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Vehicle Sales and Services Uses

1. Commercial Vehicle Sales and Rentals and Personal Vehicle Sales and Rentals

- Except for personal vehicle rentals, in the DAC and MC zoning districts, no merchandise or equipment shall be displayed or stored outside the store.
- No vehicles or other similar items shall be displayed on the top of a building.
- No materials for sale or rent other than vehicles shall be displayed between the principal structure and the adjoining street.

2. Gasoline Sales and Service Station

A gasoline sales and service station shall comply with the following standards:

- Gasoline pumps, canopies, and associated service areas are prohibited in any established front yard in the NAC, CAC, and RAC districts.
- If located on a corner lot, the lot shall have an area of at least 30,000 square feet and a frontage of at least 200 feet on each street side. In all other cases, the lot shall have an area of at least 15,000 square feet and a lot width of at least 150 feet.

3. Personal Vehicle Repair and Maintenance

A personal vehicle repair and maintenance establishment shall comply with the following standards:

- Must provide adequate screening, to include a privacy fence or wall if adjacent to a residential zoning district.
- All sales and installation operations shall be conducted in an enclosed building with no outdoor storage.
- Service activity on any motor vehicle shall be completed within a 14 day period and the vehicle shall not be stored on the site for longer than this same period.
- The demolition or junking of motor vehicles is prohibited.
- Vehicles shall not be parked or stored as a source of parts or for the purpose of sale or lease/rent.
- Wrecked or inoperative vehicles shall not be stored on the site without valid work or repairs orders.
- A safety curb shall be installed around the perimeter of all paved areas.
- The operation of the site (e.g., parking, vehicle queuing) shall not block the sidewalk, street, or any portion of the public right-of-way, or impede a pedestrian or bicycle pathway.

4. Vehicle Paint and Finishing Shop

- The storage of paint and vehicles on-site shall be completely screened from the view of pedestrians and motorists in the right-of-way by a wooden fence or masonry wall.

5. Vehicle Towing and Wrecker Service

Vehicle storage areas for vehicle towing and wrecker service shall comply with the following standards:

- A vehicle storage area shall not be located closer than 500 feet from any residential district, school, or day care facility.
- The number of vehicles stored on-site shall be limited to 20 vehicles.
- Vehicles shall not be stored for more than 90 days.
- Vehicles shall be stored to the rear of the principal structure, behind a wooden fence or masonry wall that is at least 8 feet in height.