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Convenience Store

- (i) The standards in Sec. 17-4.2(c)(3)e, Retail Sales Uses, apply to convenience stores.
- (ii) If a convenience store is proposed to be located in a new building or in an existing building that has not been used as a convenience store within the previous 12 consecutive months, or if a building expansion of an existing convenience store is proposed, the convenience store or expansion is only allowed as a special exception in accordance with Sec. 17-2.5(e), Special Exception Permit, and upon a finding that the following conditions have been met and made part of the special exception conditions of approval, in addition to the standards for special exceptions set forth in Sec. 17-2.5(e)(4), Special Exception Permit Decision Standards:
 - (a) **Loitering Control Program** The owner, operator, manager, or local representative of the parent company which operates the convenience store verifies that a loitering control program will be enforced.
 - (b) **Litter Control Program** At least two trash receptacles are provided onsite for customer use and written verification is provided that the owner, operator, manager, or a local representative of the parent company will conduct, at a minimum, daily onsite litter pickup as well as litter pick-up along sidewalks adjacent to the site.
 - (c) **Sign Pledge Program** The owner, operator, manager, or a local representative of the parent company provides written verification they will comply with the standards in Sec. 17-5.10, Signs.
 - (d) **Crime Prevention and Awareness Program** The owner, operator, manager, or a local representative of the parent company provides written verification they have contacted the City of Columbia Police Department regarding participation in a crime prevention/awareness program.
 - (e) **Neighborhood Communication Program** The owner, operator, manager, or a local representative of the parent company has provided written verification they will provide local contact information to the adjoining neighborhood associations or business for the documentation of any problems they may have with current business practices that impact adjacent neighborhoods or businesses.