

Sec. 9.5. - O-C Office/commercial district.

9.5.1. *O-C district scope and intent.* Regulations in this section are the O-C district regulations. The O-C district is intended to provide land areas for office and community oriented retail and service activities which compliment a transition into more intense activity areas as further described in section 3.1.18 of this chapter.

9.5.2. *Use regulations.* Within the O-C district, land and structures shall be used in accordance with standards herein. Any use not specifically designated as a permitted use in this section shall be prohibited.

A. *Permitted uses.* Structures and land may be used for only the following purposes:

- Adolescent treatment facilities.
- Amateur radio transmitter.
- Amenities (as defined by this chapter).
- Amusement, indoor.
- Apartments and condominiums, above, below, or behind commercial and office uses in the same building (SU).*
- Art galleries.
- Assembly halls.
- Automotive and truck sales or rental (properties fronting an arterial or major collector street only) (SU).*
- Automotive specialty shops.
- Barber shops.
- Beauty salons.
- Brewpub.
- Catering, carry-out and delivery.
- Clinics (excludes veterinary clinic).
- Clubs or lodges (noncommercial) (SU).*
- Construction contractors:
 - ▲ General building contractors (provided there is no exterior storage of equipment, materials, and construction vehicles).
 - ▲ Heavy equipment contractors (provided there is no exterior storage of equipment, materials, and construction vehicles).
 - ▲ Special trade contractors; including, but not limited to, construction subcontractors, engineers, architects, and land surveyors (provided there is no exterior storage of equipment, materials, or construction vehicles).

- Colleges and universities.
- Convenience stores.
- Dancing schools.
- Day care facilities.
- Delicatessens.
- Distillery (SU).*
- Financial establishments.
- Funeral homes (crematories may be allowed in conjunction with a funeral home with approval of a special use).*
- Group homes (SU).*
- Gymnasiums/health clubs.
- Halfway houses.
- Homeless shelters (SU).*
- Hospices.
- Hospitals.
- Hotels.
- Institutions of higher learning, business colleges, music conservatories, and similar institutions.
- Laboratories (medical and dental).
- Laundromats.
- Laundry/dry cleaning pick-up stations.
- Libraries.
- Medical offices (excludes veterinary).
- Microbreweries (SU).*
- Museums.
- Nursing home facilities.
- Offices, general.
- Office parks.
- Outdoor golf driving ranges.
- Parking garages.
- Parking lots.
- Pet grooming.
- Personal care homes (SU).*

- Places of assembly (SU).*
- Plant nurseries.
- Printing establishments.
- Public utility facilities.
- Pubs or taverns.
- Radio and television broadcast stations.
- Radio, television, or other communication towers.
- Religious institutions (SU).*
- Research laboratories.
- Restaurants.
- Retail, general.
- Retail package stores (including liquor and malt beverages and/or wine sales) only in a multi-tenant shopping center development consisting of a minimum of five (5) business suites and additionally, that detached, stand alone, retail package stores shall not be permitted.
- Retirement centers (SU).*
- Reupholstery shop.
- Schools, private (SU).*
- Service stations.
- Stadiums.
- Theaters.
- Wholesale sales office.

* Special use approval required.

B. *Accessory uses.* Structures and land may be used for uses customarily incidental to any permitted use.

9.5.3. *Development standards.*

- A. *Height regulations.* Buildings shall not exceed a height of forty-five (45) feet or three and one-half (3½) stories, whichever is higher.
- B. *Front yard setback:* Twenty (20) feet.
- C. *Side yard setback:* Ten (10) feet.
- D. *Rear yard setback:* Twenty (20) feet.
- E. *Minimum lot frontage:* One hundred ten (110) feet adjoining a street.
- F. *Minimum lot width at the building line:* One hundred ten (110) feet.

G. *Minimum heated floor area per dwelling unit.*

- *3-bedroom:* Nine hundred (900) square feet.
- *2-bedroom:* Seven hundred fifty (750) square feet.
- *1-bedroom:* Six hundred (600) square feet.
- *Studio/loft (in existing buildings):* Four hundred fifty (450) square feet.

H. *Minimum buffer requirements.* In addition to required setbacks, a minimum twenty-foot wide buffer, five (5) feet of which can be within required setback, shall be required along all property lines which abut a residential district or use to provide a visual screen in accordance with section 4.17 of this chapter.

I. *Accessory structure requirements.* See section 4.9 of this chapter.

J. *[Metal panel exterior.]* A metal panel exterior finish product shall not be allowed on metal buildings exceeding one hundred fifty (150) square feet in gross floor area constructed or placed on lots within the O-C district with the exception that such materials may be used if finished with a product consisting of brick, stone, or hard-coat stucco.

K. *[Air conditioning units and HVAC systems.]* Air conditioning units and HVAC systems shall be thoroughly screened from view from the public right-of-way and from adjacent properties by using walls, fencing, roof elements, or landscaping on multifamily and nonresidential properties.

L. *[Gable or hip roofs.]* Gable or hip roofs shall have a minimum roof pitch of 6/12. Both gable and hip roofs shall provide overhanging eaves on all sides that extend a minimum of one (1) foot beyond the building wall.

M. *[Front building facade.]* The front building facade of all principal buildings shall be oriented toward street fronts or adjacent arterial street fronts.

9.5.4. *Other regulations.* The headings below contain additional, but not necessarily all, provisions applicable to the O-C district.

- City of Cartersville Landscaping Ordinance.
- City of Cartersville Sign Ordinance.

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