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## CHAPTER 29 ZONING ORDINANCE

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ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

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1.1 Purpose

The zoning districts and regulations set forth in this chapter are for the following purposes:

- o To promote the health, safety, convenience and general welfare of the City's inhabitants .
- o To improve and beautify the City; protect property values; avoid environmental blight and pollution; conserve natural resources; and protect access to direct sunlight for solar energy use.
- o To lessen congestion in the streets; secure safety from fire, flood and other dangers; provide adequate light and air; prevent overcrowding of the land; avoid undue concentration of population; and economize public expenditure in the provision of public services, utilities and facilities.

This Zoning Ordinance has been adopted pursuant to the provisions of Titles 1, 12, 22, 30, 33 and 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated and is consistent with a Comprehensive Master Plan adopted by the City Council. Zoning districts have been designated with reasonable consideration given to the character of each district and its peculiar suitability for particular uses.

1.2 Zoning Districts

For the above purposes, the use, construction and alteration of buildings and structures and the use and alteration of land in the City of Auburn are hereby restricted and regulated according to the provisions of this Chapter.

The City of Auburn is hereby divided into zoning districts designated as follows and more fully described on the official Zoning Map.

<u>District Title</u>	<u>Classification</u>	<u>Short Title</u>
Agriculture & Resource Protection	Resource	AG
Low Density Country Residential	Resource/ Residential	LDCR
Suburban Residence	Residential	SR
Urban Residence	Residential	UR
Multi-Family Suburban	Residential	MFS
Multi-Family Urban	Residential	MFU
Planned Unit Development	Residential/ Commercial	PUD
Cluster Development	Residential/ Commercial	CD
General Business	Commercial	GB
Neighborhood Business	Commercial	NB
Central Business	Commercial	CB
Industrial	Industrial	ID
Flood Plain Overlay	Environmental	FPO
Taylor Pond Overlay	Environmental	TPO
Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay	Environmental	LAO
Shoreland Overlay	Environmental	SLO
Manufacturing Housing Overlay	Residential	MHO

### 1.3 Zoning Map

The location and boundaries of the above zoning districts are as shown on the map entitled, City of Auburn, Maine, Zoning Map, dated August 5, 1985, revised through June 2, 1986. This map, in its most current date and revision, is hereby adopted by reference and declared to be a part of this Zoning Ordinance.

As Zoning District boundaries are amended from time to time in accordance with Article 8 of this Chapter, such changes shall be entered on the official Zoning Map promptly after final approval of the amendment and the date following "revised through" appearing on the map shall be changed to match the effective date of the latest amendment. All previous editions of the Zoning Map shall thereupon become obsolete, null and void.

The official Zoning Map, revised according to the most recent amendment, shall be located in the office of the Department of Community Development and Planning and shall be the final authority on current zoning district locations and boundaries. It shall be the responsibility of the Auburn Planning Director to see that the official map is kept current and accurate.

Should the official Zoning Map become damaged, worn, lost or destroyed, the Planning Board shall order an exact duplicate to be produced. Following verification of its accuracy by the Planning Board, the Board Chairman shall so certify by appropriate notation and signature thereon.

#### 1.4 Zone Boundaries

In the interpretation of the exact boundaries of zoning districts as shown on the official Zoning Map, the following rules shall apply:

- A. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streets, highways or alleys shall be construed to follow such center lines;
- B. Boundaries indicated as approximately following platted lot lines shall be construed as following such lot lines;
- C. Boundaries indicated as approximately following City or County limits shall be construed as following City or County limits;
- D. Boundaries indicated as following railroad lines shall be construed to be midway between the main tracks;
- E. Boundaries indicated as approximately following the center lines of streams, lakes or other bodies of water shall be construed to follow such center lines;
- F. Boundaries indicated as parallel to or extensions of features indicated in subsections A through E above indicated on the official Zoning Map shall be determined by the measurements using the scale of the map.
- G. Where physical or cultural features existing on the ground are at variance with those shown on the official Zoning Map, or in other circumstances not covered by subsections A through F above, the Planning Board shall interpret the zone boundaries.

## ARTICLE 2 - DEFINITIONS

### Section

#### 2.1 Terms

#### 2.2 Definitions

#### 2.1 Terms

For the purpose of this ordinance, certain terms or words used herein shall be interpreted as follows:

- A. The word person includes a firm, association, organization, partnership, trust, company or corporation, as well as an individual.
- B. The present tense includes the future tense, the singular number includes the plural, and the plural number includes the singular.
- C. The word shall is mandatory, the word may is permissive.
- D. The words used or occupied include the words intended, designed, or arranged, to be used or occupied.
- E. The word lot includes the words plot or parcel.

#### 2.2 Definitions

For the purposes of this ordinance, the following words and terms as used herein shall have the meanings or limitations of meaning hereby defined, explained or assigned:

Accessory Structure or Building - An uninhabited building, at least five feet distance from the principal building, used for a purpose which is customarily subordinate and incidental to that of the principal building(s) or to the principal use of the land and which is located on the same lot as the principal building or use. Such accessory buildings in residential districts, shall include tool sheds, wood sheds, detached garages and swimming pools. No accessory building shall house a home occupation or professional office or be used as a sales outlet in a residential district.

Basement - That portion of a building below the first floor joists having at least one-half of its clear ceiling height above the main level of the adjacent ground.

Boarding House, Lodging House - A dwelling which, for compensation, lodging and/or meals are furnished to more than four persons not members of the family resident in the dwelling so used. A boarding house shall not be deemed a home occupation.

Building - A structure having one or more stories and a roof, designed primarily for the shelter, support or enclosure of persons, animals or property of any kind. (see Structure)

Building, Principal - A building in which is conducted the principal use of the lot on which it is situated.

Building Height - The vertical distance from the grade of the top of the highest roofbeams of a flat roof, or to the mean level of the highest gable or slope of a hip roof. When a building faces on more than one (1) street, the height shall be measured from the averages of the grades at the center of each street front.

Building Inspector - The Building Inspector of the City of Auburn, Maine, or his duly authorized agent.

Building Line - A line beyond which the foundation wall and/or any enclosed porch, vestibule or other enclosed portion of a building shall not project.

Care Home - A rest, nursing, or convalescent home established to render domiciliary nursing care and board for chronically ill or convalescent patients, or persons who are infirmed because of mental or physical conditions, but excluding a child care home or one for the care of mentally retarded patients, alcoholics, psychotics or drug addicts.

Cellar - That portion of a building below the first floor joists having at least one-half of its clear ceiling height below the mean level of the adjacent ground. A cellar shall not be used for habitation.

Cemetery - A place used for the permanent interment of dead bodies or creamated remains thereof. It may be a burial park for earth interments, a mausoleum for vault or crypt interments, a columbarium for cinerary interments, or a combination of one or more thereof.

Child Care Home - A child boarding home, summer camp, foster family home or other place providing domiciliary arrangements for compensation, of three or more children, unrelated to the operator by blood, marriage or adoption, under eighteen years of age. For the purpose of this ordinance a facility provid-



ing child day care less than 24 hours per day per child to more than five children shall not be considered a child care home. The term "child care home" shall include any family-type facility which provides child care to children placed by order of any Court of competent jurisdiction or by any public welfare department or other governmental agency having responsibility for placing children for care, or placed by child-placing agency licensed under state law.

Child Day Care Center - A facility conducted or maintained by anyone who provides for consideration care and protection for more than twelve children under sixteen years of age, unrelated to the day care center operator, who are unattended by parents or guardians, for any part of the day. Any facility, the chief purpose of which is to provide education shall not be considered to be a day care center, but is classified as a nursery school.

Child Day Care Home - A house or other facility conducted or maintained by anyone who provides on a regular basis and for consideration care and protection for up to twelve children under sixteen years of age, unrelated to the day care home operator, who are unattended by parents or guardians, for any part of the day. Any facility, the chief purpose of which is to provide education shall not be considered to be a day care home, but is classified as a nursery school.

Church - A building, together with its accessory buildings and uses, where persons regularly assemble for religious worship, and which buildings, accessory buildings and uses, are maintained and controlled by a religious body organized to sustain public worship.

City Council - The City Council of the City of Auburn, Maine.

Clinic - An establishment where patients are accepted for treatment by a group of physicians practicing medicine together, but shall not offer domiciliary arrangements; Medical and Dental.

Club, Private - Any building or rooms, which serves as a meeting place for an incorporated or unincorporated association for civic, social, cultural, religious, literary, political, recreational or like activities, operated for the benefit of its members and not open to the general public.

Community Based Residential Facilities (CRF) - Dwelling units providing communal domiciliary arrangements for a group of unrelated persons under supervision of the state government human service agencies, for the transition of formerly institutionalized persons back into "main-stream" community living and participation; a "halfway house"; a group home.

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Child Day Care Center - A facility providing a program less than 24 hours per day per child for the care of more than five children between the ages of two and one-half and sixteen years, and who are fully ambulatory and capable of following evacuation instructions.

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Comprehensive Plan - The Master Development Plan of the City of Auburn, Maine, any amendments or additions thereto, part of portion thereof adopted by the City Council upon recommendations of the Planning Board of Auburn, Maine, pursuant to Title 30, Section 4961 of the Maine Revised Statutes Annotated.

Convenience Store - A business establishment having an interior selling space of less than 3,000 square feet where general food supplies for the table, other articles of household use and gasoline pump service is offered for sale. Such a use may include the sale of food vended in disposable containers for consumption on or off the premises.

Court - An open, unoccupied space, other than a yard, on the same lot with a building or group of buildings which is bounded on two or more sides by such building or buildings and every part of which is clear and unobstructed from its lowest point to the sky.

Dental Clinic - An establishment where patients are accepted for treatment by a group of dentists practicing dentistry together.

District or Zone - An area within which certain uses of land and building are permitted, permitted or denied pursuant to municipal review, and certain others are prohibited.

District, Overlay - A special district or zone which addresses special land use circumstances and environmental safeguards and is superimposed over the underlying existing zoning districts. Permitted uses in the underlying zoning district shall continue subject to compliance with the regulations of the overlay zone or district.

Dormitory - A building or portion thereof used for sleeping purposes in connection with a school, college or other educational institution.

Driveway - Private ways intended for internal vehicular circulation on a lot or within an automobile parking lot.

Dump - Any premises used primarily for disposal by abandonment, discarding, dumping, reduction, burial, incineration or any other means and for whatever purpose of garbage, trash, refuse, dead animals, waste materials of any kind, junk; but not untreated sewage, animal waste, discarded machinery, or vehicles or parts thereof. The establishment of any dump shall be approved by the City Council of the City of Auburn.

Dwelling or Dwelling Unit - A building or portion thereof arranged or designed to provide living facilities for one or more families.

Dwelling, Multi-Family - A residence designed for or occupied by three or more families with separate house-keeping and cooking facilities for each.

Dwelling, One-Family Detached - A dwelling unit singly and apart from any other building and intended and designed to be occupied and used exclusively for residential purposes by one family only, excluding trailers, mobile homes, and other forms of temporary or portable housing. Each one-family detached dwelling shall contain not less than the following net floor area of habitable space.

- A. If one-story, not less than 700 square feet;
- B. If one and one-half (1-1/2) story, not less than 700 square feet on the first floor and not less than 200 square feet above the first floor;
- C. If two-story, not less than 700 square feet on the first floor and not less than 600 square feet on the second floor.

Dwelling, Seasonal - A dwelling occupied for not more than six months of any year.

Dwelling, Two-Family - A free-standing building intended and designed to be occupied and used exclusively for residential purposes by two families only, with separate housekeeping and cooking facilities for each.

Dwelling Unit - A room or group of rooms located within a building and forming a single habitable unit, physically separated from any other rooms or dwelling units which may be in the same structure, with facilities which are used for or intended to be used for independent living, sleeping, cooking and eating purposes. Dwelling units available for rental or occupancy for periods of less than one week shall be considered boarding/lodging units.

Erected - The word "erected" shall include the words "built", "constructed", "reconstructed", "enlarged" and/or "retained on".

Family - One or more persons occupying a single house-keeping unit and using common cooking facilities, provided that unless all members are related by blood or marriage, no such family shall contain over four persons.

Farm - Any parcel of land containing more than 10 acres which is used in the raising of agricultural products, livestock, or poultry, or for dairying.

A farm, under the Agricultural Resource Protection District, shall be further defined as meeting the following criteria:

- A. At least fifty (50) percent of the total annual income of the farm occupant and his or her spouse living in the farm residence will be derived from such uses; and
- B. At least ten (10) acres of the farm will be devoted to the production by the occupant of field crops or to the grazing of the occupant's livestock. For purposes of this section, "poultry" shall mean no fewer than 100 fowl and "livestock" shall mean no fewer than twenty (20) cattle or other animals being raised for commercial purposes.

Farm, Animal - Any parcel of land used for the keeping of horses, mules, cows, goats, sheep, hogs and similar size animals for the domestic use of the residents of the lot, provided that adequate land area for each animal unit contain at least the following, excluding water bodies of one-quarter (1/4) acre surface area or larger:

- A. Cattle - 1 bovine animal unit per acre of cleared hay/pasture land.
- B. Horse - 1.5 animal units per acre of cleared hay/pasture land.
- C. Sheep - 3 animal units per acre of cleared hay/pasture land.
- D. Swine - 2 animal units per acre of cleared land.
- E. Other animal farms - The required lot size shall be determined by municipal officer charged with enforcement and shall conform to the lot size for similar size animals.

Floor Area of Building - The total number of square feet of floor area of all stories in a building, excluding cellars, uncovered steps and uncovered porches. All horizontal measurements shall be made between exterior faces of walls.

Frontage - The length of a lot extending between the side lot lines which borders an accepted portion of a street.

Grocery Store - A small retail establishment having an interior selling space of less than 3,000 sq. ft. where general food supplies for the table and other articles of household use are offered for sale. Such a use may include the sale of food vended in disposable containers for consumption on or off the premises; "a corner market, a Mom and Pop store".

Ground Area of Building - The total number of square feet of horizontal surface covered by a building, including covered porches and accessory buildings. All measurements shall be made between exterior faces of walls, foundations, piers or other means of support.

Group Home - See Community Based Residential Facilities.

Habitable Space - That area within a dwelling which has headroom of not less than 7 feet when measured vertically upward from the finished floor, provided that any such area next below the roof of a dwelling shall be counted only if it is connected with the story next below by a permanent inside stairway. The floor area of any porch, cellar room, garage or shed attached to such dwelling shall not be counted in any measure of habitable space.

Half-Story - A story directly under a sloping roof in which the points of intersection of the bottom of the rafters with the interior faces of the walls are less than 3 feet above the floor level.

Hog Farm - Any land or building used for the purpose of keeping, feeding or raising 20 or more swine; a piggery. Establishment of this use requires approval from the City of Auburn Health Department.

Home Occupation - An occupation conducted entirely within a dwelling by a member or members of the immediate family residing therein which is clearly incidental to the residential use, in connection with which (a) there is no display visible to the outside; (b) there is kept no stock in trade or commodity sold upon the premises; (c) not more than one person is engaged or employed other than members of the immediate family residing on the premises; and (d) there is no interference with the peace and quiet of the neighborhood. Approval for the establishment of a home occupation shall be secured from the Department of Community Development and Planning prior to operation.

Hotel - Any building containing 10 or more guest rooms where, for compensation, lodging, meals or both are provided for 10 or more guests, excluding a fraternity or sorority house, school or college dormitory, tourist home or motel, as defined herein.

Hospital - Any institution receiving in-patients and rendering medical, surgical and/or obstetrical care. This shall include general hospitals and institutions in which service limited to special fields such as cardiac, eye, nose and throat, pediatric, orthopedic, skin, cancer, mental health, tuberculosis, chronic disease and obstetrics. The term "hospital" shall also include sanitariums, including those wherein mentally retarded and mental patients, epileptics, alcoholics, senile psychotics or drug addicts are cared for or treated.

House, Guest - A detached dwelling that is intended, arranged or designed for occupancy by transient, nonpaying visitors.

Household Pet - Any animal kept as a pet and normally housed at night within the owner's dwelling or an accessory building on the same lot; but not including any animal normally raised as livestock or poultry, nor any animal raised for commercial gain. No household pet shall be kept that creates a public nuisance by reason of (1) objectional effects perceptible outside the owner's property, such as excessive or untimely noise or offensive odors; or (2) being a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of neighbors, invited guests or public servants visiting the property in the pursuit of their normal duties.

Industrial Use, Heavy - The use of real estate, building or structure, or any portion thereof, for assembling, fabricating, manufacturing, packaging or processing operations.

Industrial Use, Light - The use of real estate, building or structure, or any portion thereof, which main processes involve the assembly of prefabricated parts and which will not create a nuisance by noise, smoke, vibration, odor or appearance.

Institutions - Any building or open area used only by an educational, religious, medical, charitable, philanthropic, or non-profit organization, either public or private.

Institution, Philanthropic - A private, nonprofit organization that is not organized or operated for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any member of said organization and which either (a) provides volunteer aid to the sick and wounded of the armed forces in time of war and relief services to victims of natural or man-made calamities, or (b) provides all or any of the following: religious, social, physical, recreational and benevolent service.

Institution, Private Educational - Any private school or educational institution, however designated, which offers an academic curriculum of college, professional, preparatory, high school, middle school, elementary, kindergarten or nursery school instruction, or any combination thereof; but not a training program of trade, craft, technical or artistic instruction operated by a governmental entity. No private educational institution shall be deemed a home occupation. See Training School and School.

Institution, Research - An agency for scientific research of technical development including offices, libraries, laboratories, testing facilities and equipment incidental to such research and development.

Junk Yard, Automobile Graveyard - Any land or building used for the abandonment, storage, keeping, collecting or bailing of paper, rags, scrap metal, other scrap or discarded material, or for the abandonment, demolition, dismantling, storage or salvaging of automobiles or other vehicles not in running condition, machinery or parts thereof. Establishment and operation of this use requires annual approval from the City Council of Auburn, Maine.

Kennel - Any building or buildings and/or land used, designed or arranged for the boarding, breeding or care of dogs, cats, pets, fowl or domestic animals, kept for purposes of show, hunting or as pets; except horses.

Library - A place containing books and other material for reading, study or reference, provided that no such material is offered for sale.

Livestock - Domestic animals kept, used, or raised on a farm for the production of income.

Lodge, Private - See Club, Private



Lot - For zoning purposes, as covered by this ordinance, a lot is a parcel of land under one ownership or joint ownership of at least sufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for use, coverage and area, and to provide such yards and other open spaces as are herein required. Such lot shall have frontage on an accepted public street and may consist of:

- A. a single lot of record;
- B. a portion of a lot of record;
- C. a combination of complete lots of record;
- D. a parcel of land described by metes and bounds; provided that in no case of division or combination shall any residential lot or parcel be created which does not meet the requirements of this ordinance.
- E. lots shown on a plan approved by the Planning Board of the City of Auburn.

Lot Frontage - The front of a lot shall be construed to be the portion nearest the street. For the purpose of determining yard requirements or corner lots and through lots, all sides of a lot adjacent to streets shall be considered frontage, and yards shall be provided as indicated under Yards in this section.

Lot Line, Rear - The lot line or lines generally opposite or parallel to the front lot line, except in a through lot. If the rear lot line is less than 10 feet long or the lot comes to a point at the rear, said rear lot line is assumed to be a line not less than 20 feet long, lying wholly within the lot, parallel to the front lot line, or in the case of a curved front lot line, parallel to the chord of the arc of said front lot line.

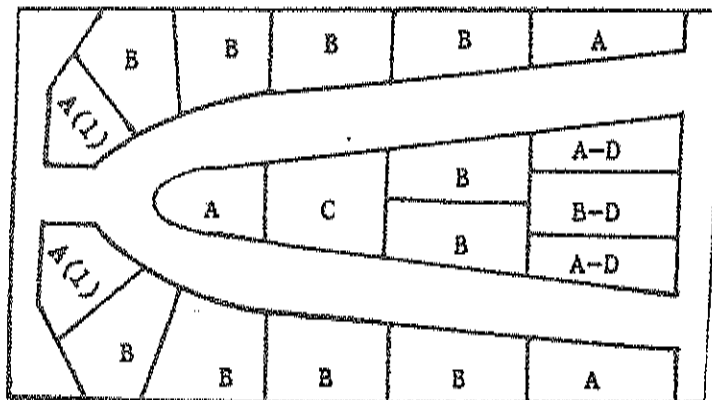
Lot Measurements - Lot measurements are defined as follows:

- A. Depth of a lot shall be considered to be the distance between the midpoints of straight lines connecting the foremost points of the side lot lines in front and the rearmost points of the side lot lines in the rear.
- B. Width of a lot shall be considered to be the distance between straight lines connecting front and rear lot lines at each side of the lot, measured across the rear of the required front yard, provided, however, that the width

between the side lot lines at their foremost points (where they intersect the street line) shall not be less than 80 percent of the required lot width except in the case of a lot on the turning circle of a cul-de-sac, where the 80 percent requirement shall not apply.

Lot of Record - A lawfully laid out lot which is part of a subdivision recorded in the proper office of the Registry of Deeds, or a lawfully laid out lot or parcel described by metes and bounds, the description of which has been so recorded.

Lot Types - The diagram which follows illustrates terminology used in this ordinance with reference to corner lots, interior lots, reversed frontage lots and through lots:



In the diagram above, the lots designated by letters are defined as follows:

A - Corner lot, defined as a lot located at the intersection of two or more streets. A lot abutting on a curved street or streets shall be considered a corner lot if straight lines drawn from the foremost points of the side lot lines to the foremost point of the lot meet at an interior angle of less than 135 degrees. See lots marked A(1) in diagram.

B - Interior lot, defined as a lot other than a corner lot with only one frontage on a street other than an alley.

C - Through lot, defined as a lot other than a corner lot with frontage on more than one street other than an alley. Through lots with frontage on two streets may be referred to as double frontage lots.

D - Reversed frontage lot, defined as a lot in which the frontage is at right angles or approximately right angles

to the general pattern in the area involved. A reversed frontage lot may also be a corner lot or an interior lot (see A-D and B-D in the diagram).

Lot, Undersized - For zoning purposes, as covered by this Ordinance, an undersized lot is a parcel of land of insufficient size to meet minimum zoning requirements for area or width or depth.

Manufactured Housing - A structural unit or units designed for occupancy, and constructed in a manufacturing facility and then transported by the use of its own chassis, or placed on an independent chassis, to a building site. The term includes any type of building which is constructed at a manufacturing facility and then transported to a building site where it is utilized for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim. Manufactured housing shall include newer mobile homes and modular homes.

Mining, Quarrying or Earth Removing - The excavation of any earth materials.

Mobile Homes, Newer - Those units constructed after June 15, 1976 commonly called "newer mobile homes", which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, are 14 body feet, or more in width and are 700 or more square feet, and which are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that the term shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph, except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the Secretary of the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standard established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et. seq.

Mobile Homes, Older - Any factory-built home which fails to meet the definition of manufactured housing and more specifically, it shall mean any mobile home constructed prior to June 15, 1976. These units shall be restricted to approved mobile home parks.

Mobile Home Development - Intended to be generic; it includes mobile home parks, mobile home subdivisions, and mobile home condominiums.

Mobile Home Park - A parcel of land under single ownership in Rural Residence, Suburban Residence and Cluster Development Districts which has been planned and improved for the placement of not less than 20 mobile homes for non-transient use.

Modular Homes - Those units which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the State's Manufactured Housing Act and regulations, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained therein.

Motel - A building or structure designed to provide individual overnight sleeping and parking accommodations to the traveling public.

Municipal Sanitary Landfill - A disposal site for household, commercial and industrial wastes, sludge or incinerator ash operated or controlled for operation by the City of Auburn in a controlled manner involving the covering of deposited wastes with layers of earth so as to reduce health hazards and public nuisances from vermin, insects, odors and wind-borne debris. The location and design of sanitary landfills also require precautions against ground and surface water contamination through clay lining, water impoundment, aquifer avoidance and similar techniques.

Municipal Uses - Any lawful use of a building or of land carried on by the City of Auburn. Municipal Sanitary Landfill shall not be deemed a municipal use.

Museum - A building or place where works of art or other objects of permanent value are kept and displayed, provided such objects are not offered for sale.

Non-Conforming Building - A building lawfully existing at the time this or any previous zoning ordinance became effective and which does not conform with the dimensional regulations of the district in which it is located.

Non-Conforming Lot - A lot lawfully existing at the time this or any previous zoning ordinance became effective and which does not conform with the dimensional regulations of the district in which it is located.

Non-Conforming Use - A use of a building or of land lawfully existing at the time this or any previous zoning ordinance became effective and which does not conform with the use regulations of the district in which it is located.

Nursery, Child - A facility providing a program less than 24 hours per day per child for the care of infants up to the age of two and one-half years.

Office Trailer - A movable vehicle or structure designed for year-round or temporary occupancy for purposes of supervising construction; for business actually engaged in the business of selling manufactured housing, mobile homes and trailers; and as temporary office space for a business during the period in which permanent office space is being constructed.

Parking Space, Off-Street - A rectangular area, not less than 9 x 18 feet, forming a parking stall within or without a structure, not located in any public right-of-way.

Planning Board - The Planning Board of the City of Auburn, Maine.

Planning Director - The Director the Auburn Department of Community Development and Planning.

Principal Use - The principal purpose for which a lot or main building thereon is designed, arranged or intended and for which it is or may be used, occupied or maintained.

Professional Office - Rooms and/or buildings used for office purposes as the principal use by members of any recognized profession, including doctors, dentists, lawyers, accountants, engineers, architects, veterinarians, etc.

Restaurant - An eating place in which food is prepared and vended for immediate consumption on the premises without further preparation by the customer.

Restaurant, Carry-Out - An eating place in which all food is vended in disposable containers for consumption on or off premises at the customer's choice; a "fast-food" restaurant.

Restaurant, Drive-In - An eating place in which the business transacted is conducted by a customer from within his automobile or in which consumption of goods sold normally takes place within the customer's automobile on the establishment's premises.

Rifle, Pistol, Skeet or Trap Shooting Range - A rifle, pistol, skeet or trap shooting range operated by an individual or club. Such a range may be opened to the general public or developed for the exclusive use of the individual, or club and invited guests.

Road - Any public or private traveled way or any portion thereof.

Roof - The covering for a building which is an integral part of the structure for the purpose primarily of protecting the interior of the building or covering a porch or other similar permanent portion thereof, excluding awnings, stoop coverings, or similar additions which are removable without substantially impairing the original structure.

Sawmill - A unit designed to saw logs into lumber, firewood, or other processed wood products.

School - An educational institution offering an academic curriculum; but not the teaching of the crafts or a training school offering a program of trade, technical instruction or physical education. See Training School.

Shelter for Abused Persons - Dwelling facilities complying with the laws administered by the state government human services agencies, providing temporary domiciliary arrangements for children and adults unable to protect their own interest and welfare because of critical family circumstances.

Shopping Center or Office Mall - A planned integrated complex of three or more retail stores and/or offices sharing a common structure and developed according to a unified plan. Such uses may include a common pedestrian circulation system and off-street automobile parking facilities.

Sign - Any device, display surface, structure or object in public view intended for visual communications.

Sign, Mobile Mounted - A temporary sign which is mounted or designed for mounting on wheels or a mobile platform, or which is portable.

Sign, On-Premises - Any sign that advertises, calls attention to, or indicates the person occupying the premises on which the sign is erected or maintained or the business transacted thereon, or advertises the property itself or any part thereof as for sale or rent, and which contains no other matter.

Sign, Official Business Directional - Any off-premise sign permitted to be erected pursuant to Chapter 27, Article 5 of the Auburn Ordinances.

Sign, Standing - Any sign that is not attached to a building.

Sign, Temporary - Any movable sign, including its supporting structure, intended to be maintained for not more than 90 days in any calendar year.

Site-Built Home - A building constructed on-site which is designed to be used as a dwelling on foundations, when connected to the required utilities.

Slaughter House (Abattoir, Dressing Plant) - Any building, place or establishment in which is conducted the slaughtering of livestock and/or poultry for commercial purposes.

Special Exception - A special exception is a use that would not be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout the district, but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to the neighborhood, would promote the public health, safety, welfare, order, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity, or general welfare. Such a use may be permitted in such district as a special exception, if specific provision for such special exceptions is made in this zoning ordinance and reasonable restrictions imposed by the Planning Board are complied with.

Stable, Riding - Any building or structure used or designed for the boarding, breeding or care of horses, other than horses used for farming or agricultural purposes.

Story - That portion of a building between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor or roof next above it, but not including the lowest portion so contained if more than one-half of such portion vertically is below the mean finished grade of the ground adjoining such building unless such space is used for business or as habitable space, in which case it shall count as a story.

Story, Half - A story under the gable, hip or gambrel roof, the wall plates of which on at least two opposite exterior walls are more than 2 feet above the floor of such story.

Street - (1) A public way laid out and established by the State of Maine, County Commissioners of the County of Androscoggin, (2) a way accepted by the municipal

officers of the City of Auburn; (3) a way as to which a petition for improvements has been allowed under the provisions of Section 204 of Chapter 23 of these ordinances for which the cost of the improvements has been provided for by the developer in either a cash amount or as provided for in Chapter 23, Section 105.5; or (4) a way on a plan of a subdivision duly approved by the Planning Board.

Street Frontage - See Frontage.

Street Line - A line defining the edge of a street right-of-way separating the street from abutting property or lots.

Structure (Building) - A combination of materials to form a construction that is safe and stable including, among other things, stadiums, reviewing stands, platforms, automobile parking garages, stagings, windmills, observation towers, trestles, sheds, coal bins, shelters and display signs, but not fences of any kind.

Summer Camps - Seasonal dwelling units intended for and actually used for single-family dwellings only during the months of May, June, July, August, September and October or weekends or other periods of vacations not exceeding thirty (30) days.

Supermarket - A retail establishment having an interior selling space of 3,000 sq. ft. or more where general food supplies for the table and other articles of household use are offered for sale.

Swimming Pool - Any man-made receptacle or excavation housing a surface area of 250 square feet, or more, designed to hold water to a depth of at least 24 inches, primarily for swimming or bathing whether in the ground or above the ground.

Theater, Indoor - A building designed and/or used primarily for the commercial exhibition of motion pictures or plays to the general public.

Theater, Outdoor - An outdoor theater shall include only those areas, buildings or structures designed and used for the commercial outdoor exhibition of motion pictures to passengers in parked motor vehicles.

Tourist Home - See Boarding/Lodging Home



Trailer (R.V.) (including Motor Home and Trailer Home) - Any vehicle or structure (except a device exclusively used upon stationary rails or tracks) mounted on wheels for use on highways and streets; propelled or drawn by its own or other motor power; and designed and constructed to provide living and/or sleeping quarters for one or more persons or for the conduct of a business, profession, trade or occupation for use as a selling or advertising device. If the wheels of a trailer are removed, except for repairs, it is deemed a building subject to all the regulations thereof. A trailer shall not be considered an accessory building.

Trailer Home - A travel trailer, camping trailer, or other similar vehicle capable of being hauled by a passenger automobile or light truck and designed primarily for temporary occupancy for recreational purposes or other seasonal use. A trailer home shall not be considered an accessory building.

Training School - A public or private school or training institution which offers a training program of trade, technical instruction, or physical education. A training school shall not be deemed a home occupation.

Variance - A variance is a relaxation of the terms of the zoning ordinance where such variance will not be contrary to the public interest and where, owing to conditions peculiar to the property and not the result of the actions of the applicant, a literal enforcement of the ordinance would result in unnecessary and undue hardship. As used in this ordinance, a variance is authorized for only dimensional and supplemental regulations. Establishment of a use otherwise prohibited shall not be allowed by variance, nor shall a variance be granted because of the presence of nonconformities in the district or adjoining districts.

Wayside Stand - A structure designed, arranged or used for the display and sale of agricultural products primarily grown or produced on the premises upon which such stand is located. A wayside stand may be located on premises that the products are not grown upon provided such premises is owned by the grower.

Yard - A required open space on a lot unoccupied and unobstructed by any principal structure or portion of a principal structure.

Yard, Front - Open space extending across the full width of lot between the front lot line and nearest line of the principal building or any enclosed portion thereof. The depth of such yard shall be the shortest horizontal distance between the front lot line and the nearest point of the building or any enclosed portion thereof.

Yard, Rear - Open space extending across the full width of lot between the rear line of the lot and the nearest line of the building or any enclosed portion thereof. The depth of such yard is the shortest horizontal distance between the rear lot line and the nearest point of the building. When the rear lot line is less than 10 feet long or if the lot comes to a point at the rear, the depth of the rear yard is measured to an assumed rear lot line as follows.

#### LOT LINE, REAR

The lot line or lines generally opposite or parallel to the front lot line, except in a through lot. If the rear lot line is less than 10 feet long or the lot comes to a point at the rear, said rear lot line is assumed to be a line not less than 20 feet long, lying wholly within the lot, parallel to the front lot line, or in the case of a curved front lot line, parallel to the chord of the arc of said front lot line.

Yard, Side - Open space between the side lot line, the side street line, or the proposed side street line, if such line falls within the lot, and the nearest line of the principal buildings, or any enclosed portion thereof, extending from the front yard to the rear yard, or, in the absence of either of such yards, to the front lot line and/or rear lot line. The width of a side yard shall be the shortest distance between the side lot line and the nearest point of the principal building or any enclosed portion thereof.

Zone - See District

Zoning Officer - The Zoning Officer of the City of Auburn, Maine or his duly authorized agent.

Zoning Ordinance - The Zoning Ordinance of the City of Auburn, Maine, comprising Chapter 29 of the City Ordinances, as currently adopted and amended.

## ARTICLE 3 - ZONING DISTRICT REGULATIONS

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### 3.1 General Provisions

- A. Permitted Uses - In the zoning districts specified in this article and in Article 5, the designated buildings and alterations and extensions thereof and buildings accessory thereto and the designated uses of land, of buildings and of parts of land or buildings and the uses accessory thereto are permitted. Except as provided in this article, all other buildings and uses of land or of buildings are hereby expressly prohibited, except those already lawfully existing which by the operation of this provision would hereby become lawfully non-conforming.
- B. Buildings Per Lot - No more than one principal building shall be erected on any lot in residential zoning districts except in the case of multi-family buildings and/or developments approved under Section 3.51 and 3.52.
- C. Conversion of One-Family Dwellings - In all residential, general business and central business districts, one-family dwellings erected prior to January 1, 1958 may be converted to two-family dwellings provided that:

1. Any floor space created by additions to the existing structure after January 1, 1958 shall not be converted to a second dwelling.
  2. There will not be less than one accessible off-street parking place of 200 square feet area, exclusive of driveways, per dwelling unit resulting from such conversion.
  3. Stairways leading to any floor above the first floor will be enclosed within the exterior walls of the dwelling and any fire escapes required will be on the rear or one side of the dwelling and not on any wall facing a street.
  4. After such conversion, the building converted will retain substantially the appearance and character of a one-family dwelling.
- D. Lots in More Than One Jurisdiction - When a lot in one ownership is situated in part in the City of Auburn and in part in an adjacent town or city, the provisions, regulations and restrictions of this chapter shall be applied to that portion of such lot as lies in the City of Auburn in the same manner as if the entire lot were situated in Auburn.
- E. Minimum Lot Area Determined - In determining the minimum area of lot required in any zoning district, any land within the lines of the street upon which such lot abuts shall not be included, even if the fee to such street is in the owner of the lot with the following exception:
- If a lot at a street corner is bounded in part by a curved exterior street line not more than eighty (80) feet in length connecting other exterior street lines bounding such lot which, if extended, would intersect, the area required in such lot shall be computed as if said line were extended. If such curved line is more than eighty (80) feet in length, the minimum area required in such lot shall be measured and computed entirely within the lines bounding such lot.
- F. Undersized Lots - Abutting undersized lots under one ownership or joint ownership shall be considered as one lot.
- Abutting conforming and undersized lots under one ownership or joint ownership shall be considered as one lot. However, this section shall not prevent the division of such a lot, provided that:

1. The undersized lot either retains historical lot dimensions or is enlarged.
  2. The conforming lot is not reduced in any manner that violates any provision of this Chapter.
  3. All yard requirements are maintained.
- G. Lot Area, Width and Depth Exception - The lot area (except as otherwise may be required), lot width and lot depth requirements of this Chapter shall not apply to any lot which was lawfully laid out in conformance with zoning regulations in effect at the time of lot creation and duly recorded by plan or deed.
- H. Reduction in Dimensional Regulations - No lot shall be reduced in any manner that violates any dimensional regulations of this Chapter. If land be subdivided, conveyed, divided or otherwise transferred in violation hereof, no building permit or other municipal permit or license shall be issued with reference to any of the land or lots so reduced until all such land or lots fulfill the dimensional regulations, except as allowed by waiver from the Planning Board at the time of final approval of a subdivision or development plan.
- Any land taken by eminent domain or conveyed for a public purpose shall not be deemed in violation of this provision. Any setback or lot that is reduced below the minimum dimensional requirements as a result of land taken by eminent domain or conveyed for a public purpose shall not be deemed non-conforming. Setbacks for the enlargement of any existing building located on such a lot shall be referenced to the property line as it was located prior to the eminent domain action or the conveyance for a public purpose.
- I. Lot of Record - Where used in this article, the word "lot" is interpreted to mean "lot of record" as defined in Article 2 of this chapter.
- J. Unsewered Lots - The minimum lot sizes specified in this chapter for residential districts are for lots having sanitary sewer service. No unsewered lots having an area less than 20,000 square feet shall be developed for residential dwelling purposes. This regulation does not reduce lot size requirements in residential districts having larger minimum lot sizes.

- K. Accessory Buildings and Structures - Except as otherwise noted, rear and side yard setbacks for accessory buildings and structures shall be 50 percent of the requirement for principal buildings, except that in no case shall the setbacks be reduced to less than 5 feet. The front yard setback shall be maintained. The maximum floor space of accessory buildings on lots under 2 acres is 1000 square feet. On lots of over 2 acres, there is no maximum size.
- L. Conflicts - In any case in which a provision of one section of this chapter conflicts with a provision of any other section of this chapter, the provision which establishes the more stringent standard shall apply.
- M. Special Exceptions - The uses permitted in this Chapter by Special Exception shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2 of this Chapter and according to the standards and criteria contained therein. Expansion of uses permitted as Special Exceptions are not allowed unless approval for the expansion has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Board in the manner provided above.
- N. Home Occupation - The establishment of a home occupation shall be permitted in all zoning districts provided the use is consistent with the definition of home occupation and approval is secured from the Department of Community Development and Planning.
- O. Site Plan Review - The projects permitted in this Chapter shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.1 of this Chapter and according to the standards and criteria contained therein. Expansion of uses required by Site Plan is not allowed unless approved by the Planning Board in the manner provided above.
- P. Corner Lots - There shall be a front yard on both streets, however, for undersized lots one of these yards may be reduced as provided for under Yard Requirements, Front in the District where located.

### 3.2 Non-Conforming Buildings or Uses

- A. Continuance of Non-Conforming Building or Use - Any lawfully non-conforming building or structure and any lawfully non-conforming use of building or land which was established prior to September 14, 1960 or in conformance with zoning regulations in effect at the time of establishment or granted by variance may be continued in the same kind and manner and to the same extent as at the time it became lawfully non-conforming.

No lot shall be deemed to be a non-conforming lot, nor shall any building or use of a lot or a building be deemed a non-conforming use solely by reason of the lot being one shown upon an approved Planned Unit Development pursuant to Section 3.51 of this Chapter.

- B. Change, Extension or Enlargement of Non-Conforming Building or Use - The following provisions shall govern changes, extensions or enlargements of non-conforming buildings or uses:

1. A lawfully non-conforming use shall not be changed to a dissimilar use, extended or enlarged;
2. A lawfully non-conforming residential building may not be enlarged beyond the size permitted by dimensional regulations for buildings in said district except that an existing non-conforming building line may be extended, but in no case shall the yard requirement for said addition be reduced to less than five (5) feet.
3. A lawfully non-conforming building, other than a residential building, may not be extended or enlarged.
4. An existing non-conforming use may be authorized by the Planning Director to be changed to a similar non-conforming use upon application to and a finding that the following criteria are met:
  - a. It would not be economically feasible to convert the property to a conforming use;
  - b. The use proposed would have the same or less adverse impact on the neighborhood in terms of noise, odor, smoke, traffic, physical appearance and other similar conditions than the existing or lapsed non-conforming use; and
  - c. Expenditures for any structural modifications to the property required to accommodate the new

non-conforming use shall not exceed 50 percent of the assessed tax value of the property at the time of the change in use.

5. The use of any property or building that formerly was used in a lawfully non-conforming manner and which was abandoned (as defined in Section 3.2D) may be permitted after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.1.
- C. Non-Conforming Building, Use or Change of - Any non-conforming building or portion thereof or non-conforming use of building or land or portions whether or not granted by action of the Board of Appeals, may be changed to one conforming with all the Zoning Ordinance provisions of the district in which located, provided it shall thereafter continue to conform.
  - D. Non-Conforming Use, Abandonment - If any non-conforming use of a building or portion thereof or of land or portion thereof be discontinued for a period of twelve consecutive months duration or more or is voluntarily discontinued, it shall be presumed abandoned, such use shall not be resumed, and only a use conforming with Zoning Ordinance provisions in the zoning district in which located shall thereafter be made of such building or land, except as may be permitted otherwise under Section 3.2.B.4 and 3.2.B.5. of this Chapter. A use shall be deemed to be discontinued when the principle activity ceases. A use that is voluntarily discontinued shall be deemed to have ceased when a written statement containing the name of the owner of the property, the name of the business or use, the nature of the use being discontinued and the date of the discontinuance is received by the municipal officer charged with enforcement.
  - E. Damage to Non-Conforming Building - Any non-conforming building or structure destroyed or damaged by fire, lightning, wind or other natural disaster to the extent of 65 percent or more of the reproduction cost of the buildings or structures on the lot at the time of such damage shall not be rebuilt, repaired, reconstructed or altered except in conformance with all provisions of the underlying zoning district's regulations. For the purpose of this paragraph a residence building on a full foundation in an Agriculture and Resource Protection District shall not be deemed non-conforming. For the purpose of this section, a full foundation is considered to be a permanent concrete or masonry structure used to support a building.



- F. Relocation and Replacement of Non-Conforming Mobile Homes  
No non-conforming mobile home may be moved to another lot or parcel in the City of Auburn and no non-conforming structure may be replaced by another non-conforming structure but shall be replaced with a site-built home or manufactured home that meets the definition of newer mobile home as found in Section 2.2 of this Chapter.
- G. Non-Conforming Use, Forfeited - Any non-conforming use housed in a building or structure which is destroyed or damaged by fire, lightning, wind or other natural disaster to the extent of 65 percent or more of the replacement value as shown on the City of Auburn Tax Assessor's Records shall be presumed to be forfeited at the time of such damage, such use shall not be resumed, and only a use conforming with Zoning Ordinance provisions in the zoning district in which located shall thereafter be made of such building or land.

### 3.3 Resource District

#### 3.31 Agriculture and Resource Protection District

A. Purpose - The purposes of this district are to allow for conservation of natural resources and open space land, and to encourage agricultural, forestry, and certain types of recreational uses. It is declared to be in the public interest that these areas should be protected and conserved because of their natural, aesthetic and scenic value, the need to retain and preserve open space lands, their economic contribution to the City, and primarily because these areas are so remote from existing centers of development\_ that any added uncontrolled growth could result in an economic burden on the City of Auburn and its inhabitants. This section shall be construed so as to effectuate the purposes outlined here and to prevent any attempt to establish uses which are inconsistent with these purposes or any attempt to evade the provisions of this Section.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

a. One-family detached dwellings, including manufactured housing subject to all the design standards, except the siting requirements of subsection C.9., as set forth in Article 5 of this Chapter, accessory to farming operations subject to the following restrictions:

(1) No certificate of occupancy shall be issued for any such farm residence until the barns, livestock pens, silos, or other such buildings or structures which are to be erected in connection with the proposed agricultural use as shown on the plans and specifications presented to the municipal officer charged with enforcement are substantially completed.

(2) In no case shall any farm residence constructed under the provisions of this subsection after the effective date of this amended ordinance continue to be occupied as a residence if the principal agricultural use has been abandoned or reduced in scope below the minimum requirements as shown on the plans and specifications presented to the municipal officer charged with enforcement.

- (3) Any residence constructed under this section shall not be converted to non-farm residential use except by permission of the Planning Board based upon a finding that the abandonment or reduction in such use resulted from causes beyond the control of the applicant and not from any intention to circumvent the requirements of this Section.
- b. Buildings, equipment and machinery accessory to the principal use including, but not limited to: barns, silos, storage buildings, and farm automobile garages.
- c. Forest products raised for harvest.
- d. Field crop farms.
- e. Row crop farms.
- f. Orchard farms.
- g. Truck gardens.
- h. Plant and tree nurseries.
- i. Greenhouses.
- j. Handling, storage and sale of agriculture produce and processed agricultural products derived from produce grown on the premises.
- k. Livestock operations including poultry farms, cattle farms, dairy farms, stud farms, hog farms, sheep ranches, other animal farms, including farms for raising fur-bearing animals.
- l. Wayside stands.
- 2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted by Special Exception after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 7.2:
  - a. Sawmills and their customary accessory land uses and buildings incidental to the harvesting of forest products, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) Sawmill and accessory activity shall not be detrimental to the neighborhood or the City by reason of special danger of fire or explosion, pollution of rivers or perennial streams or accumulation of refuse.
  - (2) Wood processing operations shall be located no closer than 75 feet from any river or perennial stream, 250 feet from any zoning district boundary or residential dwelling and shall be limited to four persons employed.
  - (3) Where natural vegetation is removed, it shall be replaced within six months with other vegetation which will be equally effective in retarding erosion and will preserve natural beauty.
- b. Veterinary hospitals where operated by licensed veterinarians including offices and facilities for temporarily boarding animals.
  - c. Handling, storage and sale of agricultural services, equipment, and supplies accessory to the farming use.
  - d. Bona fide residences required for farm labor. Any residence constructed for farm labor shall not be converted to non-farm residential use except by permission of the Planning Board based upon a finding that the abandonment or reduction in such use resulted from causes beyond the control of the applicant and not from any intention to circumvent the requirements of this section. The findings and the conditions upon which such altered use may be continued shall be made a part of the permanent records.
  - e. Recreational uses of land intended or designed for public use subject to the following conditions:
    - (1) No such recreational use shall be expanded or extended so as to occupy additional land area greater than 20 percent of the original area or one acre, whichever is less; or by the construction of a structure or an addition to an existing structure by more than 900 square feet of additional floor space unless the owner or occupant first obtains approval of the Planning Board in the manner and upon the same terms as approvals of initial recreational uses.

- (2) Any proposed new or expanded recreational use shall be completed on or before the estimated completion date except that the Planning Board may grant reasonable extension of time where good cause for the failure to complete is shown.
- f. Any legally non-conforming summer camp or cottage may be rebuilt if destroyed by fire or other casualty, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) Such reconstruction shall comply with all ordinances applicable to new construction. Such reconstruction need not, however, comply with zoning ordinance provisions which would otherwise be applicable except for the provisions of Article 5 of this Chapter.
  - (2) In cases where no minimum set-back is established by Section 5.4 an open yard space of at least 10 feet between the building as reconstructed and each of the property lines shall be maintained.
- g. Rifle, pistol, skeet or trap shooting ranges, public or private.
- h. Cemeteries, subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) At least 20 acres in area.
  - (2) Not located in any environmental overlay district or over any known aquifer.
- i. Municipal sanitary landfill, subject to the following conditions.
  - (1) Not located in any environmental overlay district or over any known aquifer.
  - (2) Provisions shall be made to avoid surface and groundwater pollution.
  - (3) Provisions shall be made for frequent covering of deposited wastes with earth to counteract vermin, insects, odors, and windblown debris.
- j. Radio, radar, television and radio telephone transmitting or broadcasting towers, but not studios or offices for such transmitting or broadcasting, provided that:

(1) Every such tower shall be installed in a location and manner that assures its safe operation and the safety of the surrounding resident, building occupants, land uses and properties.

(2) In no case shall such tower be located less than one and one-half times its height from the nearest property line.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 10 acres; exclusive of any bodies of water having a surface area of 1/4 acre or more; and measuring not less than 250 feet in width at the street frontage, and 200 feet in depth.

A building may be erected on a lot containing not less than 50,000 square feet and possessing the required minimum frontage width provided it is contiguous with other lots or parcels of land in the same ownership containing an aggregate of not less than ten acres; notwithstanding the separation of the said other lots or parcels of land by a road, stream, private right-of-way or other natural boundary from the lot on which the building is to be constructed. This subsection shall not be construed to prevent the construction of non-residential accessory farm buildings on any such lot.

On legally non-conforming undersized lots, the keeping of horses, mules, cows, goats, sheep, hogs, and similar size animals for domestic use of the residents of the lot is permitted provided that the land area required per animal unit conforms to the definition of animal farm contained in Section 2.2 of this chapter.

2. Density - The density of year round dwelling units shall not exceed an average of one dwelling per ten acres.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet.

- b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 15 feet between any building and the side property line.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet deep shall be considered as having a front yard of 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
4. Height - The height of all dwelling structures shall be limited to two and one-half stories or 35 feet in height.

Accessory buildings and structures may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.

5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.32 Low Density Country Residential (LDCR)

- A. Purpose: The purpose of this zone is to maintain and promote the rural-agricultural character of the land within this zone. This zone is composed of those areas in the City whose predominant land use is rural, wooded and agricultural. The regulations for this zone are designed to protect and stabilize these predominant land uses which are the essential characteristics of these areas and to minimize conflicting land uses detrimental to agricultural enterprises. Since residences are only incidental to this zone's development, the densities which require improved roads and expanded municipal services, in excess of those required by the present agricultural-oriented uses, shall not be permitted.
- B. Use Regulations
1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:
    - a. All uses permitted in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (Section 3.31B.1)
    - b. One-family detached dwellings.
  2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted by special exception after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 7.2:
    - a. All uses permitted by special exception in the Agriculture and Resource Protection (AR) District, (Section 3.31 of this Chapter), except uses allowed by Section 3.31B.2.g.
- C. Dimensional Requirements - All structures in this district except as noted shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:
1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 3 acres and measuring less than 325 feet in width. No lot shall be less than 200 feet in depth.

The keeping of horses, mules, cows, goats, sheep, hogs, and similar size animals for domestic use of the residents of the lot is permitted provided that the land area required per animal unit conform to the definition of animal farm contained in Section 2.2 of this Chapter.



2. Density - The density of dwelling units shall not exceed an average of one dwelling per three (3) acres.
3. Yard Requirements
  - a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 50 feet.
  - b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 50 feet between any building and the side property line.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 50 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 50 feet shall be considered as having a front yard 50 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 200 feet, the front yard need to be deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
4. Height - The height of all dwelling structures shall be limited to two and one-half stories or 35 feet in height.

Accessory buildings and structures may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard, and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.
5. Off-street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.4 Residential Districts

#### 3.41 Rural Residence (RR)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to provide for low density rural residential areas while protecting adjacent agriculture and resource protection districts, allowing a degree of residential development compatible with maintenance of environmental quality and preservation of the open character of the area.

B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. All uses permitted in the Agriculture and Resource Protection District (Section 3.31B.1).
- b. One-family detached dwellings.
- c. Two-family dwellings.
- d. Attached single-family dwellings, provided that they are approved by the Planning Board as part of a planned residential unit development under the provisions of Section 3.51 of this article and as a subdivision under Chapter 23.
- e. Mobile Home Parks, subject to the requirements and conditions of chapter 29A, Mobile Home Park Regulations.
- f. Licensed veterinarians provided that the lot is of at least 3 acres.
- g. Schools.
- h. Libraries.
- i. Museums.
- j. Churches or temples.
- k. Municipal uses.
- l. Wayside stands.
- m. Accessory uses, buildings or structures.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted by special exception after approval by the Planning Board

in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 7.2:

- a. Radio, radar, television and radio-telephone transmitting or broadcasting towers, but not studios or offices for such transmitting or broadcasting, provided that:
  - (1) Every such tower shall be installed in a location and manner that assures its safe operation and the safety of the surrounding residents, buildings occupants, land uses and properties.
  - (2) In no case shall such tower be located less than one and one-half times its height from the nearest property line.
- b. Hospitals, care homes, lodging houses, and boarding houses provided that:
  - (1) Adequate off-street parking is provided that meets the requirements of Article 4, Section 4.1 of this Ordinance.
  - (2) Adequate access for fire equipment is provided.
  - (3) There is no more than one, 2 square foot, non-illuminated sign display or advertising on a dwelling used as a lodging or boarding house or on its lot.
  - (4) There are no conditions created by the proposed use that will affect adversely the use and/or development of adjacent properties in the neighborhood.
- c. Recreational uses of land intended or designed for public use subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) No such recreational use shall be expanded or extended so as to occupy additional land area greater than 20 percent of the original area or one acre, whichever is less; or by the construction of a structure or an addition to an existing structure by more than 900 square feet of additional floor space unless the owner or occupant first obtains approval of the Planning Board.
  - (2) Any proposed new or expanded recreational use shall be completed on or before the estimated

completion date except that the Planning Board may grant reasonable extension of time where good cause for the failure to complete is shown.

d. Child day care centers.

e. Cemeteries, provided that:

(1) At least 20 acres in area.

(2) Not located in any environmental overlay district or over any known aquifer.

f. Community based residential facilities, provided that:

(1) The minimum distance between any two such facilities shall be 1,500 feet.

(2) Any such facility shall house no more than eight persons.

g. Licensed kennels provided that there shall be available land area of at least three acres.

h. Training schools.

i. Handling, storage and sale of agricultural services, equipment, and supplies accessory to the farming use.

j. Adult Day Centers.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 43,560 square feet; and measuring less than 250 feet in width. No lot shall be less than 150 feet in depth.

The keeping of horses, mules, cows, goats, sheep, hogs, and similar size animals for domestic use of the residents of the lot is permitted provided that the land area required per animal unit conform to the definition of animal farm contained in Section 2.2 of this Chapter.

2. Density - The density of dwelling units shall not exceed an average of one dwelling per acre.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of lot, whichever is less.
- b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 5 feet between any building and the side property line plus the side yard set back shall be increased 1 foot for every 5 feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 50 feet to a maximum of 15 feet for side yard set back.
- c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet deep shall be considered as having a front yard 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.

4. Height - The height of all dwelling structures shall be limited to two and one-half stories or 35 in height.

A public building, church or temple, and accessory buildings and structures may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard, and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.

5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.42 Suburban Residence (SR)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to provide for, protect and stabilize low density suburban residential areas and their adjunct public and institutional uses. It is designed to assure an open character of development through its lot size requirements and through permitting of certain uses, rural in nature, that are compatible with residential uses.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. One-family detached dwellings.
- b. Two-family dwellings.
- c. Attached single-family dwellings, provided that they are approved by the Planning Board as part of a planned residential unit development under the provisions of Section 3.51 of this article and as a subdivision under Chapter 23.
- d. Mobile Home Parks, subject to the requirements and conditions of Chapter 29A, Mobile Home Park Regulations.
- e. Schools.
- f. Libraries.
- g. Museums.
- h. Churches or temples.
- i. Municipal use.
- j. Farming of field crops, row crops, orchards or truck gardens.
- k. Plant and tree nurseries and greenhouses, provided no products are sold on the premises.
- l. Licensed veterinarian, provided that the lot containing same is of at least 3 acres.
- m. Animal farms provided that the land area required per animal unit conform to the definition of animal farm contained in Section 2.2 of this Chapter and:

- (1) A site plan be submitted to the municipal officer charged with enforcement that contains the information required by Section 7.1D.2. of this Chapter.
- (2) Upon request, the municipal officer charged with enforcement may waive the necessity of providing any of the foregoing information which is not relevant to the proposed development.
- (3) In judging whether or not a permit to operate an animal farm will be issued, the municipal officer charged with enforcement shall review and make a decision consistent with the finding requirements of Section 7.1D.5 of this Chapter.

n. Wayside stands.

o. Accessory uses, buildings or structures.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted by special exception after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2:

- a. All uses permitted by special exception in the Rural Residence (RR) District, (Section 3.41 of this Chapter), except those uses allowed by Section 3.41B.2.c. and 3.41B.2.i.
- b. Access ways to parcels of land situated in General Business and Industrial districts where access to a public street is not otherwise reasonably available.
  - (1) In considering such applications, the Planning Board shall grant approval when it find that:
    - (a) The lot zoned for General Business or Industrial use to which access is sought shall contain the required land area.
    - (b) The parcel of land over which access is to be gained has street frontage of at least 200 feet unless such lot was recorded before September 14, 1960.

- (c) There will be sufficient trees and other landscaping to adequately screen the building or buildings and access way from adjacent lots.
  - (d) The street onto which access will be gained is adequate to carry projected volumes of traffic. Such access shall only be on a major street over which there is already a substantial volume of commercial traffic.
  - (e) Title to the land used for access will be retained by the owner of the lot zoned for General Business and Industrial use to which access is provided.
- (2) In addition, the Planning Board may also impose additional restrictions upon the plan or the use of such access way relating to such matters as landscaping, type of vehicles using the access way may be used. In imposing such additional restrictions, the Planning Board shall consider.
- (a) The need to prevent highway congestion and unsafe conditions with respect to the use of existing highways.
  - (b) Preservation of the aesthetic environment and residential character of the existing neighborhood.
- (3) No use shall be made of the proposed access way until the site improvements required by the plan or by the Planning Board have been completed.
- (4) Two copies of the proposed plan and of any restrictions imposed by the Planning Board shall be furnished to the Building Inspector, one of which shall be recorded by him at the applicant's expense in the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds and indexed under the name of the owner of the land over which the proposed access way is to run.
- C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:



1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 21,780 square feet; and measuring less than 150 feet in width. No lot shall be less than 125 feet in depth.
2. Density - The density of dwelling units shall not exceed an average of two dwellings per acre.
3. Yard Requirements
  - a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of lot, whichever is less.
  - b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 5 feet between any building and the side property line plus the side yard set back shall be increased 1 foot for every 5 feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 50 feet to a maximum of 15 feet for side yard set back.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a buildings with a front yard of more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
4. Height - The height of all structures shall be limited to two and one-half stories or 35 feet in height with the following exceptions:
  - a. A farm accessory building or structure, church or temple, or windmill may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.
5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.43 Urban Residence (UR)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to provide for, protect and stabilize medium density urban residential areas of single and two-family detached dwellings and their adjunct public and institutional uses. It is designed to assure a family living environment in an urban setting through lot size requirements that provide adequate yard space for family outdoor activity and play space for children.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. One-family detached dwellings.
- b. Two-family dwellings.
- c. Attached single-family dwellings, provided that they are approved by the Planning Board as part of a planned residential unit development under the provisions of Section 3.51 of this article and as a subdivision under Chapter 23.
- d. Accessory uses, buildings or structures.
- e. Schools.
- f. Libraries.
- g. Museums.
- h. Churches or temples.
- i. Municipal uses.
- j. Farming of field crops, row crops, orchards or truck gardens.
- k. Plant and tree nurseries and greenhouses provided no products are sold on the premises.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as special exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2:

- a. All uses permitted by special exception in the Suburban Residence (SR) District (Section 3.42 of this Chapter), except radio, radar, television and radio-telephone transmitting towers.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 10,000 square feet; and measuring less than 100 feet in width. No lot shall be less than 100 feet in depth. No two-family dwelling shall be erected on a lot containing less than 14,500 square feet.
2. Density - The density of single-family detached dwelling units shall not exceed four units per acre. The density of two-family dwelling units shall not exceed six units per acre.
3. Yard Requirements
  - a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of lot, whichever is less.
  - b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 5 feet between any building and the side property line plus the side yard set back shall be increased 1 foot for every 5 feet or part thereof increase of street frontage over 50 feet to a maximum of 15 feet for side yard set back.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard of more than 25 feet deep shall be considered as having a front yard of 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
4. Height - The height of all structures shall be limited two and one-half stories or 35 feet in height with the following exceptions:
  - a. A farm accessory building or structure, church or temple, or windmill may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.

5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.44 Multi-Family Suburban (MFS)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to stabilize and protect medium to high density residential areas by providing for a varied denser urban pattern made suitable to the needs of the population by encouraging a range of dwelling types. This multi-family zone has a maximum density of 17 dwelling units per acre, yet retains the open character of residential areas by requiring 50 percent green space. It is intended that this district will provide the maximum possible freedom in the design of structures and their grouping and will encourage flexible and imaginative layouts and designs.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. One family detached dwellings.
- b. Two-family dwellings.
- c. Three-family and four-family dwellings.
- d. Attached single-family dwellings if approved by the Planning Board as part of a planned residential unit development under the provisions of Section 3.51 of this Article and as a subdivision under Chapter 23.
- e. Schools.
- f. Libraries.
- g. Museums.
- h. Churches and temples.
- i. Municipal uses.
- j. Farming of field crops, row crops, orchards, truck gardens.
- k. Plant and tree nurseries and greenhouses provided no products are sold on the premises.
- l. Accessory uses, buildings or structures.
- m. Shelter for abused persons.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as special exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2:

- a. Multi-family (five or more unit) dwellings, horizontal townhouses, garden (up to three-story) apartment buildings.
- b. All uses permitted by special exception in the Urban Residence (UR) District (Section 3.43 of this Chapter).
- c. Off-street parking lot, provided that:
  - (1) Such parking is limited to occupants of buildings located within five hundred (500) feet of such parking area whether or not within the same zone.
  - (2) Reasonable conditions imposed by the Planning Board regarding location, fencing, screening, drainage, ingress and egress, signs and lighting and total capacity of the parking area designed to protect the residential character of the neighborhood are met.
- d. Medical and dental clinics.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations.

- 1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth -For each building erected, there shall be provided lot areas as follows:
  - a. Buildings housing one family: 10,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 100 feet width, and 100 feet in depth.
  - b. Buildings housing two families: 12,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 100 feet width, and 100 feet in depth.
  - c. Buildings housing three families: 14,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 100 feet width, and 100 feet in depth.
  - d. Buildings housing four families: 16,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 100 feet width, and 100 feet in depth.
  - e. Multi-family buildings: 10,000 square feet minimum lot area for the first dwelling unit and 2,000 square feet minimum lot area for each additional dwelling unit. No lot shall be less than 100 feet width and 200 feet in depth. More than one principal building per lot is allowed.

2. Density - The following maximum densities per acre shall apply, according to housing type:

One-Family	:	four units per acre
Two-Family	:	six units per acre
Three-Family	:	nine units per acre
Four-Family	:	ten units per acre
Multi-Family	:	seventeen units per acre

Not less than 50 percent of the net acreage shall be devoted to green area. Green space shall be deemed to include patios, whether paved or not, pedestrian walks, and landscaping within parking lots, but not off-street parking spaces, driveways, or common roads. For townhouse projects, the green area of individual lots may be counted toward the 50 percent green space requirement of the project. Net acreage shall include all land contained within the project except dedicated streets or street rights-of-way shown on the City's adopted Master Development Plan or proposed to be so included within a reasonable period of time.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of lot, whichever is less.
- b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 5 feet between any building and the side property line plus the side yard set back shall be increased 1 foot for every 5 feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 50 feet to a maximum of 15 feet for side yard set back.
- c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard of more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
- d. Principal Buildings - More than one principal building may be erected on a lot, provided that the building(s) meet all yard setback requirements

and are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet, whichever is greater.

4. Height - The height of all structures shall be limited to two and one-half stories or 35 feet, except as follows:
  - a. Multi-family buildings shall have a maximum height of 45 feet from grade.
  - b. A church or temple or windmill may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.
5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.



### 3.45 Multi-Family Urban (MPU)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to stabilize and protect high density residential areas by providing for a varied denser urban pattern made suitable to the built-up portions of the City. This multi-family zone has a maximum density of 26 dwelling units per net acre, yet retains the open character of residential areas by requiring 50 percent green space. It is intended that this district will provide the maximum possible freedom in the design of structures and their grouping and will encourage flexible and imaginative layouts and designs.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

a. All uses permitted in the Multi-Family Suburban (MFS) Districts (Section 3.44) with the exception of farming, plant and tree nurseries and commercial greenhouses.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as special exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2

a. Multi-Family (five or more units) dwellings, horizontal townhouses and garden (up to three-story) apartment buildings.

b. All uses permitted by special exception in the Multi-Family Suburban (MFS) District (Section 3.44 of this Article).

c. Off-street parking lot, provided that:

(1) Such parking is limited to occupants of buildings located within five hundred (500) feet of such parking area whether or not within the same zone.

(2) Reasonable conditions imposed by the Planning Board regarding location, landscaping, fencing, screening, drainage, ingress and egress, signs and lighting and total capacity of the parking area designed to protect the residential character of the neighborhood are met.

d. Medical and dental clinics.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - For each building erected there shall be provided lot areas as follows:
  - a. Building housing one family: 5,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 50 feet width and 100 feet in depth.
  - b. Buildings housing two families: 6,500 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 50 feet in width and 100 feet in depth.
  - c. Buildings housing three families: 8,000 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 50 feet in width and 100 feet in depth.
  - d. Buildings housing four families: 9,500 square feet minimum lot area, not less than 50 feet in width and 100 feet in depth.
  - e. Multi-family buildings: 5,000 square feet minimum lot area for first dwelling unit and, 1500 square feet minimum lot area for each additional dwelling unit. No lot shall be less than 50 feet in width and 100 feet in depth. More than one principal building per lot is allowed. Buildings located inside the Fire Zone (as defined in the Auburn Building Code) are subject to the requirements of Chapter 20 of the City of Auburn Ordinances.
2. Density - The following maximum densities per acre shall apply, according to housing type.

One family : eight units per acre  
Two-family : thirteen units per acre  
Three-family: fifteen units per acre  
Four-family : seventeen units per acre  
Multi-family: twenty-six units per acre

Not less than 50 percent of the net acreage shall be devoted to green area. Green space shall be deemed to include patios, whether paved or not, pedestrian walks, and landscaping within parking lots, but not off-street parking spaces, driveways, or common roads. For townhouse projects, the green area of individual lots may be counted toward the 50 percent green space

required of the project. Net acreage shall include all land contained within the project except dedicated streets or street rights-of-way shown on the City's adopted Master Development Plan or proposed to be so included within a reasonable period of time.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of lot, whichever is less.
- b. Side - There shall be a minimum distance of 5 feet between any building and the side property line plus the side yard set back shall be increased 1 foot for every 5 feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 50 feet to a maximum of 15 feet for side yard setback.
- c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet provided that no front yard need be any deeper than the average depths of the front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard 25 feet deep. If average depth of lot is less than 100 feet, the front yard need be no deeper than 25 percent of the average depth of the lot.
- d. Principal Buildings - More than one principal building may be erected on a lot, provided that the building(s) meet all yard setback requirements and are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet, whichever is greater.

4. Height - The height of all structures shall be limited to four and one-half stories or 45 feet, except as follows:

- a. A church or temple or windmill may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 45 feet.

5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.5 Mixed Use Districts

#### 3.51 Planned Unit Development

- A. Purpose - The purpose of this section is to provide for a greater variety and choice of design for urban living, to gain efficiencies, to coordinate design development efforts, to conserve and make available open space, to utilize new technologies for urban land development and to gain flexibilities over conventional land control regulations. This section should not be used as a device for circumventing the City's development regulations. This section shall be employed in instances where there is truly some benefit to be derived from its use for the community and for the developer.
- B. Scope
1. Application for a planned unit development may be made for land located where public sewer is presently available or will be made available by the land developer prior to Certificates of Occupancy being issued in all zoning districts except Agriculture and Resource Protection Districts.
  2. The requirements for setback, lot width, lot depth, lot area, street frontage and percentage of lot coverage stated in individual zoning classifications shall be subject to negotiation as they apply to planned unit developments, except the front yard setback from all dedicated right's of way shall not be reduced. In specific cases, the requirements for off-street parking stated in Article 4, Section 4.1 and minimum area as stated in individual zoning classifications may be reduced. These requirements shall be controlled by the criteria and standards of this Section and as shown on the approved planned unit development plan.
  3. Coordination with Subdivision Regulations
    - a. It is the intent of this ordinance that if plan review is required under Chapter 23 of the municipal code, that it be accomplished simultaneously with the review of the planned unit development plan under this section of the zoning ordinance.
    - b. The final development plan shall be submitted in a form that is in accordance with the requirements of Chapter 23, Section 105 of the municipal code relative to final plans where applicable.
    - c. Requirements of this section of the zoning ordinance and those of Chapter 23 shall apply to all planned unit developments.

C. Types of Planned Unit Development (PUD)

1. General

The following types of planned unit development may be established by special use approval in any existing zoning district or districts as noted below. The options for use are as follows:

- a. PUD-R Planned Unit Development-Residential in RR, LDCR, SP, UR, MFS, MFU, GB, and CR.
- b. PUD-C Planned Unit Development-Commercial in GB and CR.
- c. PUD-I Planned Unit Development-Industrial in ID.

The area included in each approved planned unit development shall be indicated on the zoning map as PUD "R" or "C", or "I".

The term "Planned" for the purposes of this section shall include plans, plats or any combination thereof.

2. Planned Unit Development-Residential (PUD-R)

It is the intent of this sub-section that any residential property which is under single ownership and contains three (3) acres or more area may be developed as PUD-R Planned Unit Development-Residential. Within the PUD-R the following uses and densities may be permitted subject to the approval of the Planning Board:

- a. Uses permitted by right or permitted by special exception in the residential district or districts noted above.
- b. Commercial uses may be permitted in the PUD-R District if the planned unit development contains twenty (20) or more dwelling units. Such commercial centers shall be subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) Such centers including parking shall be included as an integral part of the PUD and shall not occupy more than five percent (5%) of the total area of the PUD. Commercial uses in any development shall not be open to use prior to issuance of the certificates of occupancy for fifty percent (50%) of the dwelling units.

- (2) Except as stated in Section 3.51 all restrictions applicable to the NB District are applicable to the commercial center in the PUD-R District.
- (3) Such establishments shall be located, designed and operated primarily to serve the needs of the persons within the planned development. These buildings shall be architecturally compatible using similar: materials, geometry, topographic relationships, color and lighting to minimize its affect on the environment of existing or future residential uses adjacent to it.

(4) Sign

- (a) Any part of the sign shall not project above the eaves or protrude from face of the building more than 12". A premise shall have not more than one sign for every street frontage. All free standing signs may not exceed twenty (20) feet in height and must have a minimum setback of 25 feet. Portable flashing and moving signs are not permitted. All emblems, shield or logos are considered part of the total allowable sign area.
  - (b) Residential subdivision may have one sign for each newly created entry to the subdivision, not to exceed 40 sq. feet in size.
- c. The total number of dwellings permitted in the PUD-R shall be determined by dividing the total project acreage (not including Public Rights-of-Way) by the area required per unit in that zoning district or as approved by the City pursuant to Section 3.51.D.3.
- d. If common open space remaining is offered to the City and is acceptable to the City, such dedication shall not be considered as partial or total fulfillment of park and open space dedication.
- e. Upon review of a PUD-R proposal, if special circumstances exist in regard to land useability, topographical characteristics, or natural assets of the site to be preserved, the City may authorize up to a twenty percent (20%) increase in density over the district requirement if the following criteria are met:

- (1) Architecture - utilization of existing topography, recognition of the character of the area reflected in materials and layout.
- (2) Siting - preservation of unique natural features, separation of pedestrian and vehicular circulation and integration of open space.
- (3) Design - unified cohesive development, focal points (cluster of seating, artforms, water feature) for orientation and interaction, variety of scale.
- (4) Landscaping - compatibility with natural landscape, separation of individual units for privacy.
- (5) Convenient, well defined access.
- (6) Compatibility with: ultimate plans for school service area and size of buildings, park system, police and fire protection standards and other facilities public or private.

f. All planned unit developments containing residential units shall comply with the provisions of Chapter 23, Section 306 of the City of Auburn Land Sub-division Ordinance.

### 3. Planned Unit Development-Commercial (PUD-C)

The PUD-C is created to provide for the development of planned business and shopping centers and mixtures thereof. It is intended to promote the grouping of professional offices and retail commercial uses and to provide areas of sufficient size to establish harmonious relationships between: structures, people and vehicles through the use of well planned parking access, pedestrian walkways, courtyards, walls and other open spaces. This district should offer a wide variety of goods and services. Any commercially-zoned area three (3) acres or more in size may be developed as a PUD-C. Uses permitted in the commercial zoning districts are permitted in the PUD-C.

Business identification signs shall be limited in size to one (1) sq. foot for each lineal foot of building frontage not to exceed forth (40) sq. feet for an attached or detached sign.

4. Planned Unit Development-Industrial (PUD-I)

The PUD-I is created to provide for the development of planned industrial areas. It is intended to promote the grouping of industrial uses and to group these uses in such a manner that they provide well planned parking, loading and access, landscaped open areas and harmonious relationships between structures. Any industrial area over five (5) acres may be developed as a PUD-I. Uses permitted in the Industrial Zoning District are permitted in the PUD-I.

Industrial signs shall not exceed one hundred (100) sq. ft. in size per PUD and shall be permitted one (1) sq. ft. of signable area per lineal foot of building frontage for each structure.

D. General Standards

The following provisions apply to all planned unit development districts:

1. The setback, lot width and lot coverage requirements as stated in individual zoning classifications shall apply within the PUD but may be reduced due to individual site limitations as determined by the Planning Board.
2. The number of off-street parking spaces in each planned unit development may not be less than the requirements as stated in Section 4.1 except that the Planning Board may increase or decrease the required number of off-street parking spaces in consideration of the following factors:
  - a. Probable number of cars owned by occupants of dwelling in the planned unit development;
  - b. Parking needs of any non-dwelling uses;
  - c. Varying time periods of use, and whatever joint use of common parking areas is proposed.

Whatever the number of off-street parking spaces are reduced because of the nature of the occupancy, the City shall obtain assurance that the nature of the occupancy will not change.

3. In any PUD involving residential uses that receives a density bonus and has lot sizes that are reduced below the minimum required within the residential district, shall reserve an amount of land equal to that created through the reduction in required lot



- b. Any outside storage (including refuse) area shall be screened from public view and from adjacent property.
  - c. The minimum height of screening required shall be six feet at the affected lot line measured from a ground elevation base located one foot beyond the affected lot line.
- 2. Lighting - Lighting intended to illuminate any outdoor area, or the outside of any building, shall be directed onto the property served by lighting constructed so that no discernible illumination or glare will be evident from any residence located on adjacent properties.
- 3. Access - Access to lots shall be governed by the following restrictions:
  - a. Access to lots containing any permitted use and for which a street opening permit is required, shall conform to the requirement of Article 3.1 of Chapter 27 of these ordinances.
  - b. Access to lots for which site plan is required or which is otherwise submitted shall conform to the requirements of Article 3.1 of Chapter 27.
  - c. Access to lots through a street opening, the nearest point of which is located closer than 150 feet to the intersection of two streets, one of which is an arterial street, or closer than 75 feet to such an intersection when neither is an arterial street, is prohibited.
- 4. Landscaping - All non-paved surfaces shall be stabilized and seeded or otherwise covered with perennial plantings by the owner or occupant.

## E. Planned Unit Development Application Procedure

All applicants for planned unit development shall comply with procedures set forth below and in accordance with Section 7.1 Site Plan Review.

### 1. Pre-application conferences

Prior to submitting the preliminary plan, the applicant shall confer with the City Planning Department in order to (1) become acquainted with the planned unit procedures and related City requirements; (2) to obtain a written list of what the application shall include, and (3) to obtain copies of any guidelines or ordinance interpretations.

### 2. Submission and Review of the Application

- a. An applicant shall make application for the approval of the planned unit development to the Planning Department. The applicant shall present his completed application and fee along with the development plan outline as specified in this section.
- b. The development plan outline shall include both the site plan map and a written statement of procedures. The plan shall indicate sufficient areas surrounding the proposed planned unit development to demonstrate the relationship of the planned unit development to adjoining existing and proposed uses.
- c. The site plan must contain the following information:
  - (1) All site plans shall conform to the provisions as contained in Article 7, Section 7.1;
  - (2) The type and character of proposed development to include general architectural design, types of building materials to be used and, when appropriate, the proposed number of dwelling units per acre;
  - (3) The proposed location and size of public uses including schools, parks, playgrounds, swimming pools and other common open spaces.
- d. The written statement to accompany the development plan outline map must contain the following information:

- (1) A brief description of unique project design needs that make the planned unit approach advantageous to the City and developer;
  - (2) An anticipated schedule of development;
  - (3) Proposed agreements, provisions or covenants which govern the use, maintenance and continued protection of the PUD and any of its common areas.
- e. The number of copies of the written statement must be consistent with the provisions of Section 7.1D.1.
  - f. The applicant may be requested to submit any other information or exhibits deemed pertinent in evaluating the proposed planned unit development.

### 3. Approval of Application

- a. Within sixty (60) days after filing the application, the Planning Board shall review and act on the proposed planned unit development by disapproving, approving or approving with modifications.
- b. Approval of the application shall be valid for one (1) year. An extension of one (1) year approval time may be granted if requested from the Planning Board in writing not less than one (1) month before the expiration date.

### 4. Final Development Plan

- a. The final development plan shall be submitted in accordance with Chapter 23, Section 105 of the municipal code relative to final plans.
- b. The Planning Board shall approve the final development plan if it is in substantial compliance with the approved preliminary development plan. The final development plan shall be recorded as if it were a final subdivision plan.
- c. No changes shall be made in the approved final plan during the construction of the planned unit development except upon application to the appropriate agency under the procedures provided below:
  - (1) Minor changes in the location, siting and height of buildings and structures may be

authorized by the Planning Director if unforeseen problems in the implementation of the project should occur. No change authorized by this section may increase or decrease the dimensions of any building or structures by more than 10%.

- (2) All changes relative to use, rearrangement of lots, blocks and buildings, any changes in the provision of common open spaces and all other changes to the approved final plan shall be approved by the Planning Board. No amendments shall be made in the approved final plan unless they are illustrated to be required by changes in the development policy of the community or by conditions that were unforeseen at the time of approval of the final development plan.
  - (3) Any changes which are approved for the final plan shall be recorded as amendments to the recorded copy of the final plan.
- d. From time to time the Planning Board shall compare the actual development accomplished in the planned unit development with the approved development schedule. If the owner or owners of property in the PUD have failed to meet the approved development schedule without cause, the Planning Board may initiate proceedings. The Planning Board, for good cause shown by the property owner, may extend the limits of the development schedule.
  - e. The Planning Board may require adequate assurance in a form consistent with Chapter 23, Section 105.5, that the common open space shown in the final development plan shall be provided and developed.
  - f. Final Development Plan Contents
    - (1) The final development plan shall contain the information the preliminary development plan or any logical part thereof, must be submitted within one (1) year following the approval of the preliminary development plan unless written request is made for an extension of one (1) year and approved by the Planning Board.

- (2) The final development plan, with supplemental information in report form, shall be prepared in conformance with the provisions of Chapter 23, Section 105 of the Auburn Municipal Ordinances.
  - (3) Copies of any special agreements, conveyances, deed restrictions, or covenants, which will govern the use, maintenance and continued protection of the planned unit and any of its common area must accompany the final development plan.
  - (4) The applicant may submit any other information or exhibits he deems pertinent in evaluating his proposed planned unit development.
- g. Control of Planned Unit Development following completion.
- (1) The Planning Board shall review and take action on the completed final plan.
  - (2) After final approval has been granted the use of the land and the construction, modification or alteration of any building or structure within the planned development shall be governed by the approved final development plan rather than by any other provisions of this zoning ordinance.
  - (3) After final approval, no changes may be made in the approved final development plan except upon application to the appropriate agency under the procedures provided below:
    - (a) Any minor extension, alteration, or modification of existing buildings or structures may be authorized by the Planning Board if they are consistent with the purposes and intent of the final plan. No change authorized by this section may decrease or increase the dimension of any building or structure by more than 10%.
    - (b) Any uses not authorized by the approved final plan, but allowable in the PUD as a permitted principle, accessory, or special use under the provisions of the underlying zoning district in which the planned development is located may be authorized by the Planning Director and

added to the final development plan provided that such an addition does not adversely impact the approved development plan.

- (c) A building or structure that is totally or substantially destroyed may be reconstructed only in compliance with the final development plan or amendments thereof approved under paragraph g.(3)(a and b) above.
- (d) Changes in the use of common open spaces may be authorized by an amendment to the final development plan under paragraph g.(3)(a and b) above.
- (e) All other changes in the final development plan must be made by the Planning Board under the procedures authorized by this ordinance. No changes may be made in the final development plan unless found to be required for:
  - 1) Continued successful functioning of the planned unit development, or
  - 2) By changes in conditions that have occurred since the final plan was approved, or
  - 3) By changes in the development of the community.
  - 4) No changes in the final development plan which are approved under this section are to be considered as a waiver of the provisions limiting the land use, buildings, structures, and improvements within the area of the planned unit development, and all rights to enforce these provisions against any changes permitted in this section are expressly reserved.

### 3.52 Cluster Development (CD)

A. Purpose - The purpose of this district is to accommodate increased demand for commercial space in a planned manner, to promote the clustering of compatible activities on larger undeveloped tracts of land, to provide for more innovative uses of space through the site plan review process, and to reduce turning movement conflicts and related accidents along arterial streets.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted provided that such uses are conducted on lots which shall have frontage of not less than 250 feet when the frontage is along an arterial street, nor less than 150 feet when the frontage is along a street other than an arterial, and comply with the design requirements established by subsection 3.52D below.

- a. One-family dwellings.
- b. Two-family dwellings.
- c. Commercial activities entirely within an enclosed building whose primary business involves the retail sale of merchandise (including, but not limited to, food and beverages consumed either on or off the premises) to the public. The outside storage or display of business equipment or merchandise during normal hours of business operation is permitted.
- d. Professional office activities, conducted entirely within an enclosed buildings, which provides services which include, but are not limited to: insurance, health services, social, psychological, real estate, design, finance, and/or consulting. The transaction of business through a service window or similar appurtenance is permitted.
- e. Personal services, conducted entirely within an enclosed building, which include, but which are not limited to: recreation, tailoring, laundromats, barbering/hair styling, and/or small appliance repair. The transaction of business through a service window or similar appurtenance is permitted.
- f. Accessory uses, buildings and structures.
- g. Shelter for abused persons.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2, but only upon approval by the Planning Board of a site plan meeting the requirements of Subsection 3.52E below:

- a. Any permitted use which is situated on a lot of less than 250 feet in width measured along its street frontage if such frontage is along an arterial street, but otherwise conforms to the basic requirements as set forth in the article.
- b. Multi-family dwellings.
- c. Kennels and animal boarding places.
- d. Veterinary clinics and hospitals.
- e. Schools.
- f. Libraries.
- g. Museums.
- h. Churches or temples.
- i. Municipal or other governmental uses except municipal sanitary landfills.
- j. Mobile home parks subject to the requirements and conditions of Chapter 29A, Mobile Home Park Regulations.
- k. Hotels and motels.
- l. Radio and television studios.
- m. Automobile filling stations.
- n. Private clubs and lodges.
- o. Child day-care centers and/or nurseries.
- p. Car washes.
- q. Temporary open air markets.
- r. Extraction and/or mining, subject to the requirements of the Excavation Permit Regulations Ordinance of the City of Auburn.



- s. Hospitals, care homes, boarding and lodging houses, under conditions listed in Subsection 3.41.R.2.(b).
- t. Any otherwise permitted retail activity which requires incidental permanent outdoor storage, defined as the keeping of merchandise, equipment or other materials, beyond normal hours of business operation outside of the structure for which a building permit has been issued.

3. Prohibited Uses - The following uses are prohibited:

- a. Automotive and marine sales and showrooms.
- b. Automotive and marine repair garages.
- c. Automotive and marine body repair shops.
- d. Commercial agriculture from which an individual derives more than 50 percent of his/her annual income.
- e. The keeping, breeding, and/or raising of animals for sale (other than that which may be allowed as a retail pet sales, kennel or veterinary hospital activity under a special exception permit).
- f. Manufacturing and/or fabrication.
- g. Slaughterhouses and/or rendering plants.
- h. Commercial outdoor recreation.
- i. Wholesale establishments.
- j. Junk yards.
- k. Trucking companies, depots, transfer stations, and/or storage yards.
- l. Equipment storage yards and warehouses.
- m. Cleaning plants.
- n. Commercial printing plants.
- o. Drive-in restaurants and/or theaters.
- p. Any otherwise permitted commercial activity will be prohibited from locating within a platted

residential subdivision except as part of a Planned Unit Development Residential (PUD-R) under Section 3.5 of this Article.

- C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures within this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth

- a. Minimum Lot Area - No building shall be erected on a lot containing less than 50,000 square feet.
- b. Minimum Lot Width
  - (1) Each lot which has frontage along an arterial street within a Cluster Development District shall have a minimum width of 250 feet at the street frontage. Arterial streets shall be designated at the time a Cluster Development District's boundaries are determined. Designation shall be consistent with Federal Highway Administration and Maine Department of Transportation functional classification of Major and Minor Arterial Streets with Auburn.
  - (2) Each lot which has frontage along a street other than an arterial street shall have a minimum width of 150 feet at the street frontage.
- c. Minimum Lot Depth - Each lot shall have a minimum depth of 200 feet.

2. Density

- a. The density of dwelling units shall not exceed 15 units per acre.
- b. Not less than 50 percent of the acreage shall be devoted to green area.
- c. Maximum lot coverage by all impervious surfaces excluding pedestrian walks and residential patios, shall be 50 percent.
- d. Maximum building coverage shall be 10 percent. Maximum building coverage may be increased up to a total of 40 percent of the lot area upon approval of an acceptable site development plan by the Planning Board.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Front - the minimum front yard setback shall be 50 feet.
- b. Side - The minimum side yard setback shall be 25 feet.
- c. Rear - The minimum rear yard setback shall be 50 feet.
- d. Projections
  - (1) No covered porch may project into any required yard.
  - (2) Architectural features, such as stairs, windowsills, belt courses, chimneys, cornices, eaves, or bay windows may project not more than three feet into any required yard setback.

4. Height - The building height limit shall be two stories or 35 feet, measured at grade, whichever is the lesser amount.

5. Off-Street Parking and Loading - Off-street parking and loading spaces shall be provided in accordance with requirements for specific uses and the general provisions as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

D. Design Requirements - Any permitted or special exception use hereafter made of land, or of buildings through construction, or structural alteration, or relocation from another lot, shall comply with the following design requirements:

- 1. Screening - Any activity other than single-family and two-family residences shall provide for screening along any lot line adjacent to either a residential zone or a single-family or two-family residence.
  - a. Screening shall be accomplished by the planting of hedge or buffer consisting of densely planted evergreen shrubs or trees maintained by the owner or occupant to create a visual screen at all times; or by the installation of a wall, barrier, or fence of wood, metal, stone, masonry, or other suitable material, uniformly constructed and maintained to provide effective visual separation.

- b. Any outside storage (including refuse) area shall be screened from public view and from adjacent property.
  - c. The minimum height of screening required shall be six feet at the affected lot line measured from a ground elevation base located one foot beyond the affected lot line.
- 2. Lighting - Lighting intended to illuminate any outdoor area, or the outside of any building, shall be directed onto the property served by lighting constructed so that no discernible illumination or glare will be evident from any residence located on adjacent properties.
- 3. Access - Access to lots shall be governed by the following restrictions:
  - a. Access to lots containing any permitted use and for which a street opening permit is required, shall conform to the requirement of Article 3.1 of Chapter 27 of these ordinances.
  - b. Access to lots for which site plan is required or which is otherwise submitted shall conform to the requirements of Article 3.1 of Chapter 27.
  - c. Access to lots through a street opening, the nearest point of which is located closer than 150 feet to the intersection of two streets, one of which is an arterial street, or closer than 75 feet to such an intersection when neither is an arterial street, is prohibited.
- 4. Landscaping - All non-paved surfaces shall be stabilized and seeded or otherwise covered with perennial plantings by the owner or occupant.
- E. Site Plan Approval - Site plan approval by the Planning Board shall be required before any owner or occupant of land may initiate any land use under the provisions of this district's use regulations (Subsection 3.52B above). Initiating a use includes constructing or expanding a structure or changing the use of land or of a structure thereon. Site plan approval shall not be required with respect to a change in ownership when the use does not also change. Uses for which site plan approval is not otherwise required but for which the maximum lot and/or building coverages are requested shall also be submitted for site plan approval. Site plan application review and approval shall conform to the requirements of Article 7, Section 7.1 of this Chapter.

### 3.6 Commercial Districts

#### 3.61 Neighborhood Business (NB)

A. Purpose - This District is intended to provide for the daily convenience shopping and business needs of nearby residents and contains those retail, service and office uses which serve primarily a neighborhood population. It is intended that this District be located on lots in areas zoned for residential use.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Use - The following uses are permitted, provided that the business use(s) be limited to the ground floor and/or basement and that the gross building area devoted to business use, excluding storage, does not exceed 3,000 square feet.

- a. Residential dwellings at the same density as permitted in any abutting residential district.
- b. Beauty parlors, barber shops and self-service laundries.
- c. Public transportation passenger stations.
- d. Grocery stores.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as Special Exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2.

- a. Automobile parking lots and garages, commercial and public, provided that they shall be at least 10 feet from any lot in a residential district and that the setback area be landscaped.
- b. Public utility uses, such as electric substations and office, excluding repair facilities and the storage of material and trucks;
- c. Convenience stores, drug stores, variety stores and retail bakeries shops provided that goods baked on the premises shall be sold only on the premises.
- d. Automobile filling stations.
- e. Halls, private clubs and lodges.
- f. Shoe repair shops, pick-up laundries and dry cleaners.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Area, Width and Depth - No minimum shall be applied to buildings in this district.
2. Density - The maximum lot coverage by all buildings shall be 40 percent.
3. Yard Requirements
  - a. Rear - There shall be behind every principal building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 35 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less.
  - b. Side - There shall be a distance of five feet between any principal building and the side property line, plus the side yard set back shall be increased one foot for every four feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 49 feet to a maximum of 25 feet for side yard setback.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every principal building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less. No front yard need be any deeper than the average depth of front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard of 25 feet.
  - d. Any yard space or area required to be kept open and unbuilt on may be used, if otherwise lawful, for off-street automobile parking, except that a green strip not less than ten feet wide shall be maintained open and green, not built on, paved, or parked on, all along each property line that abuts land residentially zoned.
4. Height - No permitted structures shall exceed two stories or 35 feet in height.

A public building, church or temple, or accessory building or structure may have a maximum height of 65 feet from grade, provided that the front yard, rear yard and each of the side yards shall be increased by one foot for each foot in height in excess of 35 feet.

5. Off-Street Parking and Loading - Provisions for off-street parking shall not be required in the NB District, except for dwellings and for any parking and loading area(s) required as a condition of Special Exception approval.

### 3.62 General Business (GB)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to include commercial uses serving both the City and the region, together with normal accessory uses compatible with a cohesive and attractive shopping and office area.

#### B. Use Regulation

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. Residential dwelling uses permitted in the Multi-Family Suburban District (MFS) (Section 3.44 of this Chapter).
- b. Grocery stores and supermarkets.
- c. Clothing stores.
- d. Furniture stores.
- e. Department stores.
- f. Specialty shops.
- g. Hotels and motels.
- h. Funeral homes and mortuaries.
- i. Child day care centers.
- j. Medical and dental clinics.
- k. Wholesale bakeries.
- l. Retail laundries and dry cleaners, but not plants.
- m. Banks, business and professional offices.
- n. Public transportation passenger offices.
- o. Governmental offices.
- p. Municipal, civic or public service buildings and other utility facilities.
- q. Warehouses, wholesale offices, salesrooms and showrooms.
- r. Restaurants, bars, dining or lunch room, but not to include drive-in and carry-out restaurants.



- s. Halls, private clubs and lodges, bowling alleys, ice and roller skating rinks, indoor theaters and similar places of indoor amusement or recreation.
  - t. Animal hospital and pet shops, but not kennels.
  - u. Business equipment repair and business services.
  - v. Radio and television studios.
  - w. Printing shops, but not publishing plants.
  - x. Retail, service, office and commercial uses similar to the foregoing.
  - y. Car washes.
  - z. Accessory uses, building and structures.
  - aa. Shelter for abused persons.
2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as Special Exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2:
- a. Residential uses permitted by Special exception in the Multi-family Suburban District (MFS) (Section 3.44.B.2 of this Chapter).
  - b. Automobile filling stations.
  - c. Automobile repair and service stations.
  - d. Automobile and marine sales lots and sales and service agencies.
  - e. Automobile and marine paint and body repair shops.
  - f. Hospital, care homes, boarding and lodging houses, under conditions listed in Subsection 3.41.2.b.
  - g. Research or philanthropic institutions.
  - h. Outdoor theaters.
  - i. Drive-in or carry-out restaurants.
  - j. Commercial parks and outdoor places of amusement.

- k. Sales, rental and service agencies for mobile homes, farm equipment, trucks and trailers, and machine equipment.
  - l. Shopping centers and office malls.
  - m. Light industrial plants whose main processes involve assembly of prefabricated parts and which will not create a nuisance by noise, vibration, smoke, odor or appearance.
  - n. Off-street parking as a commercial or municipal use provided that such parking is limited to occupants of buildings located within 500 feet of such parking area whether or not within the same district. The Planning Board may impose conditions regarding fencing and screening, drainage, ingress and egress, signs and lighting, and total capacity of the parking area as it deems necessary to protect the character of the neighborhood.
  - o. Trucking terminals and similar non-processing storage and distribution uses, except bulk storage of chemicals, petroleum products and other flammable, explosive or noxious materials.
  - p. Convenience stores.
  - q. Research, experimental and testing laboratories.
- C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:
- 1. Minimum Lot Width and Depth - No building used for commercial or office uses shall be constructed on a lot having less than 10,000 square feet minimum lot area and measuring 100 feet in width. No lot shall be less than 100 feet in depth.
- Buildings used for residential uses shall have the same minimum lot area, width and depth as provided for buildings in the Multi-Family Suburban District (MFS), Section 3.44.C.1. of this Chapter.
- 2. Density - Not more than 30 percent of the total lot area shall be covered by buildings used for commercial or office uses. The density of residential uses shall be the same as that required for buildings in the Multi-Family Suburban District (MFS), Section 3.44.C.2. of this Chapter.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 35 feet or 35 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less.
  - b. Side - There shall be a distance of five feet between any building and the side property line, plus the side yard setback shall be increased one foot for every two feet or part thereof increase in street frontage over 60 feet to a maximum of 25 feet for side yard setback.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 25 feet or 25 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less. No front yard need to be any deeper than the average depth of front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard of 25 feet.
  - d. Principal Buildings - More than one principal building may be erected on a lot, provided that the building(s) meet all yard set back requirements and are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet, whichever is greater.
  - e. Railroad Tracks - Where the principal use requires access to a railroad, the yard requirements are disregarded for the side(s) of the building adjacent to the railroad trackage. The engineering requisites for a safe and properly designed siding and building setback acceptable to the railroad shall take precedence.
4. Height - No permitted structure shall exceed four stories or 45 feet in height, except in the Airport Approach Zone where Federal Aviation Administration regulations shall apply.
5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking and loading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.63 Central Business (CB)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to provide for the diversity of uses appropriate and compatible with the City's historic center and central business district. It seeks to preserve and promote the variety of interrelated uses present in or appropriate to the district; a city-wide and regional marketplace, light industry area, medium to high density residential environment and major focus of governmental, civic, meeting, entertainment and cultural activity.

B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted:

- a. All uses permitted in the General Business (GB) District except warehouses, wholesale offices and animal hospitals.
- b. All uses permitted in the Multi-Family Urban (MFU) District.

2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as Special Exceptions after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2:

- a. Any use permitted by Special Exception in the General Business (GB) District except: automobile sales lots and service agencies, automobile scrap yards, outdoor theaters, automobile paint and body repair shops, commercial parks and outdoor places of amusement and sales, rental and service agencies for mobile homes, farm equipment, trucks and trailers and machine equipment and carry-out restaurants.
- b. Any use permitted by Special Exception in the Multi-Family Urban (MFU) District.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

1. Minimum Lot Width and Depth - No minimums shall be applied to buildings in this district.
2. Density - Not more than 80 percent of the total lot area shall be covered by buildings.

3. Yard Requirements

- a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 35 feet or 20 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less.
  - b. Side - None required, but if provided, there shall be a minimum distance of five feet between any building and the side property line.
  - c. Front - None required unless the structures on adjacent lots have front yard setbacks in which case the front yard need not be any deeper than the average depth of front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 25 feet shall be considered as having a front yard of 25 feet.
  - d. Principal Buildings - More than one principal building may be erected on a lot provided that the building(s) meet all yard setback requirements and are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet, whichever is greater.
  - e. Railroad Tracks - Where the principal use requires access to a railroad, the yard requirements are disregarded for the side(s) of the building adjacent to the railroad trackage. The engineering requisites for a safe and properly designed siding and building setback acceptable to the railroad shall take precedence.
4. Height - No permitted structures shall exceed seven stories or 75 feet in height.
5. Fire Zone - Any construction within this District is subject to the regulations of Chapter 20 of the City of Auburn Ordinances.
6. Off-Street Parking - Provisions for off-street parking shall not be required in the CB District, except for the dwellings, hotels, motels, boarding and lodging houses, and tourist homes. For such uses, off-street parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

### 3.7 Industrial Districts

#### 3.71 Industrial (ID)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to provide for those manufacturing, processing, transportation and storage uses which should be separated from other uses by reason of characteristics which may conflict with other uses. The exclusion of residential and commercial uses is intended to promote the economic welfare of the City by reserving especially suited areas for industry.

#### B. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses - The following uses are permitted; provided that the use proposed will not be noxious, offensive or detrimental to the neighborhood or to the City by reason of danger of fire or explosion; pollution of waterways or groundwater; vibration; emission of corrosive, toxic or unhealthful fumes, gas, smoke, soot, obnoxious dust, disagreeable odors, offensive noises or other objectionable characteristics.
  - a. Farming of field crops, row crops, orchards and truck gardens.
  - b. Plant and tree nurseries and greenhouses; on-premise sales permitted.
  - c. Farm dwellings on premises actively farmed.
  - d. Financial institutions.
  - e. Office buildings.
  - f. Post Offices.
  - g. Telephone exchanges or telephone business offices.
  - h. Public transportation passenger stations.
  - i. Churches or temples.
  - j. Municipal uses and governmental buildings.
  - k. Airports.
  - l. Wholesale businesses, warehouses, trucking terminals and similar non-processing storage and distribution uses, except bulk storage of chemicals, petroleum products and other flammable, explosive or noxious material.

- m. Manufacture, compounding, processing or packaging of foods and food products, except uses approved by resolution of the City Council allowing review and recommendation of the Planning Board in the same manner as a Special Exception.
- n. Manufacture, compounding or assembling of articles using the following prepared materials: bone or shell, cellophane, fur, glass, leather, plastics, precious or semi-precious metals or stones, rubber textiles or cloth products, tobacco, or wood or wood products.
- o. Manufacture of ceramic products, brick and cinder blocks.
- p. Manufacture or assembling from prepared material of the following: musical instruments, clocks or watches, toys or novelties, electrical devices, light sheet metal products, office equipment.
- q. Buildings material sales yard and contractor's equipment storage yard and plant.
- r. Research, experimental or testing laboratories.
- s. Lumber yard, including planing, milling and other processing.
- t. Ice manufacturing and storage plant.
- u. Beverage bottling plants.
- v. Public utilities uses, such as electric substations, storage of material and trucks, repair facilities, offices and electric generating plants.
- w. Accessory uses and buildings, including but not limited to:
  - (1) Retail sales of products manufactured on the premises.
  - (2) Dwellings used as living quarters for caretakers or watchmen and their families.
- x. Uses similar to the above and not elsewhere named in the following subsections, provided that the use will not be noxious.

- 2. Special Exception Uses - The following uses are permitted as Special Exceptions after approval by the

Planning Board in accordance with Article 7, Section 7.2; upon determination that such a use will not unduly disturb or harmfully influence other uses in the areas adjoining.

- a. Uses similar to those found in Section 3.71.B.1 and not elsewhere named in the following subsection; that in the determination of the municipal officer charged with enforcement do not meet the requirements of Section 3.71.B.1.
- b. Automobile filling stations.
- c. Automobile and marine repair and service stations, automobile and marine paint and body repair shops.
- d. Restaurants and diners including drive-in and carry-out restaurants.
- e. Retail food stores.
- f. Microwave, radio, radar, television or radio-telephone transmitting or broadcasting towers, including studios or offices for such transmitting or broadcasting, provided that:
  - (1) Every such tower shall be installed in a location and manner that assures its safe operation and the safety of surrounding residents, building occupants, land uses and properties.
  - (2) In no case shall such tower be located less than one and one-half times its height from the nearest property line.
- g. Motels.
- h. Automobile scrap yards.
- i. Off-street parking accessory to a permitted use whether or not located on the same lot.
- j. Outdoor advertising.
- k. Junk yard.
- l. Airplane manufacture or assembly.
- m. Alcohol, methanol, or ethanol manufacture.
- n. Automobile or automotive manufacture or assembly.



- o. Brewery or distillery.
- p. Manufacture, or bulk storage of chemicals, petroleum products and other flammable, explosive or noxious materials.
- q. Machinery and machine tool manufacture.
- r. Metal fabrication plant.
- s. Municipal incinerator or sewage treatment plant.
- t. Manufacture of cosmetics, toiletries and pharmaceuticals.
- u. Asphalt batching plant.
- v. Grain processing and storage.
- w. Concrete or cement products manufacture.
- x. Coal distillation and derivation of coal products.
- y. Iron or steel foundry.
- z. Meat products manufacture.
- aa. Packing house, including meat and poultry canning and curing, processing or freezing.
- bb. Plastic and pyroxylin manufacture.
- cc. Uses similar to the above and not elsewhere named in the following subsections below.
- dd. Accessory uses, buildings and structures, including but not limited to, retail sales of products manufactured on the premises.
- ee. Hospital.

3. Uses Allowed Only by Resolution of the City Council -  
 The following uses and others of a similar nature are prohibited, unless approved by resolution of the City Council following review and recommendation of the Planning Board in the same manner as a Special Exception.

- a. Uses similar to those found in Section 3.71.B.1 and not elsewhere named in the following subsections; that in the determination of the municipal officer charged with enforcement do not meet the requirements of Section 3.71.B.1.

- b. Fish smoking, curing or canning.
- c. Oilcloth or linoleum manufacture.
- d. Stove or shoe polish manufacture.
- e. Textile dyeing or bleaching.
- f. Acetylene gas manufacturing or storage.
- g. Amonia or bleaching powder manufacture.
- h. Asphalt manufacture or refining.
- i. Cement, lime, gypsum or plaster of paris manufacture.
- j. Chlorine or hydrochloric, nitric, picric or sulphuric acid manufacture.
- k. Creosote manufacture or treatment.
- l. Distillation of bones.
- m. Explosives, fireworks or gunpowder manufacture or storage of same.
- n. Fertilizer manufacture.
- o. Gas manufacture from coal.
- p. Offal or dead animal reduction or dumping.
- q. Petroleum refining or storage in more than tank car lot.
- r. Processing or canning of fish.
- s. Processing of vinegar or yeast.
- t. Rendering or refining of fats and oils.
- u. Rubber or gutta-percha manufacture or treatment.
- v. Soap manufacture.
- w. Sodium compound manufacture.
- x. Slaughterhouse, stockyard, abattoir, dressing plant.
- y. Smelting of tin, copper, zinc or iron ore including blast furnace or blooming mill.

- z. Steel furnace or rolling mill.
- aa. Tanning or curing of raw hides.
- bb. Tar distillation, tar products manufacture.
- cc. Wool fulling or scouring.
- dd. Private dumps for liquid or solid waste disposal.
- ee. Processing of fish or poultry wastes.
- ff. Paint, oil, shellac, turpentine, lacquer or varnish manufacture.
- gg. Paper mills.
- hh. The treatment, storage, processing or disposal of solid waste, oily waste, hazardous waste or radio-active waste, by any person, partnership, corporation or other entity designed for the primary purpose of such treatment, processing, storage or disposal.
- ii. Any use which is found by the City to be a public nuisance by reason of the emission of dust, fumes, gas, smoke, odor, noise, vibration or other disturbance is and shall be expressly prohibited. No such finding shall be made by the Planning Board except after a hearing upon reasonable notice, and any person, the Planning Board or the City Council may file a petition with the Planning Board for such hearings.

C. Dimensional Regulations - All structures in this district, except as noted, shall be subject to the following dimensional regulations:

- 1. Minimum Lot Width and Depth - Each lot shall have not less than 150 feet width. No lot shall be less than 250 feet in depth.
- 2. Density - Not more than 40 percent of the total lot area shall be covered by buildings.
- 3. Yard Requirements
  - a. Rear - There shall be behind every building a rear yard having a minimum depth of 50 feet or 20 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less.

- b. Side - There shall be a distance of five feet between any building and the side property line, plus the side yard setback shall be increased one foot for every three feet or part thereof increased in street frontage over 60 feet to a maximum of 35 feet for side yard setback.
  - c. Front - There shall be in front of every building a front yard having a minimum depth of 35 feet or 15 percent of the average depth of the lot, whichever is less. No front yard need be any deeper than the average depth of front yards on the lots next thereto on either side. A vacant lot or a lot occupied by a building with a front yard more than 35 feet shall be considered as having a front yard of 35 feet.
  - d. Principal Buildings - More than one principal building may be erected on a lot provided that the building(s) meet all yard setback requirements and are separated by a distance equivalent to the height of the higher building or 30 feet whichever is greater.
  - e. Railroad Tracks - Where the principal use requires access to a railroad, the yard requirements are disregarded for the side(s) of the building adjacent to the railroad trackage. The engineering requisites for a safe and properly designed siding and building setback acceptable to the railroad shall take precedence.
  - f. Any yard, space or area required to be kept open and unbuilt on maybe used, if otherwise lawful, for outdoor storage of articles, supplies and materials except that such storage shall be screened from the view of abutting residential property owners and/or street by the solid wall or evergreen hedge. Such outdoor storage shall occupy no more than an additional 10 percent of the lot.
- 4. Height - Buildings shall not exceed 75 feet in height, except in the Airport Approach Zone where Federal Aviation Administration height regulations shall apply.
  - 5. Off-Street Parking - Off-street parking and loading spaces shall be provided in accordance with the requirements for specific uses as set forth in Article 4 of this Chapter.

## ARTICLE 4 - SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

### Sections

- 4.1 Off-Street Parking and Loading
- 4.2 Signs
- 4.3 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Homes
- 4.4 Excavation Permit Regulations

#### 4.1 Off-Street Parking and Loading

- A. General Provisions - Development of the parking and loading spaces required by this section is subject to the following general provisions and design standards:

1. There shall be provided, at the time of erection of any main building or structure or development of a site in its permitted use, the minimum number of off-street parking and loading spaces specified in the following subsections, within or without a structure. In calculating the spaces, any fractions shall be rounded to the nearest whole number.
2. Each individual parking space shall consist of an effective area of 9 feet by 18 feet in dimension and shall be accessible to a public way, except for residential uses in Multi-Family Urban Districts (MFU) containing five or more dwelling units. Such uses may develop tandem parking spaces but shall be limited to not more than two vehicles in depth.
3. Loading spaces shall have the following dimensions:
  - a. Buildings having a gross floor area of 10,000 square feet or less: 25 foot length, 20 foot width;
  - b. Buildings having a gross floor area of greater than 10,000 square feet: 50 foot length, 10 foot width.

Each loading space shall have a vertical clearance of at least 14 feet. Required loading spaces shall not be counted as meeting part of the parking space requirements.

4. Interior driveways and ingress and egress points serving parking areas shall be at least 20 feet in width to allow safe and expeditious movement of vehicles. Ingress and egress points shall be separated wherever possible and so signed. Ingress and egress points for

one-way vehicular movement only, may be reduced to not less than 14 feet for angle parking areas or 12 feet for perpendicular parking area.

5. The required parking and/or loading space(s) shall be provided on the same lot as the principal use, building or structure they are required to serve. For buildings other than dwellings, parking spaces may be located not more than 300 feet therefrom should practical difficulties prevent their provision on the same lot.
6. No required parking area or driveways servicing same shall be used for the sale, repair, dismantling or servicing of any vehicle, equipment, material, supplies or merchandise.
7. In any residential district, off-street parking may include the parking or storage of not more than one inoperable motor vehicle per lot. If also unlicensed, the vehicle must be stored within a building.
8. In any residential district, off-street parking may include not more than one commercial vehicle per lot.
9. In any residential district, no portion of the front yard space, other than the driveway, shall be utilized for off-street parking.
10. Any parking or loading space serving a business or industrial use which abuts the side or rear lot line of a lot in a residential district or use shall be screened from said lot by a tight evergreen shrub hedge or similar landscaping, a fence, a solid wall or a combination of two or more of the foregoing. The screen landscaping, wall or fence shall be at least six feet high and may be extended no closer than 15 feet from the street line.
11. Exterior lighting provided in any parking or loading area shall be arranged and shielded so that it is deflected away from adjacent properties used for residential purposes and from any public highway.
12. All uses containing over five parking and/or loading spaces shall either contain such spaces within structures or be subject to the following requirements.
  - a. All access drives, parking, loading and service spaces shall be graded and surfaced with a solid paving material so as to be dust free and properly drained.

- b. Parking and loading spaces shall be suitably marked by painted lines or other appropriate markings.
  - c. A substantial bumper of concrete, masonry, steel or heavy timber or a curb of similar material or an earthen berm shall be placed at the head of each parking or loading stall that abuts a structure, rear or side setback or property line, sidewalk, street right-of-way, or landscaped area to prevent vehicles from rolling into such areas.
  - d. Where, in non-residential districts, parking is planned to occupy a portion of the required front yard area, parking shall not be placed nearer than 10 feet from the street right-of-way line. The area between the parking area and the street right-of-way line shall be landscaped.
13. Parking and loading spaces shall be so arranged as not to require backing of vehicles onto any public street. No loading platforms or receiving doors shall be located on the street side of any retail store or other commercial building unless such platforms or receiving doors be located not less than sixty (60) feet from the side line of any street right-of-way lines.
14. No portion of any entrance or exit driveway serving a residential use or building shall be closer than 50 feet from the nearest public street intersection unless prevented by dimensional or physical difficulties. No portion of any entrance or exit driveway serving a commercial or industrial use or building shall be closer than 100 feet from the nearest public street intersection unless prevented by dimensional or physical difficulties.
15. On lots where one entrance and exit driveway or curb-cut is constructed, the curb-cut shall not exceed 32 feet in width. Where two or more driveways or curb-cuts are constructed, the curb-cuts shall not exceed 20 feet in width. For automotive service stations, the curb-cut widths may be increased to 32 feet for each driveway or access, but shall not exceed two driveways. These widths may be increased up to a maximum of 44 feet on arterial roads if required by the City Engineering Department or the Maine Department of Transportation.
16. A parking lot cluster containing more than 80 stalls shall contain landscaped areas within the perimeter of the overall lot, in the form of landscaped perimeter and islands.

17. For those developments subject to site plan review (Section 7.1 of this Chapter) the relaxation of the requirements of this Section shall be reviewed by the Planning Board.

- B. Off-Street Parking Requirements - A minimum number of off-street parking spaces shall be provided with each use permitted, erected, altered or change, in accordance with the following standards:

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Off-Street Parking Spaces</u>
1. Residential	
a. Single-Family; Farm	Two (2) per each dwelling unit
b. Multi-Family; two-family	One and One-half (1 1/2) per dwelling unit
c. Elderly*	One-half (1/2) per dwelling unit
*Applies to Elderly Housing as constructed under special local, state or Federal guidelines restricting occupancy to elderly persons.	
2. Commercial	
a. Retail, business or institution	One per 300 square feet of gross floor area
b. Office, business, medical or dental	One per 200 square feet of gross floor area plus one per each doctor
c. Wholesale, warehouse or	One per 1,200 square feet of storage gross floor area
3. Industrial or Manufacturing	One-half (1/2) per employee for combined employment of the two largest overlapping shifts.
4. Hotel, motel, boarding and lodging houses, tourist homes	One per guest room plus one-half (1/2) per employee



5. Places of assembly and worship (includes theatres, meeting halls, auditoria, stadia, churches or temples, restaurants, gymnasia equipped for spectators)	One per each three seats or bench seating spaces
6. Hospitals	One per bed
7. Nursing homes	One-half (1/2 per bed)
8. Educational institutions	
a. Elementary/middle	One per classroom
b. High school	Four per classroom
c. College, business, vocational schools	One per 200 gross square feet of classroom area
d. Dormitories	One-third (1/3) per bed
9. Home Occupation	One per 50 square feet of gross floor area used for home occupation
10. Recreational Uses	
a. Golf Course	Six per green
b. Tennis Court	Three per court
c. Swimming Pool	One per 100 square feet of gross area of facility
d. Skating rink	One per 100 square feet of gross area of facility
e. Rangers (golf, skeet)	One and one-half (1 1/2)
f. Campgrounds per campsite	One and one-half (1 1/2)
g. Ski areas	Fifty percent of the lift capacity
11. Shopping Centers	Four and one-half (4 1/2) per 1,000 square feet of gross floor area

12. Mixed uses

Sum of various uses computed separated unless it can be demonstrated to the Planning Board's satisfaction that the need for parking by each occurs at different times.

13. Uses not listed or similar to those noted above

The required number of parking spaces shall be determined by the municipal officer charged with enforcement and shall conform to the number of spaces for similar uses as listed in the latest planning publication on file in the Office of Community Development and Planning.

- C. Off-Street Loading Space Requirements - Loading and unloading from a public street is prohibited except in permitted loading and unloading areas. Each building hereafter erected and every use hereafter established in an existing building or area shall be provided with a minimum number of loading space(s) located at the rear of the building as follows:

<u>Land Use</u>	<u>Minimum Number of Off-Street Loading Spaces</u>
1. All uses under 5,000 square feet of gross floor area except as follows:	No minimum
2. All buildings	Sufficient provisions to eliminate all loading on the street pursuant to normal economic activity.
3. Retail trade, manufacturing and hospital establishment with over 5,000 square feet of gross.	One per 20,000 square feet or fraction thereof of gross floor area up to two spaces; one additional space for each 60,000 square feet or fraction thereof of gross floor area over 40,000 square feet used for ambulance receiving at a hospital is not to be used to meet these loading requirements.

4. Business services, other services, community facilities (schools, church municipal building, recreation, etc.) or public utility establishment with over 5,000 square feet of gross floor area

One per 75,000 square feet or fraction thereof of gross floor area up to two spaces; one additional space for each 20,000 square feet or fraction thereof of gross floor area over 150,000 square feet.

#### 4.2 Signs

A. General Provisions - Signs in all districts shall be subject to the following general provisions and regulations:

1. Unless stated otherwise in this Article, no sign shall be erected until a Sign Permit has first been issued by the municipal officer charged with enforcement.
  - a. An application for a Sign Permit may be obtained at the Department of Community Development and Planning.
  - b. No Sign Permit shall be issued unless the municipal officer charged with enforcement is satisfied that the sign supporting devices and electrical appurtenances and connections are in conformance with the City's Building and Electrical Codes.
  - c. A processing fee in the amount stipulated in Article 9 of this Chapter shall accompany all applications for a Sign Permit.
2. No sign shall contain any moving, flashing or animated lights, or visible moving or movable parts, except such portions of a sign as consist solely of indicators of time and/or temperature or automatically changing message shall be permitted only by special exception after approval by the Planning Board in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 7.2, and upon a positive recommendation by the Chief of Police.
3. Signs may be illuminated only by the following means:
  - a. By a white, steady, stationary light of reasonable intensity shielded and directed solely at the sign and not casting light off the premises.
  - b. By interior non-exposed lights of reasonable intensity.

An illuminated sign or lighting device shall not be so placed or directed so that it constitutes a traffic hazard or nuisance through glare or reflection upon a public street, highway, sidewalk or adjacent premises.

4. No illuminated sign shall contain red, green or amber colors or lights if same would, in the opinion of the Chief of Police, constitute a driving hazard.
5. No sign shall project beyond the property line of the lot on which it is placed.
6. No sign may be located so as to obstruct a traffic control device or in a manner which would obscure the view of approaching or merging traffic.
7. Wall, projecting and roof signs shall be firmly affixed to the building. Wall signs shall not project more than twelve inches from the face of the wall to which it is attached. Projecting signs shall not project more than four feet perpendicularly from the face of the wall to which they are attached. Roof signs shall not project more than four feet above the roof line.
8. No sign which advertises or calls attention to any products, businesses or activities which are no longer sold or carried on shall remain on the premises for more than six months after the product, business or activity has ceased being sold or carried on.
9. Temporary movable signs are not permitted except for the following uses:
  - a. To call attention to and/or to advertise the name of a new business and the products sold or activities to be carried on in connection with a new business. In such cases, no sign shall remain at a premises for more than ninety days.
  - b. To advertise a Special Sale. In such cases a sign shall be allowed for a period not to exceed ninety days in any calendar year.
10. Signs legally erected before the adoption of this ordinance which do not conform to the provisions of this ordinance may continue to be maintained, provided, however, that no such sign shall be permitted if it is, after the adoption of this ordinance, enlarged, reworded (other than in the case of theatre or cinema signs or signs with automatic or manually changing messages), redesigned or altered in any way excluding repainting in a different color, except to conform to the requirements of this ordinance; and provided further that any such sign which has deteriorated to such an extent that the cost of restoration would

exceed thirty-five percent of the replacement cost of the sign at the time of restoration shall not be repaired, rebuilt, or altered except to conform to the requirements of this ordinance. Any exemption provided in this section shall terminate with respect to any sign which:

- a. Shall have been abandoned for at least 12 consecutive months;
  - b. Advertises or calls attention to any products, businesses or activities which are no longer sold or carried on, whether generally or at the particular premises; or
  - c. Shall not have been repaired or properly maintained within thirty days after notice to that effect has been given by the municipal officer charged with enforcement.
11. For those developments subject to site plan review (Section 7.1 of this Chapter) the relaxation of the number and location of signs shall be reviewed by the Planning Board. The modifications to the sign requirements shall be allowed as the Planning Board made deem necessary to carry out the objectives and intent of site plan review.

B. Signs, On Premises

1. All Districts - The following signs are permitted in any use district, except where otherwise prohibited by law, and shall not be subject to the issuance of a Sign Permit:
  - a. One sign not exceeding one square foot used to display the street number and/or name of the occupants of the premises.
  - b. One non-illuminated sign not exceeding two square feet used to describe a home occupation, boarding or lodging house, or tourist home located on the premises.
  - c. One sign not exceeding twenty-four square feet on the premises of public or semi-public buildings, funeral homes and charitable or religious institutions. This sign may incorporate a bulletin board.
  - d. One real estate sign not exceeding eight square feet relating to the sale, rental or lease of the premises. Such sign shall be removed within one (1) week after the property transaction.

- e. One sign each for a building contractor, architect or engineer, each sign not exceeding sixteen square feet, relating to construction projects. Such sign shall be removed within one (1) week after the issuance of the certificate of occupancy (completion).
- f. Building name and date sign and/or memorial tablet, not exceeding an aggregate of 10 square feet, showing the name of the building and date of erection and/or historic information, when cut into masonry, formed of bronze or similar non-combustible material.
- g. One professional name plate sign not exceeding eight square feet.
- h. Two signs, not exceeding sixteen square feet each, describing farm products for sale on the premises. Instead of two signs, a single double-faced sign may be erected with a display area, not exceeding sixteen square feet on each side.
- i. Political signs, not exceeding sixteen square feet in total area for single faced signs on one (1) standard, or eight (8) square feet on each side of double-faced signs on one (1) standard, provided that:
  - (1) Such signs shall not be erected more than thirty days prior to the election to which they pertain;
  - (2) Such signs are removed within seven days after the election to which they refer:
  - (3) Removal of such signs shall be the joint responsibility of the candidate and the property owner on whose premises the signs are displayed.
- j. Traffic or other municipal signs, legal notices, railroad crossing signs, danger signs, directional signs, non-commercial and temporary signs or street banners related to public or charitable purposes may be approved by the City Clerk along with stipulations as to the size, location, message, period of display and other requirements such as insurance and approval of building owners on whose property the banner will be attached.

- k. Subdivisions and residential and commercial Planned Unit Developments may have one sign at each public entrance to the development, not to exceed 40 sq. ft.
2. Residence Districts - The following sign regulations apply in residence districts:
- a. Except where specifically permitted, all signs shall be single-faced mounted flat on the wall of a structure or standing.
  - b. No off-premise signs are permitted, except as provided for in Chapter 27.
  - c. No projecting or roof signs are permitted.
  - d. One identification sign, not exceeding forty square feet in area, at any public entrance to a subdivision or multi-family development.
  - e. Signs permitted pursuant to a site plan review.
3. Business and Industrial Districts - The following sign regulations apply in business and industrial districts:
- a. Signs shall relate to the premises on which they are located and shall only identify the occupants of said premises or advertise the nature of the products and services available within said premises. In the case of a multi-tenant or condominium development, it shall be the responsibility of the owner or property manager of such premises to allocate sign space upon the premises premises, under the terms of this Article.
  - b. Wall signs and roof signs are permitted provided that the aggregate area of the signs shall not exceed fifteen percent of the area of the wall on or over which the signs are located. Signs proposed for placement at an angle at the intersection of two walls shall use 15 percent of the area of the wall with the smallest dimensions.
  - c. Projecting and standing signs, one of each per premise, are permitted subject to the following provision:



- (1) The aggregate area of sign surface for any one premise shall not exceed four square feet per foot of street to the maximum of two hundred fifty square feet or one square foot per foot of street frontage, whichever is larger. These dimensions shall be halved in Neighborhood Business Districts (NB).
  - (2) Standing signs may be located within the required front yard space but not nearer than twelve feet from either side lot line unless written permission is obtained from the abutting property owner to erect such sign nearer than that distance from the common side lot line between the two properties.
  - (3) The maximum height of standing signs shall be twenty-five feet above grade.
  - (4) Two projecting and two standing signs are permitted where the premise fronts on two streets; one sign of each type per street.
  - (5) Compliance with all State of Maine Sign Regulations when applicable.
- d. In addition to the foregoing sign or signs, one directory of the establishments occupying a building may be affixed to the exterior wall of the buildings at each public entrance to the building. Such directory shall not exceed an area determined on the basis of one square foot for each establishment occupying the building.
  - e. Signs painted or placed on the inside of the glass of a window may be permitted in addition to the above, provided that the aggregate area of such signs does not exceed fifty percent of the area of the window glass.
  - f. Signs permitted pursuant to Site Plan review.

#### 4.3 Manufactured Housing and Mobile Homes

##### A. General Provisions

1. Permanent and Temporary Use Defined: Permanent use of manufactured housing is defined to mean occupancy while in a parked position for any purpose permitted by Section 4.3B.1 and 4.3B.2 including storage. Manufactured housing units and mobile homes must meet all Federal, State and Municipal codes. Temporary use of manufactured housing, mobile homes, trailer homes and office trailers must be recorded with the municipal officer charged with enforcement and a permit issued for each period of use prior to the beginning of such use.
2. A mobile home shall be construed to remain a mobile home, subject to all regulations applying thereto, whether or not wheels, axles, hitch or other E-G of mobility are removed and regardless of nature of the foundation provided.

##### B. Uses of Manufactured Housing, Trailers, Office Trailers

The use of manufactured housing, trailers and office trailers is prohibited except as follows:

1. As permanent single-family residences on individual lots in all residential districts (applies only to manufactured housing units that meet all Federal, State and municipal codes.)
2. As permanent single-family residence in approved mobile home developments in Rural Residence (RR), Suburban Residence (@), and Cluster Development (CD) Districts (applies only to manufactured housing units that meet all Federal, State and municipal codes).
3. As permanent single-family residence on individual lots in the Manufactured Housing Overlay (MHO) Districts (applies only to manufactured housing units that meet the requirements of Section 5.5 of this Chapter).
4. As temporary residences for farm laborers or supervisory personnel employed on a seasonal basis on the farm of their employer and limited to the period of such seasonal employment.

5. As temporary field headquarters or office space on construction sites for persons or firms actually engaged in construction work.
6. As temporary office space for persons or firms actually engaged in the business of selling manufactured housing, mobile homes and trailers.
7. As temporary living quarters for construction workers located on or within one-quarter of a mile from the construction site on which they are employed. Such occupancy shall be limited to the period during which construction is in progress.
8. As temporary living quarters for persons whose need arises from emergency resulting from loss of their homes through accident, natural disaster, or other physical causes. The period of occupancy permitted by this subsection shall be limited to twelve (12) months together with any additional period during which a valid building permit for construction of replacement living quarters may be in effect (applies to manufactured housing only).
9. As temporary office space for a business enterprise during the period in which permanent office space is being constructed for which a valid building permit has been issued.
10. As temporary living quarters for employees of itinerant businesses such as carnivals during the period when such businesses are actually being conducted within the City and in no case for longer than thirty (30) days (applied to trailers only).
11. As temporary classroom space at an existing school facility for educational activities conducted by the City of Auburn, Department of Education.

C. Uses of Mobile Homes

The uses of mobile homes is prohibited except as follows:

1. As permanent single-family residences in approved mobile home developments in Rural Residence (RR) Suburban Residence (SR) Districts and Cluster Development (CD) Districts.
2. All uses permitted by Section 4.3B.3 through 4.3B9.

D. Mobile Homes in Flood Plain Districts

Mobile homes shall be elevated and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse and lateral movement. Mobile homes shall be anchored as follows:

1. By the use of over-the-top or frame ties; or
2. As provided for in the FEMA Manuel, "Manufactured Home Installation in Flood Hazard Areas", published in September 1985.

Mobile homes shall be elevated as follows:

3. General requirements that the lowest floor of the mobile home be elevated to or above the base flood elevation; or
4. As provided for in the FEMA Manuel, "Manufactured Home Installation in Flood Hazard Areas", published in September 1985.

#### 4.4 Excavation Permit Regulations

##### A. Activities Requiring Excavation Permits

1. The excavation of sand, gravel, stone or other earth material from any land in the City of Auburn is hereby prohibited except such excavation as may be authorized in any zoning district by a permit issued by the Planning Board or as otherwise permitted under this Chapter.
2. The commercial excavation of sod, loam, topsoil, peat or other organic material for landscaping and site development related activities exceeding 300 cubic yards per site per year from any land in the City of Auburn is hereby prohibited except such excavation as may be authorized in any zoning district by a permit issued by the Department of Community Development and Planning or as otherwise permitted under this Chapter.

##### B. Items to be Considered in Application Review

1. In judging whether or not an excavation permit shall be issued, the Planning Board shall after a public hearing, determine the setback allowances, ingress and egress to provide a site distance that meets minimum safety standards, and access road location and maintenance.
2. In judging whether or not an excavation permit shall be issued, the Planning Board shall address the following, if applicable:
  - a. Maintenance of safe and healthful conditions such as the posting of danger areas, the installation of gates to prevent access, etc.;
  - b. The prevention and control of erosion and sedimentation;
  - c. The proximity of water bodies and wetland areas;
  - d. The effect on the aesthetic, scenic or natural beauty of the immediate area;
  - e. Whether the size of the resource deposit in relation to the area affected justifies the excavation activity;
  - f. The compatibility of the use with the surrounding uses and the neighborhood. Under this criteria

items to be addressed are as follows: hours of operation, noise emitted from the operation, types of machinery to be used, dust, provisions of screening, orientation of the excavation operation, etc.

3. In judging whether or not an excavation permit should be issued, the Planning Board shall address the following:
  - a. Adequacy of the applicant's Reclamation Plan;
  - b. The applicant must demonstrate proof of bonding capacity or security adequate to ensure compliance with an approved Reclamation Plan.
4. In judging whether or not an excavation permit should be issued for the excavation of organic material, the Department of Community Development and Planning shall consider compliance with the criteria cited in Section 4.4B.1 and shall address, if applicable, the criteria in Section 4.4B.2.

C. Submission of Application and Review Procedure

1. A written application for an excavation permit required under Section 4.4A.1 shall be submitted with a processing fee of \$25 to the Department of Community Development and Planning. The Planning Board shall conduct an on-site inspection of the proposed excavation location prior to the public hearing. Notice of such inspection shall be given to the applicant and others by mail at such addresses as may be known to the Department of Community Development and Planning or as appear in the City of Auburn property tax list. Comments concerning the proposed excavation operation will be solicited from all persons in attendance. Failure of the applicant or others to receive a mailed notice of such on-site inspection shall not constitute grounds for objections by the applicant or others and shall not invalidate any action taken by the Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on such application.
2. An application for an excavation permit under Section 4.4A.1 shall be submitted to the Department of Community Development and Planning not less than thirty (30) days prior to the next regular meeting of the Planning Board. The Planning Board shall schedule a public hearing, the notice of which shall be given by publication in a newspaper having

general circulation in the City of Auburn not less than twelve (12) days prior to the meeting of the Planning Board. Upon holding the public hearing and reviewing the application, the Planning Board shall approve, conditionally approved or deny the application based on the criteria set forth in Section 4.4B. The Planning Board shall notify the applicant in writing of any conditions and the reasons for its action.

3. A written application for an excavation permit required under Section 4.4A.2 shall be submitted with a processing fee of \$15 to the Department of Community Development and Planning.
4. When an application for an excavation permit under Section 4.4A.2 is submitted, the Department of Community Development and Planning shall have fifteen (15) working days to complete its review of the application. The Department of Community Development and Planning can approve, conditionally approve or deny the application based on the criteria set forth in Section 4.4B. The Department of Community Development and Planning shall notify the applicant in writing of any conditions and the reasons for its action.

D. Application

1. The written application submitted to the Department of Community Development and Planning shall contain the following information:
  - a. Legal description of the property and description of the site to be affected by the excavation operation;
  - b. Status of title of land;
  - c. Description of the scope of activities to be undertaken on the site: i.e., area, depth of proposed excavation, etc.;
  - d. Narrative description addressing the items required under Section 4.4B.1;
  - e. Narrative description addressing any items listed under Section 4.4B.2 that the applicant feels are applicable to his proposed operation; and

- f. Proof of bonding capacity or security adequate to ensure compliance with an approved Reclamation Plan.
2. At the time of submission of the written application, the applicant shall submit an inked original and fifteen copies of a site plan map drawn to the following specifications:
  - a. Sheet size not to exceed 24" x 30";
  - b. A plan prepared to a scale of 1" = 40' is preferred but where appropriate, a scale up to 1" = 100' is acceptable;
  - c. Name and address of owner and developer, and interest of the applicant if other than the owner or developer;
  - d. Name of development and north point;
  - e. Names and addresses of all owners of record of all adjacent property as appear on Assessor's records;
  - f. Current zoning classification and district boundaries;
  - g. Easements, right-of-way, or other reservations adjacent to or intersecting the property;
  - h. Existing and proposed topography, at contour intervals of not more than five feet;
  - i. Location of water course, marshes and wooded areas within 150 feet of property lines;
  - j. Location of buildings existing on the site to be developed and on adjacent land;
  - k. Existing public street right-of-ways and proposed ingress and egress facilities; and
  - l. Proposed temporary and permanent drainage methods (to be approved by the City Engineer).
3. At the time of submission of the written application and site plan, the applicant shall submit a Reclamation Plan which shall include such items as slope of finished banks, vegetation to be introduced, etc.



E. Posting of Bond or Security

Upon approval of an application for an excavation permit and prior to the excavation of any earth or organic materials, the applicant shall tender a certified check payable to the City of Auburn, a performance bond running to the City of Auburn and issued by a surety company or secured by deposits issued by institutions authorized to issue the same by the Laws of Maine, or the United States or irrevocable letters of credit issued by said banking institutions, in a dollar amount to be determined by the Planning Board and/or the Department of Community Development and Planning in an amount adequate to guarantee fulfillment of conditions imposed.

F. Enforcement Procedure and Penalty

1. The Planning Staff shall conduct at least an annual review of the excavation operation and forward its findings to the Planning Board at the next regular scheduled meeting. The review process shall take into consideration the conditions of compliance, adjustment of the performance bond, if warranted, and any other applicable concerns.
2. If after the review of the Planning Staff findings the Planning Board determines that the conditions of the permit have substantially changed, the owner of an excavation permit may be required to submit a new application in the same manner as prescribed in Section 4.4C and 4.4D of this Article.
3. If after the review of the Planning Staff findings the Planning Board determined that the owner of an excavation permit has violated the conditions of the permit, the Planning Board may revoke such permit provided the owner of such permit is given a reasonable time to abate the violations as prescribed in Section 7.4C of Chapter 29 of the Auburn Ordinances.
4. Any person or persons, firm or corporation being the owner or tenant of, or having the control or use of land or part thereof in Auburn, who excavates, grades, transfers or removes any earth or organic materials prior to receiving an excavation permit and who intends to initiate an excavating operation shall be guilty of a civil infraction and penalized as provided for by Section 7.4E of Chapter 29 of the Auburn Ordinances. This section is not intended to

prohibit exploratory excavation for earth material deposits.

5. Complaints against an excavation operation permitted under this Article shall be received and reviewed in the manner provided by Section 7.4C of Chapter 29 of the Auburn Ordinances.

G. Excavation Permit Exceptions

1. The foregoing article shall be deemed not to prohibit the excavation of earth or organic materials as may be incidental to any lawfully permitted use of land or of a building or incidental to any necessitated by any building construction for which a building permit has lawfully been issued under the Auburn Zoning Ordinance prior to such materials excavation.
2. The foregoing article shall also be deemed not to prohibit the excavation from any lot or way of materials so far as may be necessitated by the construction or installation of utilities, public ways or other engineering works for public service on such lot or in such way.
3. The foregoing article shall also be deemed not to prohibit the excavation, grading, or transferring of any earth materials noted under Section 4.4A.1 from one part of a lot, tract, or parcel of land to another part of the same lot, tract or parcel of land in the same ownership, or excavation for sale at a rate not exceeding ten (10) cubic yards per acre per year.
4. The foregoing article shall not apply to excavation activities in existence on the date of adoption of this ordinance provision and registered with the Department of Community Development and Planning within six (6) months of the date of adoption of this ordinance provision as long as the total land area affected by the excavation activity is not expanded by more than one (1) acre. Excavation activities which expand in depth must file a Reclamation Plan to be approved by the Department of Community Development and Planning. The applicant shall post a bond of security in a dollar amount to be determined by the Department of Community Development and Planning in an amount adequate to guarantee completion of reclamation activities. Any excavation activity which is discontinued for twelve (12) consecutive months shall require a permit to reopen.

## ARTICLE 5 - ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATIONS

### Sections

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#### 5.1 Flood Plan Overlay District (FPO)

A. Purpose - This district is intended to safeguard the public health and welfare by protecting the water storage capacity of the flood plain and the discharge capacity of floodways. It seeks to reduce the hazard of flood to structures, property and land by regulating the construction or reconstruction of structures located within the flood plain.

#### B. Boundaries and Definitions

1. Flood Plain Districts - Those flood hazard areas subject to a 100-year flood as shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps and Flood Boundary and Floodway Maps (Community Panel Numbers 230001 001-0016) which are adopted by reference and made a part of this section. The applicable flood insurance maps are on file in the office of the City Clerk and the Department of Community Development and Planning and in the City Engineering Department. Within unnumbered A Zones, any reasonable base flood elevation data available from a Federal, State, local or other agency shall be utilized until other data has been provided by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)>
2. A Zones - On a Flood Insurance Rate Map, an area of land that would be inundated by the 100-year flood. Specific areas within the 100-year flood plain which are designated A-1, A-2, A-3, etc., have been studied in detail and elevations and the regulatory floodway are given. Unnumbered "A" Zones have been studied in less detail and no elevations or floodways are given.
3. Base Flood - The 100-year flood. -It is a flood that has one percent chance of occurring in any one year.

4. Base Flood Elevation - An elevation equal to that which reflects the heights of the base flood as defined in 3. above.
5. Flood Boundary and Floodway Map - A map prepared during the course of a detailed flood insurance study of a community's flood hazard area. For the 100-year flood, the map shows the location of the floodway and the limits of the flood plain area.
6. Flood Hazard Area - The area of land subject to the 100-year flood, also called the base flood.
7. Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) - Map showing the 100-year flood elevation.
8. Flood Fringe - The section of the flood plain which stores or absorbs the flood waters rather than conveying them.
9. Flood Plain - An area of land that would be covered with water during a flood; includes the floodway and flood fringe.
10. Floodway - The channel of a river, stream or other water course and the adjacent land areas as shown on the Flood Boundary and Floodway Map that must be reserved in order to convey the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than one foot at any point.
11. Substantial Expansion, Reconstruction, or Improvement - An expansion, reconstruction, improvement or repair of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure either before the improvement or repair is started or, if the structure has been damaged, and is being restored, before the damage occurred. For purposes of this definition, "substantial expansion, reconstruction, or improvement" is considered to occur when the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or structural part of the building commences, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the structure. The term does not, however, include any project for improvement of a structure to comply with existing State or local health, sanitary or safety code specifications which are solely necessary to assure safe living conditions or for any alteration of a structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places or a State Inventory of Historical Places.

C. Floodway Use Regulations

1. Uses Permitted - Within the floodway, the following uses are permitted:
  - a. Farming which does not involve the use of any structures.
  - b. Forestry.
  - c. Recreational uses.
  - d. Open spaces.
  - e. Off-street parking.
  - f. Public utilities.
  - g. Bridges.
  - h. Energy related dams, provided no such use will cause the 100-year flood level to be exceeded.
2. Uses Prohibited - Within the floodway, the following uses are prohibited:
  - a. Filling.
  - b. Excavation
  - c. Storage of hazardous or flammable materials, waste and substances.
  - d. New construction and substantial improvements to buildings and structures.
3. This subsection shall not prohibit public improvement projects which are permitted by State and Federal laws to be located within the floodway provided no such project shall cause the 100-year flood level to be exceeded.

D. Flood Fringe Use Regulations

1. Uses Permitted - All uses permitted within the underlying zoning district are allowed. New construction and substantial improvements to existing structures shall meet the following standards:
  - a. The lowest floor of all residential structures (including basement or cellar) shall be elevated to or above the base flood level.

- b. The lowest floor (including basement or cellar) of all nonresidential and mixed use structures shall be elevated to or above the base flood level or be floodproofed. The design of that flood elevation shall be certified by a registered professional engineer or architect to have the capability of resisting hydrostatic and hydrodynamic loads and effects of buoyance. The certified plan shall include a detailed description of floodproofing methods to be used in the construction and which are adequate to withstand the flood depth, pressure, velocities, impact and uplift forces associated with the base flood. The certified plan shall be submitted to the Building Inspector.
  - c. Mobile homes located within the flood fringe shall be anchored and elevated as provided for Section 4.5.D. of this Chapter..
2. For new construction and substantial improvements of buildings and structures, the following construction methods and practices shall be met:
- a. They shall be reasonably safe from flooding and result in no reduction in the flood-carrying capacity of any watercourse.
  - b. Structures shall be designed or modified and anchored to prevent flotation, collapse or lateral movement.
  - c. Construction material and utility equipment shall be resistant to flood damage.
  - d. All new and replacement water supply systems and on-site waste disposal systems shall be designed and located to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the system and to avoid impairment of these systems.
  - e. All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems shall be located and constructed to minimize flood damage.
- E. Building Permit Applications - Applications for building permits for new construction and substantial improvements to buildings and structures located in the Flood Plain Overlay District shall be accompanied by the following information:
- 1. The elevation (in relation to mean sea level) of the lowest floor, including basement.

2. Base flood elevation data for the site to be used for all new, relocated, or substantially improved structures.
3. The elevation (in relation to mean sea level) to which the structure will be floodproofed.

F. Notification and Records - The municipal officer charged with enforcement shall:

1. Notify municipalities adjacent to the flood plain, the Bureau of Civil Emergency Preparedness, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency prior to any alteration or relocation of a water course and provide assurance that the flood-carrying capacity of the water course will be maintained.
2. Maintain as a permanent record, copies of all building permits issued in the Flood Plain Overlay District and the accompanying relevant data and the actions on all variances granted by the Board of Appeals under Subsection 5.1.G.

G. Procedure for Amending Maps - When an individual property owner feel that his lot, portion of lot, building, or structure is incorrectly included in a special flood hazard area, he can submit a plot plan of the lot, the elevation of the lot or portion of the lot and the 100-year flood elevation of the lot or portion of lot along with supporting technical data from a professional engineer or surveyor to the Federal Emergency Management Agency. If review of the submitted material and technical data shows the lot or structure to be located outside the 100-year flood limit or above the 100-year base flood elevation, a letter of map amendment will be issued to the property owner removing the property from the special flood hazard area.

H. Development - Subdivision proposals and site plan proposals for horizontal row house, multi-family dwellings and apartments and planned residential unit developments which are situated within Flood Plain Overlay District shall include base flood elevation data and shall be reviewed to determine where such proposal(s) will be reasonably safe from flooding. All lots or parcels shall have, at a minimum, sufficient building area above the base flood elevation to permit construction with the lowest floor, including basement, to be elevated to or above the base flood level and shall be designed and developed to preserve the flood carrying capacity of affected water courses to the maximum extent feasible and to ensure that adequate drainage is provided to reduce the exposure to flood hazards. All public utilities and facilities such as sewer, gas, electrical and water systems shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damages.

## 5.2 Taylor Pond Overlay District (TPO)

- A. Purpose - The Taylor Pond overlay District is intended to address both the present and future special circumstance of the land uses surrounding Taylor Pond. In the past, improper land use development, caused by the allowance of seasonal and year-round living within the same area, the creation of smaller size lots, the erection of summer camps without compliance with a building code, the placement of such camps on these small lots in close proximity to each other, the use of cesspools, holding tanks, outhouses and septic tank systems installed under the old percolation test for residential waste disposal, the granting of right-of-way easements for private roads without defined widths, and the long continued use of these roads has resulted in pollution of the Pond and present land use problems surrounding the Pond. With the installation of public sewers, it is the intention of the City to ensure that the improper land use development that has taken place in the past will not continue into the future, while recognizing that it is impractical to attempt to correct all of the past development mistakes. To ensure that public investment in the cleaning-up of Taylor Pond is protected, and that where practical, past land use practices are not continued, it is the policy of the City of Auburn to guide the growth of the land uses surrounding Taylor Pond through regulations which allow for the conversion of summer camps and the erection of new dwellings on private roads provided such buildings are connected to a public sewer and that the applicable City codes are complied with.

In permitting the conversion of summer camps and the erection of new dwellings on unaccepted private roads, it is recognized by the City that these persons who wish to live at Taylor Pond on a year-round basis assume certain responsibilities for maintaining and plowing their access road and realize that because such access roads are not constructed to City street standards, the travel of personal, service and maintenance vehicles over such access roads can be hindered. Nothing herein contained shall be construed as requiring additional City services to properties on unaccepted private roads not already receiving those services.

- B. Boundaries - The Taylor Pond Overlay District includes that limited area of Auburn which is 250 feet horizontal from the high water mark of Taylor Pond plus the southeasterly portion of Taylor Pond as delineated on an overlay map on file in the offices of the Department of Community Development and Planning, the City Clerk and the Androscoggin County Registry of Deeds. Undersized lots



which are divided by the overlay zone shall be subject to the provisions of the overlay zone. In addition, adjacent undersized lots shall also be subject to the provisions of the overlay zone.

C. Use Regulations

1. Permitted Uses

- a. Uses permitted in the underlying zoning district.
- b. Conversion of summer camps into year-round single-family dwellings.
- c. One-family detached dwelling.
- d. Existing private, commercial and public water-related recreational uses.

2. Standards for the Conversion of Summer Camps into Year-Round Dwellings and for the Erection of New Dwellings

- a. Connection to public sewer is required.
- b. Compliance with the City Zoning Ordinance, Building Code, Housing Code, Electrical Code, Life Safety Code, Plumbing Code for construction, enlargements, extensions, additions, alterations, or change in use or occupancy of building(s) and structure(s) is required.
- c. A summer camp which is proposed to be converted to year-round use shall have, if one story, 600 square feet of area; if one and one-half story, not less than 600 square feet on the first floor and not less than 200 square feet above the first floor; if two story, not less than 600 square feet on each floor.
- d. The erection of a new dwelling must meet the rear, side, and front yard setback requirements as contained in regulations for the underlying district and the Shoreland Overlay District, whichever is greater. The horizontal enlargement, extension or addition to an existing dwelling must meet the rear, side yard setback requirements as contained in regulations for the underlying district and a non-conforming front yard setback from the high water mark may be extended but in no case shall the setback be reduced to a distance less than what exists. For the purposes of this provision, a

non-conforming front yard setback from the high water mark is considered to be less than the distance permitted by Section 5.4.D.1. of this Chapter.

e. Existing Summer Camps

3. Non-Conforming Dwellings and Undersized Lots

- a. A summer camp which was permitted to be occupied as a year round residence pursuant to the City of Auburn Ordinances at the time of occupation and subsequently was occupied as a year-round residence prior to October, 1979, is not required to secure a conversion permit as specified in Section 5.2.C.2. Such dwelling shall be connected to public sewer.

A summer camp which was occupied as a year round residence prior to June 6, 1968 is not required to secure a conversion permit as specified in Section 5.2.C.2. Such dwellings shall be connected to public sewer.

- b. The lot area and lot width requirement of any of the underlying district shall not apply to any lot intended to be used for the erection of a dwelling if such lot was lawfully laid out and duly recorded by plan or deed prior to September 14, 1960.
- c. Adjacent undersized lots, not separated by a private or public road, under one ownership or joint ownership shall be considered as one lot. Adjacent conforming and undersized lot(s) not separated by a private or public road, under one ownership or joint ownership shall be considered as one lot. However, this subsection shall not prevent the division of a lot on which more than one existing dwelling or summer camp is located in two separate lots provided the rear, side and front setback requirements as contained in regulations for the underlying district are met.
4. Permit Required - No person shall convert a summer camp into a year-round use without first applying to the Department of Community Development and Planning for a permit to do so. A permit for such conversion shall be issued to any person who can establish that the converted building will comply with the requirements of Subsection 5.2.C.2. above. A processing fee in the amount stipulated in Article 9 of this chapter shall accompany all requests for conversion permits.

### 5.3 Lake Auburn Watershed Overlay Districts (LAO)

- A. Purpose - The Lake Auburn Watershed District is intended to maintain safe and healthful environmental conditions; prevent and control water pollution; protect spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitats; control building sites; provide visual and physical points of access to waters and natural beauty; and protect and maintain the present quality and volume of potable water supplied from the Lake Auburn Watershed to the population of the Auburn-Lewiston area.
- B. Boundaries and Definitions - The Lake Auburn Watershed District is that section of Auburn in which surface and subsurface waters ultimately flow or drain into Lake Auburn as such section is delineated on a watershed map and survey by the Auburn Water District on file in the offices of the Auburn Water District, the Auburn Department of Community Development and Planning, and the Auburn City Clerk. The Lake Auburn Watershed District shall be superimposed over underlying districts within such section. Permitted uses in the underlying districts shall continue subject to compliance with the provisions of the Lake Auburn Watershed District.
- C. Use and Environmental Regulations
1. Agricultural Uses - All uses of land for chicken farms, cattle farms, horse farms, egg farms, piggeries, sheep farms, stables, crop farming and other agricultural purposes shall be subject to the approval of the Auburn Water District. Such approval shall be granted upon a showing that such uses will not cause ground water contamination or contaminate or disturb the normal course of surface water runoff.
  2. Agricultural Buffer Strip - Where land adjoining Lake Auburn or its perennial tributaries is tilled for agricultural purposes, an untilled buffer strip fifty (50) feet wide shall be retained between the tilled area and the normal high water mark. This Subsection shall not be interpreted as permitting agricultural tillage in any zoning district in which it is not otherwise permitted.
  3. Municipal and Manure Sludge Disposal - All spreading and disposal of municipal sludge shall be accomplished in conformance with the "Rules of Municipal Sludge Utilization on Land," published by the Department of Environmental Protection in September, 1980. All spreading and disposal of manure shall be accomplished in conformance with "Maine Guidelines for Manure and

Manure Sludge Disposal on Land," published by the Life Sciences and Agriculture Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maine at Orono, and the Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission in July, 1972.

4. Erosion Control - The following provisions shall be observed for the control of erosion in the Lake Auburn Watershed:

- a. Any earth cutting, moving or removal activities that will result in erosion or runoff which is likely to increase sedimentation of Lake Auburn, or any tributaries or water body in the watershed is prohibited.
- b. Vegetative cover shall not be removed except in a manner which will minimize erosion. Harvesting of trees shall be permitted only after a plan prepared by a qualified forester is submitted to and approved by the Water District. Such plan will be approved or disapproved on the basis of its conformance with good watershed management practice for domestic water supplies.
- c. Trees may be cleared, provided the cleared areas are covered to other vegetation, for approved construction and landscaping. Where such clearing is extended to the shoreline, a cleared opening or openings not greater than 30 feet in width for every 100 feet of shoreline (measured along the high water mark) may be created in the strip extending 50 feet inland from the normal high water mark. For purposes of this section, clearing is the removal of adjacent dominant trees which extend into the canopy and shrubs within 10 feet of the shoreline. Where natural vegetation is removed, it shall be replaced with other vegetation which is equally effective in retarding erosion and preserving natural beauty. When the vegetative cover is changed in areas greater than three (3) acres, a plan shall be filed with the Auburn Water District indicating the changes so that a record can be maintained of watershed water yields to the system.

5. Private Sewage Disposal Systems - The following regulations shall be adhered to in the development of private sewage disposal systems in the Lake Auburn Watershed:

- a. Subsurface absorption areas shall not be permitted on sites on which the highest seasonal groundwater

table, bedrock, or other impervious layer is less than 36 inches below the bottom of the organic horizon. Not less than 24 inches of suitable soil shall be present below the bottom of the subsurface absorption area shall not be less than 12 inches below the bottom of the organic horizon measured from the lowest point on the subsurface absorption area.

- b. Within areas containing soils described as "deep, loose and sandy" or "gravelly" and which contain more than 70 percent sand as shown on Table 9-3 of the State of Maine Plumbing Code, Part II (April 25, 1975) no subsurface absorption area shall be installed closer than 300 feet to the normal high water mark of any lake, pond, or year-round or intermittent stream. Where the daily sewage flow is or is reasonably likely to be in excess of 2,000 gallons, the system shall be located at least 1,000 feet from the normal high watermark of any lake, pond, or year-round intermittent stream.
- c. The Auburn Water District shall have the right to inspect any system within the Lake Auburn Watershed District during its construction and operation and may notify the Health Office, Police Chief, Local Plumbing Inspector or Housing Inspector shall require the abatement of such defects or malfunctions.
- d. The Local Plumbing Inspector shall furnish a copy of all Site Investigation Reports in the Lake Auburn Watershed District to the Auburn Water District.
- e. Replacement or reconstruction of private residential sewage disposal systems in existence and in use on December 17, 1972 shall not be subject to the requirements of this section but shall be required to comply with the current State Plumbing code.

D. Dimensional Regulations

- 1. Building Setbacks - All buildings and structures, except those required direct access to the water as an operational necessity, shall be constructed not less than 75 feet inland from the normal high water mark. Operational necessity shall include private docks, but shall not include boat houses, storage sheds, garages, or other structures. Marinas and

boat rental facilities shall not be permitted within 75 feet of the normal high water mark of Lake Auburn.

- E. Conflicts - In any case in which a provision of this section conflicts with a provision of any other section of this Chapter, the provision which establishes the more stringent standard shall apply.

#### 5.4 Shoreland Overlay District (SLO)

- A. Purpose - The purpose of the Shoreland Overlay District is to maintain safe and healthful environmental conditions; prevent and control water pollution; protect spawning grounds, fish, aquatic life, bird and other wildlife habitats; control building sites, placement of structures and land uses; and conserve shore cover, visual and physical points of access to waters and natural beauty.
- B. Boundaries and Definitions - The Shoreland Overlay District are those sections of Auburn which are located within 250 feet of the normal high water mark of the Androscoggin River, the Little Androscoggin River, Taylor Pond and Taylor Brook. The perimeters of the Shoreland Overlay District shall be superimposed over underlying zoning districts shall continue subject to compliance with the provisions of the Shoreland Overlay District. Nothing in this section shall permit uses in districts where such uses are not otherwise permitted.

Normal High Water Mark - The line along lakes and ponds where vegetative cover changes from predominantly aquatic to predominantly terrestrial and, along rivers and streams, the highest elevation on the bank of a channel at which the water has left a definite mark.

#### C. Use and Environmental Regulations

1. Agricultural Uses - All uses of land for chicken farms, cattle farms, horse farms, egg farms, piggeries, sheep farms, stables, crop farming and other agricultural purposes shall be subject to the approval of the municipal officer charged with enforcement. Such approval shall be granted upon a showing that such uses will not cause groundwater contamination or contaminate or disturb the normal course of surface runoff. In considering any such proposed agricultural uses, the municipal officer may consult or may require the proponent to supply certification by a soil scientist or other expert as to the effect on groundwater and water runoff, if any, which the proposed use is likely to cause.
2. Agricultural Buffer Strip - An untilled buffer strip at least fifteen (15) feet wide shall be retained between the normal high water mark and that portion of any lot within the Shoreland Overlay District which is used for agricultural purposes. Agricultural tilling may be permitted within 50 feet of the normal high water mark as a variance only after a finding by the Board of Appeals, after hearing and notice to abutting landowners in the

manner provided in Article 6 of this Chapter, that such use would not adversely affect the water body in question. This subsection shall not be interpreted as permitting agricultural tillage in any zoning district in which it is not otherwise permitted.

3. Municipal and Manure Sludge Disposal - All spreading and disposal of municipal sludge shall be accomplished in conformance with the "Rules for Municipal Sludge Utilization on Land" published by the Department of Environmental Protection in September, 1980. All spreading and disposal of manure shall be accomplished in conformance with "Maine Guidelines for Manure and Manure Sludge Disposal on Land,": published by the Life Sciences and Agriculture Experiment Station and the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Maine at Orono, and the Maine Soil and Water Conservation Commission in July, 1972.
4. Erosion Control - The following provisions shall be observed for the control of erosion in the Shoreland Overlay District:
  - a. Any earth curring, moving or removal activities that will result in erosion or runoff which is likely to increase sedimentation of Taylor Pond, Taylor Brook and Little Androscoggin River or the Androscoggin River, as determined by the City Engineer with the advice, as needed, of appropriate State or Federal agencies, is prohibited.
  - b. The following Timber Harvesting Standards shall be complied with in the carrying out of any timber harvesting in the Shoreland Overlay District:
    - (1) No substantial accumulation of slash shall be left within 50 feet of the traveled surface of public roads, property lines, or the normal high water mark of any pond or river. At distances greater than 50 feet from the normal high water mark of such waters and extending to the limits of the area covered by this section, all slash shall be disposed of in such a manner that it lies on the ground and no part thereof extends more than 4 feet above the ground.
    - (2) Skid trails, log yards, and other sites where the operation of logging machinery results in the exposure of substantial areas of mineral soil, shall be located such that an unscarified filter strip is retained between the exposed



mineral soil and the normal high water mark of any pond or river. The width of this strip shall vary according to the average slope of the land as follows:

Average Slope of Land between Exposed Mineral Soil and Normal High Water Mark (Percent)	Width of Strip between Exposed Mineral Soil and Normal High Water Mark (Feet along Surface of Ground)
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0	25
10	45
20	65
30	85
40	105
50	125
60	145
70	165

- (3) Harvesting operations shall be conducted in such a manner and at such a time that minimal soil disturbance results. Adequate provision shall be made to prevent soil erosion and sedimentation of surface waters.
- (4) Harvesting operations shall be conducted in such a manner that a well distributed stand of trees is retained.
- (5) Harvesting activities shall not create single openings greater than 7,500 square feet in the forest canopy.
- (6) In any stand, harvesting shall remove not more than 40 percent of the volume of trees in any ten year period. For the purpose of these standards, a stand means a contiguous group of trees, sufficiently uniform in species, arrangement of age classes, and conditions, to be identifiable as a homogeneous and distinguishable unit.
- (7) Timber harvesting operations not in conformance with (2), (4), (5) and (6) above may be permitted by the Planning Board upon a clear showing by the applicant that such an exception is necessary for property timber management.

- c. Trees may be cleared, provided the cleared areas are converted to other vegetation, for approved construction and landscaping. Where such clearing extends to the shoreline, a cleared opening or openings no greater than 30 feet in width for every 100 feet of shoreline (measured along the normal high water mark) may be created in the strip extending 50 feet inland from the normal high water mark. For purposes of this section, clearing is the removal of adjacent dominant trees which extend into the canopy and shrubs within 10 feet of the shoreline. Where natural vegetation is removed, it shall be replaced within six months with other vegetation which is equally effective in retarding erosion and preserving natural beauty.

#### 5. Private Sewage Disposal Systems

- a. The Health Officer, Housing Inspector or Plumbing Inspector shall have the right to inspect any system within any Shoreland Overlay District during its construction and operation and shall require the abatement of any defects, improper construction or operation.
- b. Replacement or reconstruction of private residential sewage disposal systems in existence and in use on December 17, 1983 shall be required to comply with the current State Plumbing Code.

#### D. Dimensional Regulations

- 1. Building Setbacks - All new buildings and structures, except those requiring direct access as an operational necessity, shall be constructed not less than 75 feet inland from the normal high water mark. Operational necessity shall include docks and marinas. Buildings in existence before December 17, 1973 may be replaced if destroyed as defined by Subsection 3.2.E of this Chapter. Lots less than 120 feet deep measured at right angles to the shoreline which were in existence on or before December 17, 1973 shall have a shoreline setback requirement of 50 percent of the lot depth. Non-conforming setbacks from the high water mark may be extended but in no case shall the setback distance be reduced. Nothing in this section shall permit any structure to be constructed in a location where it is not otherwise permitted.

- E. Conflicts - In any case in which a provision of this section conflicts with a provision of any other section of this Chapter, the provision which establishes the more stringent standard shall apply.

## 5.5 Manufactured Housing Overlay District (MHO)

- A. Purpose - This district is intended to establish minimum standards for the placement of manufactured housing in accordance with the provisions of Title 30 M.R.S.A. Section 4965, "Regulation of Manufactured Housing," to restrict the location of older mobile homes and trailers, to require that manufactured housing, as defined in this ordinance, be aesthetically compatible in terms of design standards with site-built homes and to provide alternatives for the location of affordable and safe housing within the City.
- B. Boundaries and Definitions
1. Overlay District Boundaries - The Manufactured Housing Overlay Districts are those sections of Auburn shown on an overlay map on file in the offices of the Department of Community Development and Planning and the City Clerk. The Manufactured Housing Overlay District shall be superimposed over underlying zoning districts and any use shall be subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of the underlying district. Permitted uses in the underlying districts shall continue subject to compliance with the provisions of the overlay district. Nothing in this section shall permit uses in districts where such uses are not otherwise permitted.
  2. Definitions
    - a. Manufactured Housing - A structural unit or units designed for occupancy, and constructed in a manufacturing facility and then transported by the use of its own chassis, or placed on an independent chassis, to a building site. The term includes any type of building which is constructed at a manufacturing facility and then transported to a building site where it is utilized for housing and may be purchased or sold by a dealer in the interim. For purposes of this section, 2 types of manufactured housing are included. They are:
      - (1) Those units constructed after June 15, 1976 commonly called "newer mobile homes," which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development standards, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which, in the traveling mode, are 14 body feet or more in width and are 700 or more square feet, and which are built on a permanent chassis and designed to be used as

dwellings on foundations when connected to the required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air conditioning and electrical systems contained therein; except that the term shall include any structure which meets all the requirements of this paragraph, except the size requirements and with respect to which the manufacturer voluntarily files a certification required by the States Department of Housing and Urban Development and complies with the standards established under the National Manufactured Housing Construction and Safety Standards Act of 1974, United States Code, Title 42, Section 5401, et. seq; and

(2) Those units commonly called "modular homes," which the manufacturer certifies are constructed in compliance with the State's Manufactured Housing Act and regulations, meaning structures, transportable in one or more sections, which are not constructed on a permanent chassis and are designed to be used as dwellings on foundations when connected to required utilities, including the plumbing, heating, air-conditioning or electrical systems contained therein.

- b. Site-Built Home - A building constructed on-site which is designed to be used as a dwelling on foundations, when connected to the required utilities.
- c. Older Mobile Homes, Trailers - Any factory-built home which fails to meet the definition of manufactured housing and more specifically, it shall mean any mobile constructed prior to June 15, 1976. These units shall be restricted to approved mobile home parks.
- d. Design Standards - Shall include, but are not limited to requirements for building width, roof pitch, roof material, siding material, foundations, additions and siting that are similar in character to traditional site-built residential homes. Design standards shall not apply to manufactured housing located in approved mobile home parks.
- e. Siting - Siting of a dwelling on a lot is considered to be the angle at which a dwelling is placed in relation to frontage, as defined in Section 5.5.C.9.e.

C. Design Standards - All dwelling units in this district shall be subject to the following minimum design standards:

1. Building Dimensions - No building shall be less than 14 body feet in width and shall contain not less than 700 square feet of habitable living space.
2. Roof Construction - All roofs shall be covered with standard asphalt shingles and have a minimum pitch of 3.5/12. Roofs covering manufactured housing shall provide certified engineering data to show that roof additions will meet the performance criteria of the Auburn Building Code for snow and wind loads; the roof shall extend for the full length of the structure.
3. Exterior Walls - Exterior walls shall have traditional site-built appearance and may be materials such as clapboards, shingles and shakes, including synthetic or metal siding manufactured to closely resemble clapboards, shingles and shakes. Walls may also include masonry, wood board-and-batten, and "Texture 111" exterior plywood, but shall not include artificial masonry, or fake board-and-batten made from metal.
4. Skirting - Skirting is required except for dwellings placed on a frost wall or full foundations. Skirting shall meet the following criteria:
  - a. The material used is consistent with the materials permitted by subsection 5.5.C.3;
  - b. The skirting is extended either to the foundation or as close to the slab as possible that will still permit proper ventilation;
  - c. The skirting shall totally enclose the unit and be permanently affixed and fully supported by suitable framing to the unit.
5. Foundations - The foundation shall be a permanent concrete reinforced 6" slab; concrete or masonry frost wall, wood, or full basement. All foundations shall meet the performance criteria of the Auburn Building Code.
6. Enclosed Additions - Additions shall have the same exterior wall material as permitted by subsection 5.5.C.3, except that glass may be used for greenhouse additions. All additions shall have an asphalt shingled roof with a minimum pitch of 3.5/12.

7. Anchoring - All mobile homes shall be anchored to the foundation or slab by attaching the frame to six (6) inch eye bolts, set at the four corners of the foundation or slab, with 1/4" steel cable, or equivalent. All mobile homes shall be anchored to the foundation and elevated as required by Section 4.3.D. of this Chapter.
8. Transportation Components - Appendages required for transportation, which shall include but not limited to the tongue, axles, and wheels shall be removed or enclosed so as not to be visible.
9. Siting - Dwellings shall be sited on the lot subject to the following conditions:
  - a. Dwellings Less Than 24 Feet in Width
    - (1) Dwellings sited in excess of 15 but less than 30 shall have an enclosed addition equal to 15% of the floor area of the structure. The addition shall project out not less than 20% of the length of the structure at not greater than 60 degree angle. Additions shall not be permitted to be attached to and extended from the narrow side of the dwelling.
    - (2) Dwellings sited in excess of 30 but less than 45 shall meet all of the criteria set forth in (1) provided that such addition be located on the street side area of the lot.
    - (3) No dwellings less than 24 feet in width shall be allowed to be sited on a lot in excess of 45 .
  - b. Dwellings 24 feet or greater in width shall not be subject to siting standards.
  - c. Additions shall include enclosed structures such as breezeways, garages and extensions to the interior living space. Carports, open breezeways, decks and patios shall not be counted as an addition.
  - d. Angles of siting are based upon the lot frontage being the horizontal or parallel line.
  - e. Dwellings to be located on a curve shall have the angle of siting determined by locating a tangent point at the midpoint of the curve arc. Lines shall then be drawn parallel and perpendicular to such point.

10. Fuel Storage Tank - Any fuel storage tank must be placed either in the basement, crawl space, or in an attached addition or be screened so as not to be visible from adjacent properties or any street, within one (1) year of installation.

## ARTICLE 6 - BOARD OF APPEALS

### Sections

- 6.1 Organization
- 6.2 Appeals Procedure
- 6.3 Powers and Duties
- 6.4 Judicial Appeal
- 6.5 Special Appeals

#### 6.1 Organization

- A. Membership - There shall be a Board of Appeals consisting of seven members and two associate members appointed by the City Council. Each member shall be at all times a resident of the City of Auburn.
- B. Term of Office - The members and associate members of the Board shall serve staggered term of five (5) years each.
- C. Associate Members - An associate member shall have a vote only in the event that one or more regular members of the Board is absent or is disqualified from serving on a particular matter because of a conflict of interest.
- D. Jurisdiction - The Board of Appeals shall have jurisdiction over: (1) interpretation of provisions of the Zoning Ordinance called into question, (2) administrative appeals from decisions or lack thereof of the Building Inspector or Zoning Officer in regard to an application for a permit under the Zoning Ordinance, (3) the granting of variances from the requirements of the Zoning Ordinance where strict application of the ordinance would cause undue hardship.
- E. Board Rules - The Board shall adopt, and may from time to time amend, rules and regulations to govern the conduct of its business. The tape recording of the Board's proceedings, the transcript of testimony, if any, and exhibits, together with all papers and requests filed in the proceedings, shall constitute the record. All decisions shall become a part of the record and shall include a statement of findings and conclusion and the appropriate order, relief or denial thereof.
- F. Quorum - Five members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

#### 6.2 Appeals Procedure

- A. Petition - Written petitions for appeal signed by any



party in interest shall be filed in duplicate in the office of the municipal officer charged with enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance, together with the fee stipulated in Article 9 of this Chapter, within thirty days from the date of the decision or order. The municipal officer shall forward to the Board of Appeals, Planning Director, the Chairman of the Planning Board and the City Solicitor one copy of such petition. The Planning Director, or in his absence, the Chairman of the Planning Board, shall forward to the Board of Appeals as soon as possible any pertinent City planning information in his possession bearing on such appeal. The City Solicitor shall forward to the Board of Appeals as soon as possible any pertinent legal information bearing on such appeal. Where no such information is received by the Board of Appeals by the time of the meeting at which such appeal is scheduled to be heard, it shall be presumed that none was available at that time. In any case in which such planning and legal information is received, it shall be read aloud at the public hearing and an opportunity afforded for comment by those interested in the appeal.

B. Public Hearing

1. On each such petition, the Board shall hold a public hearing, within sixty-five (65) days of the filing of the appeal petition. Notice of the time, date, place, appellant name, and subject of each such hearing shall be given by publication in a newspaper of general circulation in the City of Auburn on two separate dates not more than twelve (12) nor less than three (3) days before the date of such hearing. Notification of the public hearing shall also be sent to the appellant, the Planning Director, the Building Inspector, the City Manager, and all owners of abutting property and property located directly across the street from the site of the property which is the subject of the appeal by mailing to them copies of such notice as published. Notices shall be mailed to such property owners at the addresses appearing for them in the then current property tax listing of the City of Auburn. Failure of any property owner to receive such mail notice of any such public hearing shall not necessitate another hearing, and shall not constitute grounds for objection by such property owner and shall not invalidate any action by the Board of Appeals on such appeal or application for variance.
2. The Chairman, or in his absence the Acting Chairman, shall preside at the Public Hearing. All hearings of the Board of Appeals shall be open to the public.

3. The Chairman shall open the hearing and determine whether a quorum of the Board of Appeals is present. For each appeal heard, the Chairman shall summarize the nature of the appeal, identify all relevant information submitted, determine the Board's jurisdiction and the appellant's standing, determine the parties to the action and proceed to accept oral and written testimony from the appellant and the public for and against the appeal. When all parties have been heard, the Chairman shall close the hearing or, if additional time is needed, continue it to a later date.
4. The Chairman shall determine that the appellant has standing, that is, the right to appear as an appellant before the Board. An appellant must hold title to the land, be part owner, or have an option to buy or lease property and/or building, in order to have standing.
5. The Chairman shall determine the parties to the action. The appellant, municipal officers, Planning Board, abutting property owners, individuals who might be adversely affected by any decision, and any member of the general public attending the meeting who has made specific statements concerning terms of the appeal, may be made party to the action.

C. Decision

1. The decisions of the Board shall be made as soon as possible, but not later than thirty (30) days of the Public Hearing, unless extended by mutual agreement of the Board and appellant. Failure of the Board to act within thirty (30) days shall be deemed to be the denial of the petition sought, subject to judicial appeal.
2. The Board of Appeals may by an affirmative vote of a majority of those members present amend or revise a decision of the Building Inspector, Zoning Officer or of any other municipal officer acting under the Zoning Ordinance. The Board of Appeals may permit variances from literal application of the Zoning Ordinance in accordance with the principles, conditions and procedures set forth in this Chapter, subject to the duty of the Board to promote the public health, safety, convenience and welfare and to adhere to the central intents and purposes of this Chapter. Approval may be subject to conditions, modifications, and restrictions as the Board of Appeals may deem necessary.

3. The Board shall keep a record of each appeal entertained, noting the date when received from the Building Inspector or Zoning Officer, the date of hearing, the applicant or appellant and the date of the decision. The Board shall record by resolution the final disposition of every appeal. All of the foregoing shall be public records filed with the office charged with enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance. Notice of the decision shall be mailed within seven (7) days to the applicant or appellant. Each notice shall specify that judicial appeals shall be made pursuant to the terms of Section 6.4.
4. The right to proceed under any variance or petition granted under the terms of this Chapter, voted by the Board of Appeals, or under change in a decision of the Building Inspector, Zoning Officer or other municipal official voted by the Board of Appeals, shall expire if such right be not exercised beginning within six months from the date of such vote. If such right is not exercised within six months of the date of the vote, the Board may grant a six month extension without having to make another finding of hardship provided that:
  - a. Conditions upon which the appeal was granted have not changed; and
  - b. The appellant can show just cause for the delay in beginning the project.

### 6.3 Powers and Duties

#### A. Interpretation

1. Except as otherwise provided in this Ordinance, the Board of Appeals shall interpret provisions of the Zoning Ordinance which are called into question. Persons may appeal the denial of a permit which was based on a key provision of the Zoning Ordinance.
2. Where there is no evidence to the contrary, Zoning Ordinance language should be given its ordinary meaning. Statements of purpose may provide a key to the intent of the zoning provision. In interpreting the Ordinance, the Board may request the advice of the City Solicitor, the Planning Director or qualified experts in zoning law.

#### B. Administrative Appeals

1. The Board of Appeals may hear appeals in the administration of the Zoning Ordinance in order to determine

if the Building Inspector or Zoning Officer errored in granting or denying a permit. An applicant who is given no decision on a permit request, or who is denied a permit may appeal. One or more citizens may appeal the grant of a permit if they believe a permit was issued which was not authorized by the Ordinance.

2. If the Board of Appeals finds that the Building Inspector or Zoning Officer acted in error, it should order the error to be corrected.

#### C. Variance

1. The Board of Appeals may grant a variance from the Dimensional Regulations and Supplementary District Regulations contained in the Zoning Ordinance where the strict application of the Ordinance, or a provision thereof, to the petitioner or property would cause undue hardship based on:
  - a. The land in question cannot yield a reasonable return unless the variance is granted; and
  - b. The need for a variance is due to the unique circumstances of the property and not to the general conditions in the neighborhood; and
  - c. The granting of a variance will not alter the essential character of the locality; and
  - d. The hardship is not the result of action taken by the appellant or a prior owner.

Variances granted under this Sub-section shall be the minimum necessary to relieve hardship. The burden of proof is on the applicant to prove undue hardship.

2. The Board of Appeals may grant a variance for the expansion, extension or enlargement of non-conforming buildings or uses provided that:
  - a. The use being requested shall be approved by a majority of those members present (not less than a quorum being present).
  - b. The Board of Appeals shall make findings that the requirements of Section 6.3.C.1 have been met.
3. In addition to the above criteria, in determining whether or not to grant a variance, the Board shall also take into consideration the following:

- a. Fire, electrical and police safety requirements;
  - b. The adequacy of the traffic circulatoin system in the immediate vicinity;
  - c. The availability of an adequate water supply;
  - d. The availability of adequate sewerage facilities;
  - e. Would not violate the environmental standards or criteria contained in the Overlay Zoning Districts;
  - f. Would not adversely affect property adjoining the premises under appeal or nearby in the same neighborhood or in the same zoning district;
  - g. Would not endanger the public health, safety or convenience; and
  - h. Would not impair the integrity of the Zoning Ordinance.
4. Wherever necessary to meet the criteria or considerations listed in this sub-section, the Board, when granting a variance, may attach such conditions or restrictions as are in accordance with the objectives and purposes of this Zoning Ordinance.
  5. The Planning Director, or his representative, shall be responsible for reviewing the records of hearings of the Board of Appeals. Such review shall be conducted on a monthly basis and shall be for the purpose of maintaining the integrity of the Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance may be deemed to be in need of amendment when variances for identical purposes or reasons are applied for in a single zoning district or regarding a specific section of this ordinance on three or more occasions within a given calendar year. In any case in which the Zoning Ordinances are deemed to be in need of amendment, the Planning Director or his representative shall prepare a report indicating whether the variances applied for suggest that the Ordinance or the description of the zoning districts should be amended. Such reports shall be forwarded to the Planning Board for its review and recommendation.

#### 6.4 Judicial Appeal

Appeals from decisions of the Auburn Planning Board or of the Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals or on account of the failure of any municipal official or Board to comply with the order of the Board of Appeals shall be taken to the Superior Court

within thirty (30) days of such decision or action in accordance with Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure and Title 30, M.R.S.A., Section 2411, Sub-section 3. Except as otherwise provided by statute, every person shall have the right to inspect and copy any record of the Board's proceedings, provided that, the inspection be scheduled to occur during regular hours and at such a time as will not inconvenience the regular activities of the office having custody of the record and provided further that the cost of copying the recorded or, if necessary, the translation of mechanical or electronic data compilations into some other form, shall be paid by the person requesting the copy.

## 6.5 Special Appeals

### A. Flood Plain District Variances

1. The Board of Appeals may grant a variance from strict compliance with requirements of Section 5.1 of this Chapter after public notice and public hearing as provided in Article 6 of this Chapter, provided the following conditions are met:
  - a. The applicant can show that a failure to grant a variance would result in undue hardship as defined in Title 30, M.R.S.A., s4963.
  - b. A determination made by the Board with a certification from a registered professional engineer provided by the applicant, if need be, that the granting of the variance will not result in increased flood heights. The professional engineer shall include the following information within the certification: criteria on which the certification was based; any assumptions that were made; source of data for those assumptions; and references to the research material that was relied upon in making the certification. In addition, the Board shall determine as a condition for the granting of the variance that it will not result in threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, create nuisances, cause fraud on or victimization of the public or conflict with existing local laws or ordinances.
  - c. A determination by the Board that the variance is the minimum necessary, considering the flood hazard, to afford relief.
  - d. The applicant shall be notified in writing that the issuance of a variance to build a structure below the base flood level will result in increased

premium rates for flood insurance and such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

B. Shoreland Zone Variance

When by reasons of extraordinary physical conditions peculiar to the land or buildings under appeal but not to other land or buildings adjoining or nearby, an owner of land would be subject to unusual difficulty or special hardships (not mere financial hardship or hardships caused by reason of the literal application and rigorous enforcement of the terms of this Chapter), the Board of Zoning Appeals may grant a variance from strict compliance with the requirements of Section 5.4 of this Chapter after notice and public hearing as provided in Article 6 of this Chapter. No such variance shall be granted unless the Board is satisfied that the variance applied for will not adversely affect the quality of the adjacent water body. In granting any such variance application, the Board may also impose reasonable conditions upon the use of the land in question which shall be reduced to writing and made a part of the permanent records of the Board.

C. Lake Auburn Watershed Zone Variance

When by reason of extraordinary physical conditions peculiar to the land or buildings under appeal but not to other land or buildings adjoining or nearby, an owner of land would be subject to unusual difficulty or special hardships (not mere financial hardship or hardships caused by rigid sewage disposal regulations) by reason of the literal application and rigorous enforcement of the terms of this Chapter, the Board of Zoning Appeals may grant a variance from strict compliance with the requirements of Section 5.3 of this Chapter after notice and public hearing as provided in Article 6 of this Chapter. No such variance shall be granted unless the Board is satisfied that the variance applied for will not adversely affect the quality of the Lake Auburn water supply. When an application for a variance is filed, it shall be forwarded to the Auburn Water District with a request for an informational report and a recommendation to the Board regarding the disposition of the requested variance application. In any case in which a variance request is granted, despite the recommendation of the Water District that it be denied, the Board of Appeals shall make part of its permanent records a written statement of its reasons for taking such action. In granting any such variance application, the Board may also impose reasonable conditions upon the use of the land in question which shall be reduced to writing and made a part of the permanent records of the Board.

## ARTICLE 7 - ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT

### Sections

- 7.1 Site Plan Review
- 7.2 Special Exceptions
- 7.3 Appeals and Applicability
- 7.4 Enforcement

#### 7.1 Site Plan Review

##### A. Purpose

The purpose of site plan review is to ensure that the design and layout of certain developments permitted by special exceptions, or other developments noted herein, will constitute suitable development and will not result in a detriment to City, neighborhood or the environment.

##### B. Objective

In considering a site plan, the Planning Board shall make findings that the development has mad provisions for:

1. Protection of adjacent areas against detrimental or offensive uses on the site by provision of: adequate surface water drainage, buffers against artificial and reflected light, sight, sound, dust and vibration; and preservation of light and air; and
2. Convenience and safety of vehicular and pedestrian movement within the site and in relation to adjacent areas; and
3. Adequacy of the methods of disposal for wastes; and
4. Protection of environment features on the site and in adjacent areas.

##### C. Projects Requiring Site Plan Review

1. All uses permitted by Special Exception.
2. Any other uses for which site plan review is required by any other provision contained in this or other ordinances.

##### D. Procedure

1. An applicant for site plan review under this section



shall file with the Planning Board no less than 15 working days prior to a regularly scheduled meeting, a completed site plan application along with an original and fifteen copies of the site plan and the required processing fee.

2. The original plan shall be drawn on reproducible mylar at a scale of no more than 100 feet to the inch. Each site plan shall contain the following information:
  - a. Name and address of owner and developer; and interest of the applicant if other than the owner or developer.
  - b. Name of development, scale and meridian arrow, with specific definition of representation, date of plan and legend.
  - c. Names and addresses of all owners of record of all adjacent property as appear on Assessor's records.
  - d. Current zoning boundaries and 100 year flood plain boundaries including surrounding areas to a distance of 300 feet from the perimeter of the site.
  - e. Easements; rights-of-way, existing, planned or proposed; or other reservations adjacent to or intersecting the property.
  - f. Topographic map of the site.
    - (1) Existing contours: where the slope of existing ground surface is generally 2% or more, the topographic map shall show contours at intervals of five feet of elevation (or lesser intervals as the Planning Board or Engineering Department may prescribe). Where the slope of the existing ground surface is generally less than 2%, contour intervals of 1 foot shall be shown. These contours shall not be copied from the City topographic maps and shall be determined from an on-site survey certified by a registered land surveyor.
    - (2) Proposed contours: shall be shown at intervals to be determined by the City engineer.
  - g. Location of watercourses, wetlands, marshes, surface water, rock outcroppings, wooded areas, single trees with a diameter of 10 inches measured 3 feet from the base of the trunk.

- h. Location of buildings existing on the tract to be developed and on adjacent tracts within a distance of 100 feet from the property line, indicating whether existing buildings on the tract are to be retained, modified or removed.
- i. Locations of water mains, sewer mains, wells, fire hydrants, culverts, drains, pipe sizes, grades and direction of flow, existing within 200 feet of the subject property.
- j. Existing soil conditions and soil suitability test results.
- k. Locations of proposed buildings and uses thereof.
- l. Proposed traffic circulation system including streets, parking lots, driveways and other access and egress facilities, curb lines, sidewalk lines, and existing streets, including the projected traffic flow patterns into and upon the site for both vehicles and pedestrians and an estimate of the projected number of motor vehicle trips to and from the site for an average day and for peak hours.
- m. Location of existing and proposed public utility lines, indicating whether proposed lines will be placed underground.
- n. A storm drainage study certified by a professional engineer and a proposed drainage system plan, both surface and subsurface, showing measures proposed to prevent pollution of surface or ground water, soil erosion, increased runoff, changes in ground water level and flooding.
- o. Location and design of proposed off-street parking and loading areas indicating number and size of stalls.
- p. Proposed location and direction of, and time of use of outdoor lighting.
- q. Existing and proposed planting, fences and walls, including all landscaping and screening, and indicating existing trees to be retained and areas to be left undisturbed, including design features intended to integrate the proposed new development into the existing landscape to enhance aesthetic assets and to screen objectionable features from neighbors.

- r. Location, size, design and manner of illumination of signs.
  - s. Disposal of sewage, trash, solid waste, oily waste, hazardous waste or radio-active waste showing disposal facilities, receptacles or areas.
  - t. Perimeter boundaries of the site giving complete descriptive lot data by bearings, distances, and radii of curves including the name and seal of the registered land surveyor who prepared the plan.
  - u. Description and plan of capacity and location of means of sewage disposal together with approval of Sewer District engineer or evidence of soil suitability for such disposal (test pit locations shall be shown on the plans) similarly approved by the City Engineering Department.
  - v. A statement of the amount of area of land involved in the site, the percentage of the site proposed to be covered by buildings, the total number of dwelling units proposed per acre, the area proposed to be devoted to open space, the area proposed to be paved for parking, driveways, loading space and sidewalks, the total number of parking spaces required by the Zoning Ordinance for the uses proposed, the number of employees expected per shift, and the total floor area of proposed commercial or industrial uses.
  - w. Description and plan of a "phase development concept" detailing the areas and sequence of phasing.
  - x. A statement by the developer assuring that he has the financial capabilities to fully carry out the project and to comply with the conditions imposed by the Planning Board.
- 3. Upon request, the Planning Board, or the Planning Director, acting for the Board, may waive the necessity providing any of the foregoing planning information which is not relevant to the proposed development.
  - 4. The Planning Director shall, within five days of receipt, transmit copies of the application and site plan to the department that in this view require such information. The agencies receiving these copies shall have up to 15 days to make recommendations to the Planning Board.
  - 5. The Planning Board shall hold a meeting within 30 days of receipt of a completed application in the manner

provided by Section 105.6(c) of Chapter 23 of the City Ordinances. The Planning Board will take final action on the site plan within 60 days of receiving a completed application, or within such other time limit as may be mutually agreed to. Such final action shall consist of either: (1) a finding and determination that the proposed project will constitute a suitable development and will not result in detriment to the neighborhood or the environment, or (2) a written denial of the application stating the reasons for such denial, upon a finding that:

- a. The provisions for vehicular loading, unloading and parking, and for vehicular and pedestrian circulation on the site and onto adjacent public streets will create hazards to safety.
- b. The bulk, location, or operation of proposed buildings and structures will be detrimental to and adversely affect the use and values of existing development in the neighborhood or the health or safety of persons residing or working therein.
- c. The provisions for on-site landscaping are inadequate to screen neighboring properties from unsightly features of the development.
- d. The site plan does not adequately provide for the soil and drainage problems which the development may give rise to.
- e. The provisions for exterior lighting create safety hazards for motorists traveling on adjacent streets, or are inadequate for the safety or occupants or users of the site, or will create a nuisance affecting adjacent properties.
- f. The proposed development will unduly burden off-site sewer drainage or water systems.
- g. The proposed development will create a fire hazard by failing to provide adequate access to the site, or to buildings on the site, for emergency vehicles.
- h. The proposed development violates provisions of the zoning regulations applicable to the site or other applicable laws, regulations or ordinances.
- i. The proposed development will unduly impact the ability to provide municipal services.

6. Approval may be made subject to conditions, modifications and restrictions as the Planning Board may deem necessary; and any construction, reconstruction, alteration or addition shall be carried on only in conformity to such conditions, modifications or restrictions and in conformity with the application and site plan.
7. If no action is taken within 60 days after submittal of a completed application, the site plan shall be deemed to have been approved. An original of the approved plan signed by the Planning Board Chairman shall be retained by the Planning Board and one signed copy shall be delivered to the applicant, the Assessors Department, the Engineering Department and to the Building Inspector on which basis building permits may be issued when all other required plans have been approved.
8. The findings of the Planning Board shall be in writing with a copy being forwarded to the applicant. The Planning Board's written report shall also include a statement as to how any deficiencies in the site plan might be resolved and what conditions, modifications and restrictions are to be complied with in executing the plan.
9. Approval of a site plan shall expire one year after the date of approval unless all building permits have been obtained to begin construction in accordance with the approved site plan. Any site plan that contains a phase concept approved by the Planning Board shall not be required to obtain all building permits within the time sequence established for completion of each phase. No building permits or other permits shall be issued until all improvements are substantially completed for the preceding phase. A single one-year extension may be given upon a showing of good cause in writing by the applicant to the Planning Board not less than 30 days before the expiration of approval of his existing plan. The Planning Board shall approve or disapprove the requested extension at its next regular meeting.
10. No permit shall be issued for the construction of any building in an area included in the site plan or in any development for which a site plan is required until such site plan has been approved by the Planning Board and unless the construction plans and specifications presented to the Building Inspector with the application for the permit are consistent with the approved site plan. No certificate of occupancy shall be issued with respect to any building until all construction called for by the site plan is completed, except by special

permission of the Planning Board granted upon a showing of special circumstances warranting the issuance of the certificate and that the remaining construction will be completed within a reasonable time.

11. The Planning Board may require the applicant with the submission of the site plan to tender a certified check payable to the City of Auburn, and issued by a surety company or secured by deposits issued by institutions authorized to issue the same by the Laws of the State of Maine or the United States or irrevocable letters of credit issued by said banking institutions in an amount of money determined by the City Planner, with the advice of the various City departments and agencies concerned, to be sufficient to ensure compliance with the approved site plan.
12. For those developments subject to site plan review (Section 7.1 of this Chapter) the relaxation of the dimensional requirements of any use district shall be reviewed by the Planning Board. The modifications of the dimensional requirements shall be allowed as the Planning Board may deem necessary to carry out the objectives and intent of site plan review as specified in Section 7.1 of this Chapter.

## 7.2 Special Exception

- A. Approval Required - The Planning Board may approve for development those land uses listed as Special Exceptions under the terms of the Zoning Ordinance. The determinations of the Board shall be in harmony with the expressed intent of the Zoning Ordinance and with the expressed major purposes of the Auburn Master Development Plan. Special exceptions shall be allowed only when they will substantially serve public convenience and welfare and will not involve dangers to health or safety.
- B. Conditions
  1. As conditions prerequisite to the granting of any Special Exceptions, the Board shall require evidence of the following:
    - a. That the Special Exception sought fulfills the specific requirements, if any, set forth in the Zoning Ordinance relative to such exception;
    - b. That the Special Exception sought will neither create nor aggravate a traffic hazard, a fire hazard or any other safety hazard.

- c. That the Special Exception sought will not block or hamper the Master Development Plan pattern of high-way circulation or of planned major public or semi-public land acquisition;
  - d. That the exception sought will not alter the essential characteristics of the neighborhood and will not tend to depreciate the value of property adjoining and neighboring the property under application.
  - e. That reasonable provisions have been made for adequate land space, lot width, lot area, drainage, green space, driveway layout, road access, off-street parking, landscaping, building separation, sewage disposal, water supply, fire safety, and, where applicable, a plan or contract for perpetual maintenance of all the common green space and clustered off-street parking areas to assure all such areas will be maintained in a satisfactory manner.
  - f. That the standards imposed are, in all cases, at least as stringent as those elsewhere imposed by the Auburn Building Code and by the provisions of this Chapter.
  - g. That essential City services which will be required for the project are presently available or can be made available without disrupting the City's Master Development Plan.
2. As part of the grant or of the denial of any such petition for a Special Exception, the Board shall show by written statements filed in its records of such application and by a statement in the minutes of the Board how the Special Exception sought fulfills the foregoing conditions. An applicant may request the Board to make a statement as to how the Special Exception may be granted without danger to health or safety and without substantially derogating from the essential intents and purposes of the Zoning Ordinance or of the Auburn Master Development Plan.
3. Approval of a Special Exception may be made subject to such conditions, modifications and restrictions on the proposed land use as the Planning Board may deem necessary to carry out the foregoing objectives and conditions. Any development of the land uses allowed by Special Exception shall be carried out only in conformity to such conditions, modifications and restrictions in addition to those that may be called

for by an approved site plan for the same site and shall be enforced by the municipal officer charged with enforcement in the same manner as specified for approved site plans. Any change, addition or enlargement of a use allowed by Special Exception shall require approval of the Planning Board in the same manner as specified for the original Special Exception.

### C. Procedures

Special exceptions shall be subject to the Site Plan Review procedure specified in Article 7, Section 7.1.D. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing, within 45 days of receipt of a completed application in the manner prescribed by Section 105.6(c) of Chapter 23 of the City Ordinances. The Planning Board will take final action on the Special Exception within 60 days after its submittal. The applicant shall accompany the application with the required fee stipulated by Article 9 of this Chapter.

### 7.3 Appeals and Applicability

A. Appeals - Appeals from decisions of the Auburn Planning Board or of the Auburn Zoning Board of Appeals shall be taken to the Superior Court in accordance with Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure. Where a record of the Board's proceedings has been kept, the Board shall, at the request of the appealing party and at his expense, furnish him with a transcript of the record for use in connection with the appeal.

B. Applicability - The provisions of this Article shall apply to any development subject to review under Section 7.1, the construction of which has not been commenced on the date on which they become effective.

### 7.4 Enforcement

A. Permit Required - No building shall be erected, altered or moved in Auburn without first filing an application in writing with the Building Inspector. Such permits shall be applied for to the Building Inspector and he shall not approve an application for a building permit unless the plans for such a building and the intended uses thereof in all respects fulfill the provisions of this Chapter and all other applicable City Ordinance provisions.

B. Plan Required - Each application for a permit to build, enlarge, alter, or move a building shall be accompanied by a plot plan in duplicate drawn to scale showing and stating the dimensions in feet of the lot on which such building is proposed to be erected, enlarged, altered or moved, also the location and ground coverage dimensions of any building



already existing upon such lot, and the location thereon and ground coverage dimensions on such lot of any building or structure proposed to be erected, or moved onto it. Such plot plan shall also show each street, alley or right-of-way on or adjacent to the lot in question. Upon request, the Building Inspector may waive the necessity of providing any of the foregoing information which is not relevant to the proposed project. One copy of each such application and plot plan shall be kept on file in the office of the Building Inspector. Submission of a plot plan in connection with permits for agricultural buildings need not be submitted unless deemed necessary by the Building Inspector.

C. Municipal Officials Charged With Enforcement

1. This Chapter shall be enforced by the Building Inspector or the Zoning Officer or their duly authorized agent.
2. The Building Inspector, Police Chief, or Zoning Officer, on their individual initiative, or on the request of any other municipal official or upon any well-founded information in writing indicating possible violation of this Chapter, shall make or cause to be made an investigation of facts and an inspection of the premises where such violation is said to exist.
3. If such investigation or inspection reveals evidence of a violation, written notice of the same shall be mailed or given to the owner, if known, and to the occupant of such premises with a demand in such notice that the violation be abated with such reasonable time as may be designated in the notice.
4. Such notice and demand may be delivered in hand. If mailed, the notice and demand shall be sent by return receipt certified mail addressed to the owner at the owner's last known address or to the address appearing for the owner on the Auburn property tax listing and to the occupant at the address of the premises of such apparent violation.

- D. Abatement Proceedings - If, after such notice and demand, the violation has not been abated within the time specified, the Building Inspector, the Police Chief, the Zoning Officer, or City Manager shall through the City Solicitor institute appropriate action or proceedings in the name of the City of Auburn to prevent, correct, restrain, or abate any violation of this Chapter. The initiation of proceedings under this section shall not prevent the City from also initiating proceedings under the following subsection or under any other ordinance or State law to abate any zoning violation.

- E. Penalty - Any person or persons, firm or corporation being the owner or having the control or use of any land, building, structure, or premises, or part thereof in the City of Auburn, who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter, or who fails to conform to any of the provisions hereof, shall be guilty of a civil infraction and upon conviction thereof, shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$100 for each offense. Each day that such violation or failure to comply is permitted to continue after notification thereof, shall constitute a separate offense.

## ARTICLE 8

### Sections

- 8.1 Initiation
- 8.2 Public Hearing
- 8.3 Planning Board Recommendation

#### 8.1 Initiation

- A. Amendments to the Zoning Ordinance, including the Zoning Map, may be initiated by the Planning Board on its own initiative or upon request by the City Council or by a petition signed by not less than twenty-five (25) registered voters of the City of Auburn.
- B. Each proposal to change the Zoning Map shall be made in writing and shall explicitly state the nature, extent, location and purpose of the map change proposed and shall be accompanied by a blackline print of a diagram drawn to scale showing and stating clearly the dimensions in feet, the area, metes and bounds of the land proposed for a change and a sketch or other explicit identification of the general location and relationship of such land to some major neighborhood or other recognizable geographic segment of Auburn.
- C. Each proposal to change any Zoning Ordinance text (other than a change of zoning district name or of zoning boundary description) shall include the wording then current, the words of change, the wording if so amended, and a statement of the reasons for such change, showing how such change would affect the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare.

#### 8.2 Public Hearing

- A. Within 45 days of submittal of a completed petition to amend the Zoning Ordinance Text or Map, the Planning Board shall hold a public hearing thereon.
- B. Two notices of each public hearing on a zoning amendment shall be given by publication by the Planning Board in a newspaper published in or of general circulation in Auburn. The first such notice shall state the time, date, place, and general subject to be heard and shall be published not less than twelve (12) days before the date of such hearing, and the second such notice, containing the same information, shall be published not more than seven (7) days and not less than three (3) days before the date of such hearing.

C. The Planning Board shall also give notice of such hearing to the petitioners. In the case of an amendment to the Zoning Map, the Planning Board shall give notice to property owners within 500 feet of the property proposed for rezoning by mailing to them, at their address appearing in the Auburn property tax listing, copies of the first such notice as published. Failure of any petitioner or property owner to receive such mailed notice of such a zoning hearing shall not necessitate another hearing and shall not constitute grounds for objections by such petitioner or property owner and shall not invalidate any recommendation by the Planning Board.

### 8.3 Planning Board Recommendation

The Planning Board shall, within 30 days of the conclusion of the public hearing, report the results of the hearing and recommendations of the Board on the amendment(s) to the City Council.

## ARTICLE 9 - SCHEDULE OF FEES

### Sections

- 9.1 Establishment of Fees
- 9.2 Fee Schedule

#### 9.1 Establishment of Fees

The City Council, upon recommendation of the Planning Board, shall from time to time establish and amend a schedule of fees to be paid upon the filing of certain applications and petitions described in the Zoning Ordinance.

No certificate, permit, special exception, variance or zoning ordinance amendment shall be issued unless or until such fees have been paid in full by the applicants or petitioners; nor shall any action to schedule public hearings on applications or petitions be taken until the fees related to the application or petition have been paid in full.

If an approved application or petition is required to be recorded at the Registry of Deeds, the applicant or petitioner shall pay such fee.

#### 9.2 Fee Schedule

<u>APPLICATION OR PETITION</u>	<u>FEE</u>
A. <u>Zoning Ordinance Text and Map Amendments</u>	
Private Petitions	\$50.00
B. <u>Planned Unit Development</u>	\$50.00
C. <u>Appeals Application</u>	\$40.00
D. <u>Special Exception Applications</u>	\$40.00
E. <u>Taylor Pond Summer Camp Conversion Permits</u>	\$10.00
F. <u>Signs</u>	\$10.00

## ARTICLE 10 - CONFLICT, VALIDITY, SEVERABILITY

### Sections

- 10.1 Conflict of Laws
- 10.2 Validity
- 10.2 Severability

#### 10.1 Conflict of Laws

In general, this Chapter is supplementary to other Auburn Ordinances affecting the use, height, area and location of buildings and structures and the use of premises. Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be construed as repealing or invalidating any existing ordinance or regulation of the City, but shall operate in addition thereto.

#### 10.2 Validity

The invalidity of any section or provision of this Chapter shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

#### 10.3 Severability

Nothing in this Chapter shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court, or any rights acquired, or liability incurred nor any cause or causes of action accrued or existing under any act or ordinance repealed hereby. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired or affected by this Chapter.