

ALBEMARLE COUNTY CODE

CHAPTER 18

ZONING

SECTION 24

HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL - HC

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24.1 INTENT, WHERE PERMITTED

HC districts are hereby created and may hereafter be established by amendment to the zoning map to permit development of commercial establishments, other than shopping centers, primarily oriented to highway locations rather than to central business concentrations. It is intended that HC districts be established on major highways within the urban area and communities in the comprehensive plan. It is further intended that this district shall be for the purpose of limiting sprawling strip commercial development by providing sites with adequate frontage and depth to permit controlled access to public streets.

(§ 24.1, 12-10-80)

24.2 PERMITTED USES

24.2.1 BY RIGHT

The following uses shall be permitted in any HC district, subject to the applicable requirements of this chapter. The zoning administrator, after consultation with the director of planning and other appropriate officials, may permit, as a use by right, a use not specifically permitted; provided that such use shall be similar to uses permitted by right in general character, and more specifically, similar in terms of locational requirements, operational characteristics, visual impact and traffic generation. Appeals from the zoning administrator's decision shall be as generally provided in section 34.

1. Automobile laundries.
2. Automobile, truck repair shops.
3. Automobile service stations (reference 5.1.20).
4. Building materials sales.
5. Churches, cemeteries.
6. Clubs, lodges (reference 5.1.02).
7. Convenience stores.

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8. Educational, technical and trade schools.
9. Factory outlet sales - clothing and fabric.
10. Feed and seed stores (reference 5.1.22).
11. Financial institutions.
12. Fire extinguisher and security products, sales and service.
13. Fire and rescue squad stations (reference 5.1.09).
14. Funeral homes.
15. Furniture stores.
16. Food and grocery stores including such specialty shops as bakery, candy, milk dispensary and wine and cheese shops.
17. Home and business services such as grounds care, cleaning, exterminators, landscaping and other repair and maintenance services.
18. Hardware.
19. (Repealed 6-3-81)
20. Hotels, motels and inns.
21. Light warehousing.
22. Machinery and equipment sales, service and rental.
23. Mobile home and trailer sales and service.
24. Modular building sales.
25. Motor vehicle sales, service and rental.
26. New automotive parts sales.
27. Newspaper publishing.
28. Administrative, business and professional offices.
29. Office and business machines sales and service.
30. Eating establishment; fast food restaurants.
31. Retail nurseries and greenhouses.
32. Sale of major recreational equipment and vehicles.
33. Wayside stands - vegetables and agricultural produce (reference 5.1.19).
34. Wholesale distribution.

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35. Water, sewer, energy and communications distribution facilities.
36. Public uses (reference 5.1.12).
37. Temporary construction headquarters and temporary construction storage yards (reference 5.1.18).
38. Indoor theaters.
39. Heating oil sales and distribution (reference 5.1.20).
40. Temporary nonresidential mobile homes (reference 5.8).
41. Uses permitted by right pursuant to subsection 22.2.1 of section 22.1, commercial, C-1.
42. Indoor athletic facilities.
43. Farmers' market (reference 5.1.47).
44. Stormwater management facilities shown on an approved final site plan or subdivision plat.
45. Tier I and Tier II personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40).
46. Storage yards.
47. Laboratories/Research and Development/Experimental Testing; gross floor area of the establishment does not exceed 4,000 square feet per site; provided that the gross floor area of the establishment may exceed 4,000 square feet per site by special exception approved by the board of supervisors.
48. Manufacturing/Processing/Assembly/Fabrication and Recycling; gross floor area of the establishment does not exceed 4,000 square feet per site; provided that the gross floor area of the establishment may exceed 4,000 square feet per site by special exception approved by the board of supervisors.
49. Storage/Warehousing/Distribution/Transportation; gross floor area of the establishment does not exceed 4,000 square feet per site; provided that the gross floor area of the establishment may exceed 4,000 square feet per site by special exception approved by the board of supervisors.
50. Drive-through windows (reference 5.1.60). (Added 3-2-16)

(§ 20-24.2.1, 12-10-80; 6-3-81; 3-5-86; 11-1-89; 6-19-91; 9-9-92; 5-12-93; 9-15-93; 10-11-95; § 18-24.2.1, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord.02-18(6), 10-9-02; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 08-18(6), 11-12-08; Ord. 10-18(4), 5-5-10; Ord. 13-18(2), 4-3-13; Ord. 16-18(2), 3-2-16)

24.2.2 BY SPECIAL USE PERMIT

The following uses shall be permitted by special use permit in the HC district:

1. Commercial recreation establishment including but not limited to amusement centers, bowling alleys, pool halls and dance halls.
2. Septic tank sales and related service.
3. Livestock sales.

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4. Veterinary office and hospital (reference 5.1.11).
5. Drive-in theaters (reference 5.1.08).
6. Energy and communications transmission facilities (reference 5.1.12).
7. Hospitals, nursing homes, convalescent homes (reference 5.1.13).
8. Auction houses.
9. Unless such uses are otherwise provided in this section, uses permitted in section 18.0, residential - R-15, in compliance with regulations set forth therein.
10. Commercial kennels - indoor only (reference 5.1.11).
11. Stand alone parking and parking structures (reference 4.12, 5.1.41).
12. (Repealed 3-2-16)
13. Uses permitted by right, not served by public water, involving water consumption exceeding four hundred (400) gallons per site acre per day. Uses permitted by right, not served by public sewer, involving anticipated discharge of sewage other than domestic wastes.
14. Warehouse facilities not permitted under section 24.2.1 (reference 9.0).
15. Animal shelter (reference 5.1.11).
16. Tier III personal wireless service facilities (reference 5.1.40).
17. Body shops.

(§ 20-24.2.2, 12-10-80; 1-1-83; 11-7-84; 6-14-89; 6-19-91; 9-9-92; § 18-24.2.2, Ord. 98-A(1), 8-5-98; Ord. 99-18(4), 6-16-99; Ord. 03-18(1), 2-5-03; Ord. 04-18(2), 10-13-04; Ord. 08-18(6), 11-12-08; Ord. 11-18(2), 1-12-11; Ord. 13-18(2), 4-3-13; Ord. 16-18(2), 3-2-16)

24.3 MINIMUM FRONTAGE, SHAPE OF DISTRICT

Minimum frontage required on a public street for the establishment of an HC district shall be one hundred and fifty (150) feet. Frontage of an HC district shall not exceed depth. This section shall not apply to HC districts established at the adoption of the zoning map.

(§ 24.3, 12-10-80)

24.4 ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the requirements contained herein, the requirements of section 21.0, commercial districts, generally, shall apply within all HC districts.

(§ 24.4, 12-10-80)