

GC: General Commercial District

Purpose

The purpose of the General Commercial (GC) District is to provide lands that accommodate a broad range of nonresidential uses characterized primarily by retail, office, and service establishments. Development is primarily auto-oriented, serving isolated commercial areas outside of the activity centers.

Allowed uses include personal services, retail sales, recreation/entertainment, commercial services, eating and drinking establishments, visitor accommodation, and vehicle sales and services.

Intensity and Dimensional Standards

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Standard	All Uses
Lot Area, min. (sf.)	N/A
Lot Width, min. (ft.)	N/A
Lot Coverage, max. (% of site area)	N/A
Density, max. (du/acre)	N/A
Front Yard Setback, min. (ft.)	20
Side Yard Setback, min. (ft.)	N/A
Rear Yard Setback, min. (ft.)	10
Building Height, max. (ft.)	75

Notes: ft. = feet sf. = square feet du. = dwelling unit

Use Standards

Uses are presented below for convenience. Please refer to 17-4.2 through 17-4.4 for complete regulations for principal, accessory, and temporary uses. ¹ Conditional Use ² Special Exception

PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED

Dwelling, mixed-use ²	Community recreation center ²	Elementary, middle, or high school
Dwelling, multifamily ²	Cultural facility	School, business or trade
Dwelling, single-family detached ²	Day care facility ¹	Hospital
Dwelling, two-family ²	Government office	Laboratory, medical or dental
Continuing care retirement community (CCRC) ¹	Library	Medical or dental clinic/office
Residential care facility ²	Membership organization facility	Nursing care facility
Broadcasting studio	Place of worship ¹	Arboretum or botanical garden
Newspaper or periodical publishing establishment	Public safety facility	Cemetery
	Social services facility	Park or greenway ¹
	College or university	Park and ride

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Parking lot ¹	Non-depository personal credit institution ¹	Hotel or motel
Parking structure ²	Repair of personal goods	Community garden ²
Passenger terminal, surface transportation	Car wash	Crop production and processing
Utility facility, major ²	Amusement park	Warehouse distribution and storage ²
Utility facility, minor	Arena, stadium, or outdoor theater	Wholesale sales, not elsewhere listed ²
Animal shelter ²	Banquet hall	Manufacturing, assembly, or fabrication, light
Kennel ¹	Performing arts center	
Veterinary hospital or clinic ¹	Recreation facility, indoor, not elsewhere listed	
Equipment rental	Recreation facility, outdoor, not elsewhere listed	
Laboratory, testing or research	Building supplies and equipment store ²	
Lawn, tree, or pest control services	Consumer goods store	
Linen or uniform supply	Convenience store ²	
Self-service storage ¹	Smoke or Vape Shop ¹	
Eating establishment only ¹	Farmers' market	
Eating and drinking establishment, Type 1 ¹	Fuel sales (bulk) ²	
Eating and drinking establishment, Type 2 ²	Grocery store or food market ¹	
Funeral home or mortuary	Liquor store ²	
Business/Professional office	Pawn shop ²	
Contractor's office	Commercial vehicle sales and rentals ¹	
Bank, retail	Gasoline sales and service station ¹	
Beauty salon or barbershop	Personal vehicle repair and maintenance ¹	
Body piercing or tattoo establishment ¹	Personal vehicle sales and rentals ¹	
Dry cleaning pick-up ¹	Vehicle equipment supplies sales and rentals	
Laundry, coin-operated		
Nail salon	Bed and breakfast ¹	

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