, storage and distribution of materials, goods, foodstuffs and products, not involving a retail activity on the lot and not including a junkyard or the slaughtering of animals; except that an automobile repair shop is permitted and may involve a retail activity.
 - (2.1) Miniwarehouse or self-storage facility.
 - (2.2) Wholesale sales, storage or distribution.
- (3) Municipal, county, state and federal uses including fire, police and ambulance facilities.
- (4) Truck freight terminal.
- (5) Contractor's establishment not engaged in any retail activities on the site.
- (6) Office building, medical office building or clinic, including outpatient medical services.
- (7) Agricultural uses.
- (8) Public place of amusement or recreation; athletic club.
- (9) Community center, adult education center.
- (10) Financial establishment.
- (11) Lumberyard.
- (12) The sale, leasing and repair of trucks and tractor-trailers.
- (13) Commercial greenhouse.
- (14) Automobile body repair and paint shop.
- (15) Forestry, subject to the standards in § 84-57.8.
 - (15.1) Microbrewery, brewery pub and limited distillery.
 - (15.2) Medical marijuana grower/processor.
- (16) Accessory uses which are clearly incidental to the principal building, structure or use, including but not limited to restaurant, cafeteria or recreational uses and a home-related business as an accessory use to a lawful nonconforming single-family detached dwelling.

(17) The following uses shall be permitted as a special exception when authorized by the Zoning Hearing Board, subject to Article **XVII** of this chapter. The area and bulk regulations of this article, the design standards of this article and the general performance standards of this article shall apply to all uses permitted by special exception in this General Industrial District.

- (a) Radio and television transmitter, including such as an accessory use, if it is of any type requiring licensing by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
- (b) Retail sales as an accessory use, subject to the limitations imposed by § **84-53**.

(18) The following uses shall be permitted as a conditional use when authorized by the Board of Supervisors. In allowing a conditional use, the Board may attach such reasonable conditions and safeguards, in addition to those expressed in this Zoning Chapter, as it may deem necessary to implement the purposes of the MPC and this Zoning Chapter.

- (a) (Reserved)
- (b) Public utility facility and gas and liquid pipeline facility subject to the standards in § **84-56**.

B. Area and bulk regulations. The following area and bulk regulations shall apply:

- (1) Lot size: one acre minimum.
- (2) Width at building setback line: 150 feet minimum.
- (3) Lot width at street right-of-way line: 50 feet minimum.
- (4) Lot coverage: 60% maximum.
- (5) Building setback line: 40 feet minimum.
- (6) Side yards: 20 feet minimum for each side yard.
- (7) Green area: 20% minimum.
- (8) Rear yard: 25 feet minimum.
- (9) Building height: 40 feet maximum.
- (10) Tower and chimney location: 50 feet minimum from any lot line.
- (11) Paved surface area: a maximum of 65% of the total lot area.
- (12) Yard contiguous to a residential zoning district or a residential use:
 - (a) Rear yard: 100 feet.
 - (b) Side yard: 100 feet.
 - (c) The one-hundred-foot side/rear yards provided for in Subsection **B(12)(a)** and **(b)** shall be maintained as a buffer zone as follows:
 - [1] The one-hundred-foot side/rear yards shall be treated as a buffer zone and shall be left and retained in their natural states, with all natural vegetation left undisturbed.
 - [2] In the event that the screening requirements of § **84-55A** are not met after application of § **84-39B(12)(c)[1]**, there shall be added to the undisturbed buffer zone the screening required by § **84-55A**.
 - [3] The buffer zone shall not be used for any industrial or accessory use, nor shall any structure, building, parking, roads or driveways be permitted within such zone, and the zone shall be left and maintained in its natural state.
 - [4] For purposes of this subsection, the words "natural vegetation" shall mean any plant life, including but not limited to grasses, bushes, trees, vines and any other flora located on a lot.
- (13) Parking area setback from property lines:
 - (a) Side or rear yard: 10 feet minimum.
 - (b) Front yard: 10 feet minimum.
- (14) Height of structures: 60 feet maximum.

C. Design standards. The design standards in the Campus Light Industrial District shall also apply to the General Industrial District.

D. General performance standards. Uses located in the General Industrial District shall comply with the § 84-57.1, General performance standards, located in Article **XIV** of this chapter.