

PART II - CODE OF ORDINANCES
Chapter 134 - ZONING
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Sec. 134-1301. Purpose.

The purpose of the C-B commercial district is to create an environment especially suited to a group of professional and administrative offices compatible in appearance with single-family housing.

(Ord. No. 2-74, schedule B, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 3-77, § 2, 3-29-77; Ord. No. 5-78, §§ 10, 15, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, §§ 2, 5, 7, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 3, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 6-81, § 2(a)—(d), (g), (h), 3-31-81; Ord. No. 7-82, § 3(a)—(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 2-83, § 3(c), 2-23-83; Ord. No. 1-84, § 2(f)—(h), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 2(g)—(k), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 2(b), (c), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-87, § 2(c)—(f), 2-9-87; Ord. No. 2-88, § 1, 2-8-88; Ord. No. 1-89, § 2(a), 2-6-89; Ord. No. 1-90, § 2(f)—(i), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-91, § 2(b), 4-23-91; Ord. No. 1-92, § 2, 2-3-92; Ord. No. 6-93, § 2(a)1—7, 2-9-93)

Sec. 134-1302. Permitted uses.

- (a) Enumeration; maximum gross leasable area. The permitted uses in the C-B commercial district require a site plan and review as required in article III of this chapter.
- (b) The permitted uses in the C-B commercial district are as follows:
 - (1) Business and professional offices/services and executive office suites, excluding veterinarians.
 - (2) Banks and financial institutions.
 - (3) Churches, synagogues or other houses of worship.
 - (4) Storage facility related to a permitted or special exception use in the district provided said use meets all additional conditions in section 134-1760 of this chapter.
 - (5) Essential services.

(Ord. No. 2-74, schedule B, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 3-77, § 2, 3-29-77; Ord. No. 5-78, §§ 10, 15, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, §§ 2, 5, 7, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 3, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 6-81, § 2(a)—(d), (g), (h), 3-31-81; Ord. No. 7-82, § 3(a)—(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 2-83, § 3(c), 2-23-83; Ord. No. 1-84, § 2(f)—(h), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 2(g)—(k), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 2(b), (c), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-87, § 2(c)—(f), 2-9-87; Ord. No. 2-88, § 1, 2-8-88; Ord. No. 1-89, § 2(a), 2-6-89; Ord. No. 1-90, § 2(f)—(i), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-91, § 2(b), 4-23-91; Ord. No. 1-92, § 2, 2-3-92; Ord. No. 6-93, § 2(a)1—7, 2-9-93; Ord. No. 1-04, § 26, 3-9-04; Ord. No. 2-2011, § 8, 7-13-11; Ord. No. 7-2014, § 9, 5-14-14; Ord. No. 8-2017, § 4, 4-12-17; Ord. No. 12-2021, § 9, 6-9-21)

Sec. 134-1303. Accessory uses.

- (a) The accessory uses in the C-B commercial district require a site plan and review as provided in article III of this chapter.

¹Cross reference(s)—Businesses, ch. 22.

(b) The accessory uses in the C-B commercial district are as follows:

- (1) Off-street parking and loading.
- (2) Signs.
- (3) Accessory uses customarily incident to the permitted or approved special exception uses.

(Ord. No. 2-74, schedule B, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 3-77, § 2, 3-29-77; Ord. No. 5-78, §§ 10, 15, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, §§ 2, 5, 7, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 3, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 6-81, § 2(a)—(d), (g), (h), 3-31-81; Ord. No. 7-82, § 3(a)—(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 2-83, § 3(c), 2-23-83; Ord. No. 1-84, § 2(f)—(h), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 2(g)—(k), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 2(b), (c), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-87, § 2(c)—(f), 2-9-87; Ord. No. 2-88, § 1, 2-8-88; Ord. No. 1-89, § 2(a), 2-6-89; Ord. No. 1-90, § 2(f)—(i), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-91, § 2(b), 4-23-91; Ord. No. 1-92, § 2, 2-3-92; Ord. No. 6-93, § 2(a)1—7, 2-9-93; Ord. No. 5-09, § 14, 4-15-09; Ord. No. 16-2021, § 11, 8-11-21)

Sec. 134-1304. Special exception uses.

(a) The special exception uses require a site plan review as provided in article III of this chapter. The special exception uses in the C-B commercial district are as follows:

- (1) Public or private parking lots or storage garages.
- (2) Auto rental lot.
- (3) Supplemental parking.
- (4) Public or private academic schools.
- (5) Hotels at a maximum of 26 units per acre.
- (6) Timesharing uses at a maximum of nine units per acre.
- (7) Roof-deck automobile parking.
- (8) Permitted uses, or uses not specifically enumerated under permitted uses in section 134-1302 but having traffic, patronage and intensity of use characteristics similar to those uses cited therein, which are greater than 3,000 square feet gross leasable area.
- (9) Nonprofit cultural centers.
- (10) Outdoor cafe seating for only hotels, condo-hotels, dining rooms, provided that all requirements and conditions in sections 134-2104 through 134-2108 are met.
- (11) Condo-hotels at a maximum of 17 units per acre, in accordance with section 134-2110.
- (12) Essential services related to town-owned municipal buildings and structures.
- (13) Dining rooms when not more than 15 percent of the gross floor area of a building; no exterior or external advertising to be permitted.

~~(b) An owner or tenant of a property, located within the C-B district, which property has received approval of a special exception after March 31, 1980, shall be required to obtain approval by the town council under the provisions of section 134-229 prior to being granted a new business tax receipt. This subsection shall not apply to renewal of an existing business tax receipt.~~

(Ord. No. 2-74, schedule B, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 3-77, § 2, 3-29-77; Ord. No. 5-78, §§ 10, 15, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, §§ 2, 5, 7, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 3, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 6-81, § 2(a)—(d), (g), (h), 3-31-81; Ord. No. 7-82, § 3(a)—(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 2-83, § 3(c), 2-23-83; Ord. No. 1-84, § 2(f)—(h), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 2(g)—(k), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 2(b), (c), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-87, § 2(c)—(f), 2-9-87; Ord. No. 2-88, § 1, 2-8-88; Ord. No. 1-89, § 2(a), 2-6-89; Ord. No. 1-90, § 2(f)—(i), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-91, § 2(b), 4-23-91; Ord. No. 1-92, § 2, 2-3-92; Ord. No. 6-

93, § 2(a)1—7, 2-9-93; Ord. No. 1-03, § 6, 3-11-03; Ord. No. 5-09, §§ 15, 22, 4-15-09; Ord. No. 2-2011, § 9, 7-13-11; Ord. No. 3-2012, § 7, 4-11-12; Ord. No. 02-2019, § 13, 3-19-19; Ord. No. 17-2019, § 11, 6-12-19; Ord. No. 12-2021, § 10, 6-9-21; Ord. No. 16-2021, § 14, 8-11-21)

Sec. 134-1305. Reserved.

Editor's note(s)—Ord. No. 16-2021, § 13, adopted August 11, 2021, repealed § 134-134-1305, which pertained to stands, seated dining areas and open counters for eating and drinking and derived from Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09.

Sec. 134-1306. Accessory structures.

- (a) *Generally.* Enclosed accessory structures in the C-B commercial district shall comply with front and side yard requirements for the principal structure to which they are accessory and shall be not closer to any rear property line than ten feet.
- (b) *Dish antennas.* A dish antenna shall be an accessory structure and shall be constructed, erected or placed in compliance with all of the provisions of this chapter applicable to accessory structures. Dish antennas shall not exceed three meters in diameter. Only one dish antenna that exceeds one meter in diameter shall be permitted on each building. Such dish antenna which exceeds one meter in diameter shall not be attached to a building; shall not be closer than ten feet to any side or rear property line; shall not exceed 12 feet in height above the average grade; and, shall not be located in a required front yard, street side yard or rear street yard setback. Each residential unit or commercial tenant space shall not be limited as to the number of dish antennas of one meter or less in diameter and said antenna(s) may be attached or unattached to a building. If said dish antenna(s) is unattached, said antenna(s) shall not exceed 12 feet in height above the average grade; shall be located no closer than ten feet to any side or rear lot line; and, shall not be located in a required front yard, street side yard or rear street yard setback. All attached and unattached dish antennas in this commercial zoning district shall be screened from public view, and private and public streets and ways; be neutral in color; and, to the maximum extent possible, compatible with the surrounding neighborhood appearance and character. In addition, no form of lettering, advertising or identification shall be allowed on any such antenna or its framework (other than the manufacturer's small identification plate).
Note: One meter in the metric system of measurement equals 39.37 inches or 3.28 feet.

(Ord. No. 2-74, § 5.51, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 3-76, § 3, 3-23-76; Ord. No. 5-78, § 11, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, § 11, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 4, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 7-82, § 4(i), (k), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 1-84, § 3(h), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 3(e), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 3(d), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-87, § 3(e), 2-9-87; Ord. No. 1-90, § 3(g), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-92, § 3(e), 2-3-92; Ord. No. 1-93, § 3(g), 2-8-93; Ord. No. 1-94, § 3(c), 2-7-94; Ord. No. 1-95, § 1(b), 1-23-95; Ord. No. 1-97, § 5, 2-17-97; Ord. No. 1-99, § 10, 4-5-99; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1307. Commercial uses; site plan approval for new buildings, new building additions or changes in permitted uses over certain floor area.

All applications for new buildings or for new building additions or for changes in a permitted use in section 134-1302 which involve more than 2,000 square feet of building floor area of buildings in the C-B commercial district shall require a site plan approval in accordance with article III of this chapter. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any building, unless all facilities included in the site plan have been provided in accordance therewith. The maximum dimension of any structure or group of attached structures shall not exceed 150 feet.

(Ord. No. 2-74, § 6.55, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 5-78, § 12, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, § 14, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 6, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 7-82, § 5(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 1-85, § 4(h), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1308. Lot, yard and area requirements—Generally.

In the C-B commercial district, the schedule of lot, yard and area requirements is as given in this section:

- (1) *Lot area.* The minimum lot area is 15,000 square feet.
- (2) *Lot width.* The minimum lot width is 100 feet.
- (3) *Lot depth.* The minimum lot depth is 150 feet.
- (4) *Density.*
 - a. The maximum density for hotels within C-B commercial district shall be 26 dwelling units per acre.
 - b. See article III of this chapter for site plan review requirements.
- (5) *Front yard.*
 - a. For one-story buildings, the minimum front yard setback is ten feet.
 - b. For two-story buildings, the minimum front yard setback is ten feet.
 - c. The minimum front yard setback is 25 feet when applied to hotel uses and timesharing uses permitted as a special exception in a C-B district.
 - d. For buildings in excess of 15 feet in height, increase all minimum yard requirements one foot for each two feet of building height, or portion thereof, exceeding 15 feet.
- (6) *Side yard.*
 - a. For one-story buildings, the minimum side yard setback is ten feet.
 - b. For two-story buildings, the minimum side yard setback is ten feet.
 - c. For buildings in excess of 15 feet in height, increase all minimum yard requirements one foot for each two feet of building height, or portion thereof, exceeding 15 feet. Side yards shall be as calculated or five feet, whichever is greater.
- (7) *Rear yard.*
 - a. For one-story buildings, the minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet.
 - b. For two-story buildings, the minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet.
 - c. For buildings in excess of 15 feet in height, increase all minimum yard requirements one foot for each two feet of building height, or portion thereof, exceeding 15 feet.
- (8) *Height and overall height.*
 - a. For one-story buildings, the maximum building height is 15 feet.
 - b. For two-story buildings, the maximum building height is 25 feet.
 - c. Maximum overall height of a building shall be the maximum allowable building height, as defined in section 134-2, plus five feet for a flat roof and ten feet for all other roof styles. When a parapet is used above the maximum building height, as defined in section 134-2, the building overall

height will be calculated based on the flat roof style identified above. Parapet walls extending above the maximum allowable building height shall have appropriate architectural treatment.

(9) *Lot coverage.*

- a. For one-story buildings, the maximum lot coverage is 60 percent.
- b. For two-story buildings, the maximum lot coverage is 30 percent.
- c. The maximum lot coverage for two-story buildings is 50 percent when applied to hotel uses and timesharing uses permitted as a special exception in a C-B district.

(10) *Length.*

- a. For one-story buildings, the maximum building length is 150 feet.
- b. For two-story buildings, the maximum building length is 150 feet.
- c. Sub-basements are exempt from the maximum building length, requirement. Individual building elements extending above ground from a single sub-basement shall each, be considered as a separate building for the purpose of calculating building length.

(11) *Landscaped open space.*

- a. For one-story buildings, the minimum landscaped open space is 20 percent.
- b. For two-story buildings, the minimum landscaped open space is 30 percent.
- c. Additionally, not less than 35 percent of the required front yard must be landscaped open space in the C-B district.

(Ord. No. 2-74, schedule A, 3-26-74; Ord. No. 7-79, §§ 2, 6, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 3, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 6-81, § 2(e), (f), 3-31-81; Ord. No. 7-82, § 3(e), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 2-83, §§ 3(a), (b), 2-23-83; Ord. No. 1-84, §§ 2(a)—(e), 3-1-84; Ord. No. 1-85, § 2(b)—(f), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 1-86, § 2(a), 2-10-86; Ord. No. 1-88, § 1, 2-8-88; Ord. No. 1-89, § 2(b)—(d), 2-6-89; Ord. No. 1-90, § 2(a)—(e), 2-5-90; Ord. No. 1-92, § 2(a)1, 2, 2-3-92; Ord. No. 9-93, § 2(b), 6-8-93; Ord. No. 1-94, § 2(a), 2-7-94; Ord. No. 1-96, § 8, 2-5-96; Ord. No. 1-97, § 1, 2-17-97; Ord. No. 1-98, §§ 2—4, 2-9-98; Ord. No. 2-98, §§ 1, 2, 2-27-98; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09; Ord. No. 16-2016, § 5, 12-14-16; Ord. No. 04-2018, § 21, 4-11-18)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1309. Same—Exceptions.

- (a) In the C-B commercial district, cornices, solid canopies, or architectural features may extend 48 inches over the sidewalk or required yard area, provided they shall have nine feet of vertical clearance between any solid construction and the sidewalk or yard.
- (b) Marquees or canvas-covered fireproof canopies, no wider than entranceways, may be constructed over main entrances to hotels, theaters and places of public assembly and may extend to the face of the curb, provided that no support shall be nearer than 18 inches to the face of the curb, and the installation shall have a minimum of nine feet of vertical clearance between any solid construction and the sidewalk.
- (c) No projections shall be allowed in the required rear yard except open-type fire escapes, and these must be provided with a counter-balanced bottom section to provide for nine feet of clearance when up.
- (d) Awnings may be suspended over sidewalks or ways, provided that they shall not project nearer than 18 inches to the face of the street curblin or more than eight feet from the exterior wall of the building, and the installation shall have at least seven feet six inches of vertical clearance between any solid construction

and the sidewalk or way. Cloth front and side drops shall measure not less than six feet six inches from their lowest point to the sidewalk or way.

- (e) One open, one story pergola may extend five feet into a setback provided said structure does not exceed a height of nine feet; the supporting beams do not obstruct a sidewalk or walkway.
- (f) One arbor shall be allowed in a required setback on a property provided said arbor does not exceed a height of eight feet nor cover more than 15 square feet in area; and, does not block a sidewalk or walkway.
- (g) First floor ramps, landings, open terraces, and/or steps may extend six feet into the required front street side and street rear yard setbacks. In addition, unenclosed entry ramps, landings and associated steps not exceeding the minimum required for access may extend four feet into a required side or rear yard setback.

(Ord. No. 2-74, § 5.33(a)—(d), 3-26-74; Ord. No. 4-80, § 4, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 1-91, § 3(c), 4-23-91; Ord. No. 3-02, § 3, 7-9-02; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09; Ord. No. 19-2021, § 4, 9-13-21)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1310. Commercial buildings.

In addition to the site plan review required by article III of this chapter, the town council shall consider the following guidelines and development requirements in connection with such review of commercial buildings in the C-B commercial zoning district:

- (1) *Maximum dimension.* The maximum dimension of any structure or group of attached structures shall not exceed 150 feet.
- (2) *Distance between buildings.* The side of any building shall be no closer to the side, front, or rear of any other building than 20 feet.

(Ord. No. 2-74, § 6.55(a), 3-26-74; Ord. No. 5-78, § 12, 3-31-78; Ord. No. 7-79, § 14, 3-30-79; Ord. No. 4-80, § 6, 3-31-80; Ord. No. 7-82, § 5(d), 3-31-82; Ord. No. 1-85, § 4(h), 2-11-85; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1311. Supplementary district regulations.

The supplementary district regulations which may be applicable to the C-B commercial district are contained in article VIII of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1312. Off-street parking and loading.

The off-street parking or loading requirements which may be applicable in the C-B commercial district are contained in article IX of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1313. Signs.

The sign regulations which may be applicable in the C-B commercial district are contained in article XI of this chapter.

(Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1314. Air conditioning and generator equipment.

Air conditioners and air handlers, cooling towers, generators, swimming pool filters, pumps and heaters are regulated in section 134-1728 and 134-1729.

(Ord. No. 1-99, § 11, 4-5-99; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1315. Architectural tower features.

In the commercial zoning districts, a maximum of two towers as architectural features may be constructed as integral parts of the building provided that no tower(s) exceeds the allowable overall height by more than five feet; such tower(s) is set back an additional five feet on the front, rear, side, and street side and street rear yards; and, such tower(s) has no habitable floor area. The area of such tower(s) shall in combination not exceed two percent of the gross floor area of the building. This section does not apply to entry facades or parapets.

(Ord. No. 1-00, § 2, 2-22-00; Ord. No. 5-09, § 16, 4-15-09)

Editor's note(s)—See note at section 134-1305.

Sec. 134-1316. Lot grade topography and drainage.

In the C-B commercial district, the natural grade and topography of a lot shall not be altered to raise and the grade the lot to meet base flood elevation requirements except as provided for in section 134-1600. The grade shall not be raised on a vacant or occupied piece of property unless a building permit is issued which addresses the paving and drainage requirements of the town.

(Ord. No. 19-2021 , § 5, 9-13-21)

Secs. 134-1317—134-1350. Reserved.