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**ARTICLE V. DISTRICT REGULATIONS**

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**Sec. 31-96. Designation of districts.** In order to classify, regulate and restrict the uses of the land and buildings; to regulate and restrict the height and bulk of buildings; to regulate the area of yards and other open spaces about buildings; and to regulate the intensity of land use, the City is hereby divided into classes of districts to be known as follows:

- RS-5 single-family dwelling district
- RS-6 single-family dwelling district
- RS-8 single-family dwelling district
- RD-15 two-family dwelling district
- RML-12 low density multiple-family dwelling district
- RM-15 multifamily dwelling district
- RMH-15 multifamily/hotel district
- RM-20 high density multifamily dwelling district
- RMH-20 high density multifamily/hotel district
- OP office and professional district
- CN neighborhood commercial district
- CG general commercial district
- CM marine commercial district
- TLI transitional limited industrial district
- SLIO special light industrial office district
- IL limited industrial district
- IG general industrial district
- RO recreation/open space district
- CF community facility district
- U utilities district
- MH mobile home district
- PUD planned unit development district
- IHC Inlet Harbor Center overlay zoning district
- DC downtown core district
- DG downtown general district
- DR downtown residential district
- DI downtown industrial district
- DM downtown marine district
DIVISION 26. DOWNTOWN ZONING DISTRICTS
Sec. 31-534. Downtown districts generally.

(a) **Purpose and intent.** The purpose and intent of the Downtown Districts is to guide the redevelopment of the Community Redevelopment Area of Riviera Beach and the surrounding properties into a vibrant downtown that:

1. Provides a variety of housing types to accommodate a diverse population;
2. Establishes a “park once” environment by providing a mix of uses within a pedestrian-friendly environment;
3. Maintains and enhances a continuous, inter-connector network of pedestrian- and bicycle-friendly streets that effectively links transit stations, bike paths, sidewalks, buildings, open spaces, and the waterfront;
4. Provides public open space in the form of civic parks, plazas, and greens;
5. Maintains and enhances public access to the waterfront; and
6. Encourages investment by accommodating new development at a range of scales including individual infill buildings and large redevelopment projects.

(b) **Downtown districts named.** To create the vibrant diverse character envisioned for the downtown area, five downtown zoning districts are hereby created and are being assigned to all land within the boundaries of the Community Redevelopment Area in the Downtown Mixed Use, Working Waterfront, General Industrial, High and Medium Density Multiple Family categories on the Comprehensive Plan’s Future Land Use Map to carry out the 2010 Riviera Beach CRA Plan:

1. DC Downtown Core
2. DG Downtown General
3. DR Downtown Residential
4. DI Downtown Industrial
5. DM Downtown Marine

(c) **Regulating plan for downtown districts.** The Downtown Riviera Beach Regulating Plan depicts the following information:

1. **District Boundaries.** The locations and boundaries of the downtown zoning districts shall be shown on both a map entitled “City of Riviera Beach Zoning Map” and a map entitled “Downtown Riviera Beach Regulating Plan.” The Downtown Riviera Beach Regulating Plan depicts additional information necessary to apply the standards contained in this Division and is hereby officially adopted as an integral part of these regulations.

2. **Primary and Secondary Streets.** Primary Streets are intended to develop overtime as superior pedestrian environments and, as such, are held to higher standards in the regulations regarding building placement, building frontage, and the location of parking and service uses. Streets not designated as Primary Streets are considered Secondary Streets, which will accommodate service functions and vehicular-oriented development needs including parking, loading, and drive-through facilities.

3. **Marina Way.** Marina Way is intended to provide both visual and pedestrian connections to Lake Worth and may or may not include vehicular access. Development along Marina Way shall be held to the same standards as development on Primary Streets.
(4) **Future Streets and Alleys.** Potential future streets and alleys are designated on the Regulating Plan. Future streets and alleys are desired new vehicular and/or pedestrian connections to, or extensions of, existing streets that will improve the overall transportation network. Future streets are intended to be Primary Streets; future alleys provide vehicular access to parking and other service functions located behind buildings. Future street and alley designations are not precise alignments or specific locations. The appropriateness of and final street designation, alignment and location of these intended links of the transportation network will be determined during the development review process by the Community Development Director. See § 29-65 for design standards for new streets and alleys.

(5) **Pre-Approved Redevelopment Design Areas.** The Regulating Plan indicates areas where this code provides pre-approved redevelopment options for mobile home/trailer park properties to create mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environments. See § 31-540.

(6) **Other Zoning Districts.** For the purpose of informing appropriate transitions of scale and use, lands assigned zoning districts other than the downtown zoning districts are also shown on the Regulating Plan.

d) **General standards for all downtown districts.**

(1) **Specific Standards.** Specific standards for each downtown zoning district are found in § 31-536.

(2) **General Standards.** General standards that apply to more than one downtown zoning district are found in § 31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540.

(3) **Conflicts.** Where the requirements of these zoning districts conflict with other portions of this code, the requirements of these districts shall prevail; however, no development may be approved that conflicts with the Comprehensive Plan.

(4) **Planned Unit Developments.** New planned unit developments are not permitted within the CRA. Planned unit developments approved prior to [date of ordinance] shall be governed by their respective planned development approvals. Their boundaries may not be expanded. Any amendments to the planned development approvals must comply with the Comprehensive Plan and the relevant downtown zoning districts to the extent practicable.

e) **Review process for downtown districts.** The purpose of site plan review is to ascertain whether a proposed new development follows the pattern of development described in the Community Redevelopment Area (CRA) Plan and conforms to all provisions of the Riviera Beach Comprehensive Plan and this code. Except for single-family homes on existing lots, all applications for development approval within the CRA that are not otherwise permitted as nonconforming uses or structures shall comply with all requirements of this code. Development applications shall be processed administratively as follows:

(1) The Community Development Director shall review plans, including the exhibits listed in § 31-534(e)(2), for completeness and compliance with the provisions of this code, including the Regulating Plan in § 31-534(c). The Community Development Director shall issue a final decision. Denials shall be in writing and shall specifically set forth the grounds for the denial. Any final decision of the Director may be appealed to the Zoning Board of Adjustment in accordance with the procedures established in this code for appeals of administrative decisions.

(2) Applications for site plan review under this article shall be accompanied by exhibits prepared by qualified professionals, which shall include the following:
a. A survey of existing conditions providing the following information:
   1. Gross land area (to the nearest one-hundredth \(1/100\) of an acre).
   2. Substantial, visual improvements (in addition to buildings) such as signs, parking structures, swimming pools, etc.
   3. Parking areas and number of parking spaces.
   4. Indication of access to a public way on land such as curb cuts and driveways, and to and from waters adjoining the surveyed tract, such as boat slips, launches, piers and docks.

b. In addition to any other application requirements, drawings of the proposed conditions shall be provided depicting the following:
   1. Vicinity map showing the property in reference to nearby streets and street intersections.
   2. Location of the property lines, location of existing and proposed rights-of-way, location and dimension of existing/proposed easements, water courses and other essential features.
   3. Indication of primary or secondary street designations for all rights-of-way and any future street or alley connections provided.
   4. Cross section and street design type for new and existing streets and alleys as described in § 29-65.
   5. Location of vehicular access to site including driveways and curbs cuts.
   6. The outlines of all existing and proposed buildings showing setbacks, percentage of building frontage, dimensions, and points of pedestrian access.
   7. Identification and dimensions of frontage types for all primary pedestrian entrances.
   8. Building elevations and sections, showing overall building height and number of stories.
   9. Location and dimensions of all proposed signage
   10. Location and dimensions of all perimeter treatments (sidewalks, pedestrian walkways, street trees, fences, streetwalls, and/or landscaping).
   11. Location of all off-street parking, loading facilities, and waste collection areas.
   12. Schematic of drainage system.
   13. Location, type, and size (in square feet) of civic open spaces.
   14. Landscaping plans, including specifications of species, of plant material, location, and size.

c. A data table which indicates the following:
   1. Future land use category and zoning district
   2. Total acres of the project
   3. Number of dwelling units
   4. Square feet of non-residential uses
   5. Parking computations as described in § 31-539
   6. Floor Area Ratio (FAR)
7. Percentage of building frontage required and provided on Primary Streets as described in § 31-535(c).

8. Public benefit height calculation, if applicable, as described in § 31-538(b)(7).

d. Such other design data as may be needed to evaluate the project’s compliance with the requirements of this code.

(3) Relief from certain requirements of this article may be permitted pursuant to the variance standards of §§ 31-39 through 31-41 of this code.

Sec. 31-535. Building Standards for all Downtown Districts.

(a) Building Height. Unless otherwise specified herein, the height of buildings shall be measured in and regulated by the number of stories. Increasing the maximum number of stories allowed in a downtown district may not be approved as a variance. Stories are measured from the floor to the bottom of the lowest structural member that supports the story above. See Figure 31-535(2).

(1) The ground story of commercial or mixed-use buildings shall be 10 feet to 18 feet tall.

(2) The ground story of residential buildings shall be from nine feet to 14 feet tall.

(3) Each story above the ground story in all buildings must be from eight feet to 12 feet tall; any upper story taller than 12 feet will count as two stories for the purpose of measuring building height.

(4) Mezzanines that exceed 15 percent of the floor area are counted as stories for the purpose of measuring height.

(5) Each parking garage level exposed to a street or civic open space shall be counted as a story for the purposes of measuring height. Parking levels fully concealed from view by a habitable story and use are not counted as stories for the purpose of measuring height. See Figure 31-535(1).
(6) Within the Downtown Core and Downtown General districts, residential units must have the floor of the first story elevated at least 18 inches above the adjacent sidewalk. Within the Downtown Residential district, residential units must have the floor of the first story elevated at least 12 inches above the adjacent sidewalk. In all districts, if this floor is elevated more than five feet above the adjacent sidewalk, the space below counts as the ground (first) story for the purposes of measuring building height. Lobbies and common areas in multi-unit buildings may have a zero to six-inch (0” to 6”) ground floor finish level.

(7) Flat roofs shall be enclosed by parapets no less than 42 inches high, or as required to screen equipment.

(8) Mechanical equipment necessary to the operation or maintenance of the building such as, but not limited to, elevator, stair, and mechanical penthouses, cooling towers, vent stacks and antennae shall be enclosed and screened in such a manner that the enclosure is an integral part of the overall building design and provides a balanced and graceful silhouette, and ameliorates the visual impact from adjacent buildings. Minor features not exceeding one foot in height shall be exempted from this regulation. The incorporation of green energy resources, such as photovoltaic cells, is encouraged; however, significant features, such as windmills, require approval by the Community Development Director.

(9) Architectural features such as church spires, steeples, belfries, cupolas, or similar, non-habitable structures are not limited by story height.
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(b) Building Placement. Each district contains dimensional requirements that regulate the disposition of new buildings on lots.

(1) Front setbacks shall be measured from the property lines coinciding with public rights-of-way, including streets, paths, and parks, or from a civic open space that meets the requirements in § 31-538(b). See Figure 31-535(3).

(2) In districts that allow development with no side or rear setback, the following limitations also apply:
   a. Side and rear setbacks are required only when an abutting property has a building existing as of the effective date of this ordinance [date] with windows facing the adjoining lot line. Then, new development shall set back to provide at least 10 feet of separation between the existing and new buildings.
   b. All light and air shafts, including those necessary per the percentage of openings on building façades, shall be provided within the lot.
   c. In the DC Downtown Core district, buildings taller than four stories in height have additional setback requirements for the upper stories, as described in § 31-536(a).

(c) Building Frontage. Building frontage is the percentage of the total width of a lot which is required to be occupied by the primary façade of a building. Each zoning district provides minimum building frontages.

(1) The primary façade shall be parallel to the right-of-way, located in accordance with the minimum and maximum front setback requirements of the zoning district.

(2) The location of the primary façade is not changed by architectural elements such as cornices, bay windows, awnings, porches, balconies, stoops, colonnades, arcades or forecourts.

(3) The primary façade may adjust around a Civic Open Space that meets the requirements in § 31-538(b) as shown in Figure 31-535(3).

Figure 31-535(3)
Building Frontage Requirement
(d) **Density.** The maximum density of residential units shall be determined as follows:

1. For parcels with maximum density, expressed as dwelling units per acre, set forth by the Future Land Use designation in the Riviera Beach Comprehensive Plan, the following calculation, with result rounded to the nearest whole number:

   \[
   \text{Maximum number of units} = \frac{\text{Parcel Size in square feet}}{43560} \times \text{Allowable Density}
   \]

   In mixed use buildings, the maximum number of units is not reduced by floor space dedicated to other uses.

2. For parcels with a Future Land Use designation in the Riviera Beach Comprehensive Plan that does not expressly limit density, the maximum number of residential units is limited by the overall floor area ratio allowed in the Riviera Beach Comprehensive plan and the regulations in this code that direct building form, story height, and the required number of parking spaces.

3. Each dwelling unit must meet the minimum floor area in § 31-494(2)(d).

(e) **Frontage Standards.** The main entrance to every building shall be accessible directly from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. The manner in which buildings are disposed along the street is a critical component of this code and is coordinated with the setback requirements for each district and the CRA Street Design Standards contained in § 29-65. Frontage Standards, contained in § 31-537, define architectural and design components for the entrance(s) to buildings and the area between primary façades and property lines.

(f) **Building Façade Standards.** In all downtown zoning districts, the following façade regulations apply:

1. Building façades facing streets or civic open spaces must have transparent windows covering between 20 percent and 75 percent of the wall area of each story as measured between finished floors. Transparent windows transmit at least 50 percent of visible daylight.

2. Windows and doors shall be vertically proportioned. Horizontal fenestration openings can meet this requirement by using muntins to subdivide glazed areas into vertical or square areas, or by using a series of vertically proportioned windows within the opening. Transom windows may be horizontal, and circular, square, and semi-circular windows may be used as limited accent elements within the facade.

3. All parapets shall have a cornice molding extending a minimum of two inches from the surface plane of the wall.

4. When required by the district, expression lines shall be moldings extending a minimum of two inches from the surface plane of the building wall. Expression lines are intended to be continuous façade elements and may not be covered by awnings or signs. Significant architectural elements such as columns, pilasters, and towers may interrupt expression lines.
(5) Building facades on primary streets shall be designed to visually screen uses permitted with limitations. Appropriate façade design incorporates the consistent use of materials and construction assemblies, fenestration patterns, architectural articulation, and features such as, but not limited to, the application of architectural screens, louvers, or glass, and the incorporation of vegetated surfaces and planters. Paint, faux treatments, scoring, construction joints, lighting, and material projections less than two inches are permitted, but do not fulfill the façade design requirements.

Figure 31-535(5)
Character Examples for Building Façade Screening
Uses Permitted with Limitations on Primary Streets

The Clematis Street garage utilizes consistent building materials with fenestration patterns to establish an attractive façade screening the parking levels over the retail space.

The Lincoln Theater has the building circulation located along the street behind an architectural glass façade that does not expose the large expanses of blank walls within the movie theater.
(g) *Paint Colors.* Paint colors are regulated in the Downtown zoning districts to encourage a range of colors for visual variety, to encourage light colors for energy savings, and to favor colors appropriate for a tropical environment. These regulations also apply to awning colors.

(1) The coloration of all buildings shall be with "earth tone" or pastel colors. Semi-transparent stains are recommended for application on natural wood.

(2) The following specific requirements also apply:

(a) Landowners may choose up to four colors for a single building (up to two body colors, up to two trim colors, and one accent color; these may be the same or different) and shall use at least two colors (one body color and one trim color).

(b) Architectural elements on the building facade, such as awnings and canopies, shall be in the same color(s) as the four chosen building colors.

(c) Body colors are intended for building walls, garden walls, and other primary building elements, and shall be used for no less than 70 percent of the painted surface area of the building. If two shades of body color are used on a building, the transition should occur along a horizontal expression line with the lighter hue located above the darker one. Color combinations shall be complimentary to each other.

(d) Trim colors are intended for door frames, storefront elements, windows and window frames, railing, shutters, ornament, fences, and similar features. Trim colors shall be used for no more than 30 percent of the painted surface area of the building.

(e) The accent color is used to highlight special features such as doors, shutters, gates, ornament, or storefront elements. The accent color shall be used for no more than 20 percent of the painted surface of the building.
Section 31-536. Regulations for Each Downtown Zoning District.

(a) DC Downtown Core District. The DC Downtown Core district promotes redevelopment of the commercial center of downtown Riviera Beach. The existing commercial corridor and marina area will become a vibrant, pedestrian-friendly, mixed-use district that accommodates shops, businesses, residences, marine-related, and entertainment uses.

(1) Lot Size, Building Placement, Size, and Height.

Table 31-536(a) provides the dimensional requirements regarding lot size and building placement, size, and height for the Downtown Core district. Figure 31-536(1) illustrates the dimensional requirements from the table.

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<sup>1</sup> Side lot lines facing streets are regulated by front setback requirements.

<sup>2</sup> All light and air shafts shall be provided within the lot. See § 31-535(b).

<sup>3</sup> See § 31-538(b).
a. Building frontage requirement. A minimum of 75 percent of the linear width of the lot along a Primary Street shall be occupied by the primary façade of a building, located in accordance with the minimum and maximum setbacks in Table 31-536(a). Secondary streets do not have a required minimum building frontage and buildings shall be located in accordance with the minimum setback in Table 31-536(a).

b. Modification of building frontage requirement for marine uses. The minimum building frontage requirement on Primary Streets may be reduced for boat dealerships and mega-yacht facilities subject to these standards:

1. Boat dealerships may display boats for sale, arranged in a uniformed and orderly fashion. Service and repair activities must be located within or behind a building or shall be located at least 30 feet from a Primary Street.

2. In the absence of a building façade, a fence comprised of metal pickets with masonry piers spaced no less than 25 feet on center shall be installed along both Primary and Secondary Streets. See Figure 31-536(2). The fence shall be three feet to six feet in height, located in line with the front setback and shall have the following design features:
   i. Fences shall be metal picket with masonry piers.
   ii. Piers shall be masonry with smooth stucco finish, at least 16 inches wide by 14 inches deep, and may be up to six feet six inches (6'-6") in height. Piers shall have a precast, architectural grade concrete cap, sloped to shed water.
   iii. Light fixtures shall be installed on the top of the cap or mounted to the side of the piers. Lighting fixtures shall be decorative, scaled proportionally to the pier.

Figure 31-536(2)
Fence with Masonry Piers

3. Install on-street parking, if applicable.

(2) Building Height and Massing Standards

a. On Primary Streets, the minimum building height is two stories, except for fueling stations, which may be one story in height (see § 31-536(3)).

b. Maximum building height is four stories.
c. Maximum building height is six stories for projects that opt to provide additional civic open space using the Public Benefit Height Option in § 31-538(b).

d. Maximum building height is increased to eight stories for projects that opt to provide additional civic open space using the Public Benefit Height Option in § 31-538(b) and are also located in one of the following sites which, due to the prominent setting and/or proximity to large open areas, are appropriate for taller buildings:

1. the east side of the intersection of Broadway and 13th Street for the purpose of creating a signature gateway entry to the marina area.
2. on the west side of Avenue C, between 12th Street and 16th Street, overlooking Bicentennial Park.
3. overlooking a new, single civic open space of at least 10,000 square feet in size, limited to the project providing the civic open space.

e. Buildings over four stories are subject to additional requirements in order to ensure architectural articulation in the overall building massing.

1. At the top of the fourth story, a recess line of at least 15 feet is required along at least 50 percent of building façades facing streets. Buildings built with no side or rear setbacks shall also provide a recess line of 15 feet at the top of the fourth story along 50 percent of the building elevation facing side or rear lot lines.

2. Massing for buildings over four stories in height is regulated using a percentage of the maximum size of the floor footprint of the building per story of height. The 100 percent floor footprint is calculated by multiplying the maximum lot coverage by the overall size of the parcel. **Table 31-536(b)** depicts the maximum percentage of floorprint allowed per story of height within the DC Downtown Core district:

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The arrangement of building mass is intentionally flexible to allow free design expression. However, the following massing characteristics must be evident in the building design:

(i) The main volume of the building shall be oriented toward Primary Streets, away from side or rear lot lines to reduce impact on adjacent properties.

(ii) Tower elements shall be located to appropriately respond to the urban condition of the specific site. Desirable tower locations emphasize street corners, main building entrances, gateways, or the visual axis of another street or civic open space.

(iii) Massing articulation shall not wholly occur within the center of the block and must be evident on the street façade(s) using architectural variations such as changes in the number of stories, articulations in the eave or roofline, and/or adjusting the location of the front façade to accommodate a civic open space.
(3) Building Use

a. Uses Permitted on all Streets. The following uses are permitted in the DC downtown core district on both Primary and Secondary Streets:

1. Multifamily dwelling units.
2. Professional office.
   (i) Drive throughs serving banks shall meet the configuration criteria in § 31-536(a)(3)(c)(4) but are not required to obtain a special exception.
3. Retail establishments.
   (i) Drive throughs serving restaurants require special exception and shall meet the configuration criteria in § 31-536(a)(3)(c)(4).
4. Hospitals.
5. Marine-related businesses as follows:
   (i) Retail, office, or commercial uses pertaining to marine industries, which does not involve manufacturing.
   (ii) Show rooms and office uses for marine sales, repair, or manufacturing.
6. Daycare (See § 31-544).
8. Nursing or convalescent homes and adult living facilities (ALF).
9. Churches and their educational buildings; Storefront churches.
10. Civic open space (See § 31-538).

b. Uses Permitted on Secondary Streets and Permitted with Limitations on Primary Streets.

1. The following uses are permitted in the DC district on Secondary Streets. On Primary Streets, these uses are also permitted, provided they are separated from the street for at least 20 feet with a use permitted on Primary Streets within the first story of a building up to three stories tall. On Primary Streets, these uses are also permitted provided they are separated from the street for at least 20 feet with a use permitted on Primary Streets within the first two stories of a building four stories tall or taller. Additional Building façade design requirements apply on Primary Streets (see § 31-535(f)):
   i. Parking garages and lots (whether principle or accessory use).
   ii. Theaters and motion picture houses.
   iii. Boat Dealerships.
   iv. Drive In restaurants.
   v. Repairing and servicing facilities for marine equipment, boats, or vehicles.

2. Boat dealerships and mega-yacht facilities are permitted on Primary Streets with reduced building frontage requirements, subject to additional standards. See § 31-536(a)(1)(b).
Figure 31-536 (3)
Primary Street Use Limitations

3-Story Building with First Story Use Liner

6-Story Building with First and Second Story Use Liner

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c. **Special Exceptions.** The following uses may be permitted by special exception in the DC district:

1. Private clubs, bars, saloons, taverns, cocktail lounges, or nightclubs.
2. Car washes.
3. Fueling Stations. Fueling stations are permitted by special exception in accordance with the following additional criteria:
   
   (i) Fueling Stations shall not be located at the intersection of two Primary Streets.
   
   (ii) A ground-story shop must be located along the street, with the gas pumps to the rear of the lot as illustrated in **Figure 31-536(4)**. The shop shall have the primary entrance facing and directly accessible from the street; an additional entrance facing the parking lot is permitted. Fueling Stations may be one story in height.

   **Figure 31-536(4)
   Downtown Fueling Station**

4. Drive throughs. Drive throughs shall meet the following additional criteria:

   (i) The stacking area is accommodated along the side and/or in the rear of the lot.

   (ii) The drive-through window shall be located either in the rear or to the side of the building, close to the frontage street. **Figure 31-536(5)** illustrates methods of incorporating drive through uses.
Figure 31-536(5)
Drive Through Configuration Options

Drive Through Configuration 1
Drive through stacking occurs in the rear of the lot. Circulation is from the alley, exiting to a secondary street.

Drive Through Configuration 2
Circulation and stacking occurs along the side of the building. Cars enter from the alley and exiting on to the Primary Street.

Drive Through Configuration 3
Circulation and stacking travel through the building. Cars enter from the rear of the lot and exit to the Primary Street.
(4) **Frontage Standards**

a. The front setback and side setbacks facing streets shall be hardscaped. The hardscape design shall have the following characteristics:

1. Street trees shall be installed as set forth in § 31-537(c), consistent with the appropriate street design in § 29-65.

2. A pedestrian walkway shall be accommodated as set forth in § 31-537(b).

3. Any setback area not needed to accommodate a pedestrian walkway may be landscaped using potted plants in removable planters or ground planting that does not obstruct views into storefront windows, and may also be used to accommodate merchandise displays or outdoor dining areas.

b. The main entrance(s) to ground story commercial space(s) shall be directly from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. Doors allowing public access shall occur at intervals no greater than 75 feet.

c. Building entrances shall use at least one of the following frontage types detailed in § 31-537(a):

1. Stoop
2. Forecourt
3. Bracketed Balcony
4. Storefront
5. Arcade/ Colonnade

d. Buildings with more than 250 feet of street frontage shall provide a pedestrian accessway at least 10 feet wide connecting the rear parking to the sidewalk area or establishing a cross-block connection.

(5) **Architectural Standards**

a. An expression line shall be provided at the top of the first story.

b. Buildings taller than four stories shall design and compose building elevations facing side property line(s) as building façades. Prominent side building elevations are most likely to occur on large properties, capable of accommodating taller buildings with structured parking solutions. In order to ensure compatibility with adjacent smaller-scaled structures, the building elevation of the stories of the fifth story and higher shall provide a minimum façade transparency of 15 percent.

c. In the absence of a building façade, a streetwall is required along both Primary and Secondary Streets. Streetwalls shall be three feet to three feet six inches (3'-6") in height, located in line with the building façade or the front setback. Streetwalls shall be composed of either an opaque wall using the same material and color as the building or of a continuous, maintained hedge. See See § 31-536(a)(1)(b) for fence standards for marine uses. In addition, one shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length the streetwall.

d. An opaque, masonry wall six feet in height shall be built on the property line along all side and rear lot lines that abut single-family houses existing as of the date of this ordinance (date) or lots in residential zoning district. In addition one tree shall be planted every 20 feet along the wall.

(6) **Other applicable Standards.** See § 31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540 for general standards that also apply to the DC district.
(b) **DG Downtown General.** The DG downtown general district promotes the redevelopment of the Avenue E corridor and adjacent areas into a mixed-use, pedestrian-friendly environment. Diverse housing options as well as commercial establishments serving the downtown population are permitted of a scale and intensity compatible with the adjacent residential neighborhoods.

(1) **Lot Size, Building Placement, Size, and Height.**

**Table 31-536(c)** provides the dimensional requirements regarding lot size, building placement, size, and height for the DG district. **Figure 31-536(3)** illustrates the dimensional requirements from the table.

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<td>Lot Area</td>
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<td>Lot Coverage</td>
<td>80% max.</td>
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**Building Placement**

- **A** Front Setback
  - Primary Street: 5 feet min.; 10 feet max.
  - Secondary Street: 5 feet min.
- **B** Side Setback: 0 feet
- **C** Rear Setback: 10 feet min.
- **D** Building Frontage: 65% min. on Primary Streets

**Building Size & Height**

- Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR): 2.0
- Maximum Height: 3 Stories

1. Side lot lines facing streets are regulated by the front setback requirements
2. All light and air shafts shall be provided within the lot. See § 31-535(b).

(2) **Use regulations.**

a. Uses permitted. The following uses are permitted by right in the DG district, except that on Primary Streets, parking (whether principle or accessory use) shall be separated from the street for at least 20 feet:

1. Multifamily dwelling units.
2. Professional office, except drive throughs are not permitted.
4. Retail establishments, except drive throughs are not permitted.
5. Daycare (See § 31-544).
6. Nursing or convalescent homes and adult living facilities (ALF).
7. Churches and their educational buildings; Storefront churches.
8. Civic open spaces (See § 31-538).

(3) Frontage Standards.

a. The front setback and side setbacks facing streets shall be hardscaped. The hardscape design shall have the following characteristics:

1. Street trees shall be installed as set forth in § 31-537(c), consistent with the appropriate street design in § 29-65.
2. A pedestrian walkway shall be accommodated as set forth in § 31-537(b).
3. Any setback area not used to accommodate a pedestrian walkway, may be landscaped adjacent to the building using potted plants in removable planters or ground planting that does not obstruct views into storefront windows, and may also be used to accommodate merchandise displays or outdoor dining areas.

b. The main entrance(s) to ground story commercial space(s) shall be directly from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. Doors allowing public access shall occur at intervals no greater than 75 feet.

c. Building entrances shall use at least one of the following frontage types detailed in § 31-537(a):

1. Stoop
2. Forecourt
3. Bracketed Balcony
4. Storefront
5. Arcade/ Colonnade

d. Buildings with more than 250 feet of street frontage shall provide a pedestrian accessway at least 10 feet wide connecting the rear parking to the sidewalk area or establishing a cross-block connection.

(4) Architectural Standards

a. An expression line shall be provided at the top of the first story.

b. In the absence of a building façade, a streetwall is required along both Primary and Secondary Streets. Streetwalls shall be three feet to three feet six inches in height, located in line with the building façade or the front setback. Streetwalls shall be composed of either an opaque wall using the same material and color as the building or of a continuous, maintained hedge. In addition, one shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length the streetwall.

c. An opaque, masonry wall six feet in height shall be built on the property line along all side and rear lot lines that abut single-family houses existing as of the date of this ordinance (date) or lots in residential zoning district. In addition, one shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length the wall.

(5) Other applicable Standards. See §31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540 for general standards that also apply to the DG district.
(c) **DR Downtown Residential District.** The DR downtown residential district promotes infill and redevelopment of existing downtown residential neighborhoods. New residential uses will enhance and respect the existing neighborhood fabric and accommodate diverse housing options including apartments and townhouses in a manner that is compatible with single-family houses.

(1) **Building Types.** This district anticipates a mix of single and multi-family buildings. In order to ensure compatibility, new development shall be in form of one of the following building types:

   a. **House.** A single-family detached building with front, side and rear yards.

   b. **Townhouse.** A single-family attached building, attached on at least one side with a private rear yard.

   c. **Apartment House.** A detached building resembling a large house, but containing multiple dwellings above and/or beside each other.

   d. **Courtyard Building.** A building designed to accommodate multiple dwellings above and beside each other, arranged around a central garden or patio that is partially or wholly open to the street.

(2) **Lot Size, Building Placement and Height.**

   a. **Table 31-536(d)** provides the dimensional requirements for lot size, building placement, frontage, and height for each of the allowable building types in the DR district.

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<td>50 / 120</td>
<td>4,800 / 15,000</td>
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<td>Courtyard Building(^4)</td>
<td>120 / 320</td>
<td>12,500 / No max.</td>
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\(^1\) These sizes reflect a fee-simple arrangement. In a condominium development, the lot sizes should be illustrated on the site plan, though not necessarily platted.

\(^2\) Corner lots must meet front setbacks on both streets. Front setbacks on infill lots shall either match the front setback of one of the adjacent buildings or shall be located between the setbacks.

\(^3\) See § 31-535(b).

\(^4\) See §31-536(c)(2)(c) for dimensional criteria for the courtyard.
Figure 31-536(4)  
House  

Figure 31-536(5)  
Townhouse  

Max. Height  

Min. Height  

House Character Examples  

Townhouse Character Examples  

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Figure 31-536(6)

Apartment House

Figure 31-536(7)

Courtyard Building

Apartment House Character Examples

Courtyard Building Character Examples
b. Where the property to be developed abuts an existing building or buildings, the proposed building shall be located to match or provide a transition to the adjacent front setback. The Community Development Director will administratively determine the appropriate front setback.

c. Courtyard Buildings have the following additional criteria:

1. A courtyard, open to the sky, of at least 12 percent of the lot area shall be provided.
2. The longer dimension of the courtyard shall be at least 30 feet if oriented east-west and at least 40 feet if oriented north-south.
3. The main entrance to ground story dwellings shall be directly from the street or the common courtyard.
4. In courtyards at least 35 feet wide, open-air porches, stoops, and balconies may encroach from two sides. In courtyards less than 35 feet wide, encroachment is permitted from one side.
5. An open-air covered pedestrian passageway, at least 10 feet wide, may connect the courtyard, through the building to the street. The passageway may be gated.

d. Townhouses have the following additional criteria:

1. Townhouses must have or install a rear alley to accommodate vehicular access and parking.
2. Townhouses shall occur in an array of at least three, side by side.
3. No more than eight contiguous townhouses shall occur without a pedestrian accessway of at least 10 feet.

(3) Use regulations.

a. Uses permitted. The following uses are permitted in the DR district:

2. Multiple family dwellings, provided the dwelling is provided in the form of a townhouse, apartment house, or courtyard building, as described in § 34-536(c)(1).
3. Parks, playgrounds, and recreation facilities under the supervision of the city.
4. Home occupations.
5. Libraries, community centers; buildings or land used exclusively by the federal, state, county or city governments for public purposes.
6. Any use commonly accessory to the above uses.
7. Civic open spaces (See § 31-538(b)).

b. Special exception. The following uses may be permitted by special exception in the DR downtown residential district:

1. Churches and their educational buildings.
2. Daycare (See § 31-544).
3. Nursing or convalescent homes and adult congregate living facilities (ACLF), or group home.
4. New Civic Building (See § 31-358(a)).
(4) **Frontage Standards.**

a. The front setback and side setbacks facing streets shall be landscaped and shall have the following characteristics:
   1. Street trees shall be installed as set forth in § 31-537(c), consistent with the appropriate street design in § 29-65.
   2. A pedestrian walkway shall be accommodated as set forth in § 31-537(b).
   3. Any remaining setback area not used to accommodate a pedestrian walkway, shall be landscaped.

b. Building entrances shall use at least one of the following frontage types detailed in § 31-537(a):
   1. Porch.
   2. Stoop.

(5) **Parking for Residential Building Types.**

a. House Type. Parking shall be located to the side or rear of the house. Attached garages shall be recessed at least 10 feet from the front façade of the house.

b. Townhouse Type.
   1. Townhouses must have or install a rear alley to accommodate vehicular access, garage access, and parking.
   2. Garage doors shall not face the street.
   3. Parking is not permitted in front setbacks or side setbacks facing streets.

c. See § 31-539 for additional parking standards.

(6) **Other applicable Standards.** See § 31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540 for general standards that also apply to the DR district.
(d) **DI Downtown Industrial District.** The downtown industrial district is intended to accommodate industrial uses, while achieving a high standard of appearance along streets in the downtown.

(1) **Lot Size, Building Placement and Height.** Table 31-536(e) provides the dimensional requirements regarding lot size, building placement, frontage and height for the downtown industrial district. Figure 31-536(8) illustrates the dimensional requirements from the table. A Liner Building is required on Primary Streets to shield industrial uses from the street.

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**Liner Building Placement**

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¹ On Liner Buildings, side lot lines facing streets are regulated by the front setback requirements
² See § 31-535(b).
(2) Use regulations.

a. Uses permitted by right on Primary Streets. The following uses are permitted by right on Primary Streets in the DI district:
   1. Retail establishments.
   2. Professional office.
   3. Residential uses are permitted only in the upper stories of Liner Buildings.
   4. Retail, show rooms, and office functions of industrial and manufacturing uses. The industrial/manufacturing aspect of the use shall be located in accordance with § 31-536(d)(2)(b).
   5. Adult training centers
   6. Civic Open Space (See § 31-538)

b. Uses Permitted on Secondary Streets and Permitted with Limitations on Primary Streets. The following uses are permitted in the DI district on Secondary Streets. On Primary Streets, these uses are also permitted provided they are separated from the street for at least 20 feet with a use permitted on Primary Streets on the first story.
   1. The uses permitted by right in the IL limited industrial district
   2. Auto services, including transmission and oil change establishments
   3. Beverage manufacturing and bottling works.
   4. Laboratory industrial research
   5. Truck rental and leasing.

6. Warehouses and storage uses

(3) Frontage Standards

a. The front setback and side setbacks facing streets shall be hardscaped. The hardscape design shall have the following characteristics:
   1. Street trees shall be installed as set forth in § 31-537(c), consistent with the appropriate street design in § 29-65.
   2. A pedestrian walkway shall be accommodated as set forth in § 31-537(b).
   3. Any setback area not used for the pedestrian walkway may be landscaped adjacent to the building using potted plants in removable planters or ground planting that does not obstruct views into or out of front windows.

b. The main entrance(s) to ground story Liner Buildings shall be directly from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. Doors allowing public access shall occur at intervals no greater than every 75 feet.

c. Building entrances shall use at least one of the following frontage types detailed in § 31-537(a):
   1. Forecourt
   2. Bracketed Balcony
   3. Storefront
   4. Arcade/ Colonnade
(4) Architectural Standards

a. An expression line shall be provided at the top of the first story.

b. Overhead doors or other loading facilities shall not face Primary Streets and may not be counted toward fulfilling the minimum façade transparency requirements.

c. In the absence of a building façade, a streetwall or fence is required along both Primary and Secondary Streets. Streetwalls and fences shall be no higher than six feet and shall be located in line with the building façade or the front setback. Streetwalls shall be composed of an opaque wall using the same material and color as the building. Fences shall have a continuous, maintained hedge installed on the street side. In addition, one shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length of the streetwall or fence on the street side.

d. An opaque, masonry wall six feet in height shall be built on the property line along all side and rear lot lines that abut single-family houses existing as of the date of this ordinance (date) or lots in residential zoning district. In addition, one tree shall be planted every 20 feet along the wall.

(5) Other applicable Standards. See § 31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540 for general standards that also apply to the DI district.
(e) **DM Downtown Marine District.** The DM downtown marine district promotes the use of marine industry, marine-related businesses and services, and boating activities within the downtown area, while recognizing the waterfront area is comprised of and surrounded by a diverse mix of uses. In order to ensure appropriate transitions between marine industry and other uses, including existing single-family houses, this district controls building form and the location of certain uses to establish a successful, vibrant downtown area, and to enhance access to the waterfront area.

(1) **Lot Size, Building Placement and Height.**

a. **Table 31-536(f)** provides the dimensional requirements regarding lot size, building placement, frontage, and height for the downtown marine district. **Figure 31-536(9)** illustrates the dimensional requirements from the table. A Liner Building is required on Primary Streets to shield certain marine uses from the street.

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**Building Size & Height**

| Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) | 1.15 |
| Liner Building Maximum Height |
| Facing a Residential District | 3 Stories max. |
| Not facing a Residential District | 5 Stories max. |
| Marine Industry Maximum Height | 50 feet max. |

\(^1\) On liner buildings, side lot lines facing streets are regulated by the front setback requirements

\(^2\) See § 31-535(b).
b. Appropriate Transitions between Existing Residential Uses and Marine Industry.

1. Along Primary Streets, parking and marine industry uses such as, but not limited to, refueling stations, boat storage buildings, exterior boat storage, and repairing, manufacturing, or servicing facilities shall be shielded from view of the street by a Liner Building. A Liner Building is allowed, but not required on Secondary Streets.

2. For parcels in the DM district facing the fronts of existing single-family houses or lots located within a residential zoning district, one or more of the following options shall be used to provide an appropriate transition:
   i. In lieu of a Liner Building, one or more of the building types permitted in the DR Downtown residential district, separated from the marine industry uses by a rear alley, shall line the street;
   ii. A Liner Building in accordance with regulations in Table 31-536(f) shall be installed; however, the front setback shall match or provide a transition to the front setback of the surrounding houses. The Community Development Director will administratively determine the appropriate front setback.
   iii. In combination with either (i) or (ii) above, up to 60% of the property line facing a street may be a Civic Open Space.

Figure 31-536(10)
Downtown Marine Residential Transitions
(2) Use regulations.

a. Uses permitted by right on Primary Streets. The following uses are permitted by right on Primary Streets in the DM district:

1. Retail establishments.

2. Residential and extended stay lodging uses are permitted only in the upper stories of Liner Buildings.

3. Professional office.

4. Retail, office, or commercial uses pertaining to marine industries, which do not involve manufacturing.

5. The show rooms and office uses for marine industries that involve manufacturing. The manufacturing aspect of the industry shall be located in accordance with § 31-536(e)(2)(b).


7. Marine-related adult training centers.

8. Civic open space (See § 31-538(b)).

b. Uses Permitted on Secondary Streets and Permitted with Limitations on Primary Streets. The following uses are permitted in the DM district on Secondary Streets. On Primary Streets, these uses are also permitted provided they are separated from the street for at least 20 feet with a use permitted on Primary Streets on the first story.

1. Parking garages and lots (whether principle or accessory use)

2. Refueling stations for marine use only;

3. Repairing, manufacturing, and servicing facilities for marine equipment;

4. Boat storage buildings and exterior boat storage;

5. Marine ways and lifts;

6. Facilities for research, manufacturing, and assembly of equipment used in oceanography, marine biology, and related fields;

7. Customary accessory uses to all of the above

c. Additional Uses permitted by right near the Port of Palm Beach. Storage and manufacturing of construction materials and related equipment, which rely upon marine transport as a component of the operations, are added to the permitted uses under §31-536(e)(2)(b) above, for properties located in the following area:

1. East of Broadway; and

2. Directly adjacent to the Port of Palm Beach or on the north side of 11th Street, across from the Port of Palm Beach. Lots with frontage on 12th Street are not eligible for the additional uses.

(3) Frontage Standards.

a. The front setback and side setbacks facing streets shall be hardscaped. The hardscape design shall have the following characteristics:

1. Street trees shall be installed as set forth in § 31-537(c), consistent with the appropriate street design in § 29-65.
2. A pedestrian walkway shall be accommodated as set forth in § 31-537(b).

3. Any remaining setback area not used for the pedestrian walkway, may be landscaped adjacent to the building using potted plants in removable planters or ground planting that does not obstruct views into or out of front windows.

b. The main entrance(s) to ground story Liner Buildings shall be directly from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. Doors allowing public access shall occur at intervals no greater than every 75 feet.

c. Building entrances shall use at least one of the following frontage types detailed in § 31-537(a):
   1. Forecourt
   2. Bracketed Balcony
   3. Storefront
   4. Arcade/ Colonnade

(4) Architectural Standards

a. Overhead doors or other loading facilities shall not face Primary Streets and may not be counted toward fulfilling the minimum façade transparency requirements.

b. In the absence of a building façade, a streetwall or fence is required along both Primary and Secondary Streets. Streetwalls and fences shall be no higher than six feet and shall be located in line with the building façade or the front setback. Streetwalls shall be composed of an opaque wall using the same material and color as the building. Fences shall have a continuous, maintained hedge installed on the street side. In addition, one shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length of the streetwall or fence on the street side.

c. An opaque, masonry wall six feet in height shall be built on the property line along all side and rear lot lines that abut single-family houses existing as of the date of this ordinance (date) or lots in residential zoning district. In addition, one tree shall be planted every 20 feet along the wall.

(5) Other Applicable Standards. See § 31-535 and §§ 31-537 through 31-540 for general standards that also apply to the DM district.
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Section 31-537. Frontage Standards. The downtown zoning districts establish a predictable spatial framework to create a pedestrian-friendly environment supportive of infill redevelopment and multi-modal transportation options. Frontage standards ensure a superior pedestrian environment develops overtime that improves the overall visual appearance and use of downtown streets. These standards define architecture and design components for the entrance(s) to buildings and the area between building facades and streets.

(a) Frontage Types. The entrance(s) of every building shall be directly accessible from and face a public right-of-way or civic open space. Frontage Types define architectural characteristics for the detailing of these building entrances. Six distinct frontage types have been identified, which are appropriate for different types of buildings and uses. Table 31-537(a) identifies the frontage types appropriate for each zoning district by an “X”. Using one or more of frontage types identified is required.

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(1) Porch. A porch is an open-air structure attached to a building forming a covered entrance large enough for comfortable use as an outdoor room. Porches are generally appropriate for single-family attached or detached houses. The main building façade is typically setback from the property line, creating a private front yard. Table 31-537(b) provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. Figure 31-537(1) illustrates the dimensional requirements from Table 31-537(b).

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*Figure 31-537(1)*

Porch Frontage Type

*Figure 31-537(2)*

Porch Character Example
(2) **Stoop.** A stoop is a small staircase leading to the entrance of a building that may be covered. The elevation of the stoop is necessary to ensure privacy for residential uses in the ground story of buildings. Stoops should provide sufficient space for a person to comfortably pause before entering or after exiting the building. Stoops are frontage types typically associated with townhouses and other residential building types. **Table 31-537(c)** provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. **Figure 31-537(3)** illustrates the dimensional requirements from **Table 31-537(c)**.

| Table 31-537(c) |
|------------------|------------------|
| **Dimensional Requirements for Stoops** |
| **Minimum** | **Maximum** |
| A Building Setback | varies by zoning district |
| B Stoop Depth | 5 feet | 8 feet |
| C Stoop Width | 4 feet | No Max. |
| D Stoop Floor Elevation | 1.5 feet | 4 feet |

**Maximum Allowable Encroachment per District**

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**Figure 31-537(3)**
Stoop Frontage Type

**Figure 31-537(4)**
Stoop Character Example
(3) *Bracketed Balcony*. A bracketed balcony is second-story platform projecting from the building wall, enclosed by a railing or balustrade, supported by brackets. The bracketed balcony is located over the main building entry, which provides cover for a person entering or exiting the building, emphasizes the entryway, and creates a semi-public space overlooking the street. Bracketed balconies are typically associated with buildings with commercial uses in the ground story; however, bracketed balconies can be used on residential building types when combined with a stoop.

a. **Table 31-537(d)** provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. **Figure 31-537(5)** illustrates the dimensional requirements from **Table 31-537(d)**.

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**Maximum Allowable Encroachment per District**

- Downtown General: 3 feet
- Downtown Core: 3 feet
- Downtown Industrial: 3 feet
- Downtown Marine: 3 feet

b. **Bracketed Balcony Elements**

1. Brackets shall be made of wood, pre-cast concrete or steel.
2. Brackets shall be designed to reflect their intended structural role and to define the entryway.

**Figure 31-537(5)** *Bracketed Balcony Frontage Type*  
**Figure 31-537(6)** *Bracketed Balcony Character Example*
(4) **Forecourt.** A forecourt is an open area in front of the main building entrance(s) designed as a small garden or hardscaped plaza. The forecourt may afford access to one or more first floor units and may incorporate storefronts for retail uses. The forecourt is suitable for outdoor seating for residents or restaurants. Forecourts are typically associated with multifamily, mixed-use, and commercial building types.

a. **Table 31-537(e)** provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. Figure 31-537(7) illustrates the dimensional requirements from Table 31-537(e).

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<td>D Forecourt Floor Elevation</td>
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**Maximum Allowable Encroachment per District**

Not Applicable

b. **Forecourt Elements**

1. Low walls or balustrades may extend into the front setback and shall be at least two feet six inches tall and shall not exceed three feet six inches in height.

2. Low walls shall be constructed of similar material as the principal building, or be composed of a continuous, maintained hedge.

3. Forecourts may be combined with the storefront frontage type.

4. Awnings, if proposed, shall project at least four feet and no more than two feet from the edge of curb.

5. Awnings shall be consistent with the architecture of the building. Internally illuminated or vinyl awnings are prohibited.
(5) **Storefront.** The storefront is a frontage type placed along the property line, and is typically associated with retail and mixed-use buildings. The storefront must be designed in a way that promotes an attractive, convenient shopping experience. Storefronts are typically at sidewalk grade and are usually shaded by awnings or arcades.

a. **Storefront Dimensions.** Table 31-537(f) provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. Figure 31-537(9) illustrates the dimensional requirements from Table 31-537(f).

1. Storefronts shall extend across at least 70% of the commercial/retail space.
2. Storefronts shall be directly accessible from sidewalks; storefront doors may be recessed up to 10 feet.

### Table 31-537(f)

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### Maximum Allowable Encroachment of Elements in All Districts

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<td>2 feet from curb</td>
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**Figure 31-537(9)**  
Storefront Frontage Type

**Figure 31-537(10)**  
Storefront Character Example
3. Storefronts shall have transparent glazing of at least 70% of the facade area, comprised of storefront windows and doors. Storefront windows shall have a base one foot six inches to three feet high with transparent glazed areas extending from the base to at least eight feet in height as measured from sidewalk grade. Transparent glazing transmits at least 50% of visible daylight.

b. **Storefront Elements**

1. Awnings shall project a minimum of four feet from the building facade and no more than two feet from the face of curb.

2. Awnings shall be sympathetic to the buildings’ architecture and designed as an integral component of the overall signage package. All awnings shall be sloped 30 degrees from the horizontal plane and have both ends open. All awnings on street level shall have an eight inch vertical valance with concealed weight to prevent excessive movement in high winds. Internally illuminated or vinyl awnings are prohibited.

3. Each ground story business may have one wall sign per street front. The wall sign shall be no greater than three feet in height by 60% of the width of the tenant space along the street front. The wall sign shall be located over the first story, below the second story. A name or logo printed on the awnings shall be considered as square footage against the overall dimensions of the sign band.

4. Each ground story business may have one pedestrian blade sign per street front. Pedestrian blade signs may extend up to four feet from the building façade and shall not exceed three feet in vertical dimension, including all mounting brackets and hardware. Pedestrian Blade Signs shall be set back at least two feet from the end of the building or storefront. Pedestrian blade signs may not be internally illuminated.

5. Window signs advertising special sales, events or services, store hours, and store name may be affixed to the inside of a window provided that their total area does not exceed 20% of the window area.

6. Storefronts may be combined with forecourts or arcade/colonnades.

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**Figure 31-537(11)**

*Storefront Composition and Signage Examples*
(6) **Arcade/Colonnade.** An arcade/colonnade is a covered, unglazed, linear hallway attached to the front of a building, supported by columns or pillars. The arcade/colonnade extends into the public right-of-way, over the sidewalk, creating a shaded environment ideal for pedestrians and conducive to retail. In arcades, upper stories of the building extend over the passageway. This frontage type is typically associated with retail and mixed-use buildings.

a. **Arcade/Colonnade Dimensions.** Table 31-537(g) provides the dimensional requirements and the maximum allowable encroachment permitted by the zoning district. Figure 31-537(12) illustrates the dimensional requirements from Table 31-537(g).

1. Arcades/colonnades shall extend over the sidewalk. A sidewalk should not run parallel to an arcade or colonnade, which allows pedestrians to bypass retail or commercial windows. Use of the arcade/colonnade requires entering into a right-of-way agreement between the property owner and the City. This agreement shall establish liability and insurance responsibilities in a form acceptable to the City attorney.

2. Arcades/colonnades shall have a clear depth between the interior face of the columns and the building facade of at least 10 feet and no more than 20 feet. If the distance between the property line and the face of curb is not sufficient to accommodate the

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<td>D Column/Pillar to Face of Curb</td>
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| E Arcade/Colonnade | varies by street |
| F Pedestrian Blade Sign Projection | N/A | 4 feet |

Figure 31-537(12)  
Arcade/Colonnade  
Figure 31-537(13)  
Arcade/Colonnade Character Example
minimum depth required for an arcade/colonnade, the building shall set back accord-
ingly. If the distance between the property line and the face of curb is wide enough that using the minimum building setback results in an arcade with a clear depth greater than 12 feet, the minimum front setback may be administratively reduced by the Community Development Director, taking into consideration the ultimate location of the face of curb based on the street design standards for the community redevelopment area set forth in § 29-65.

3. Arcades/colonnades shall have a clear height above the sidewalk of at least 12 feet.
4. Support columns or pillars shall be placed no farther apart than they are tall, and shall be placed two to four feet from the face of the curb.
5. Open-air terraces and habitable stories may extend over the arcade, up to the fourth story.
6. Arcade/colonnade ceilings shall be designed with coffers or exposed beams extruding at least six inches, aligned with columns or pillars.

b. Arcade/Colonnade Elements

1. Arcade/Colonnades shall be combined with storefronts.
2. The height and proportions of the arcade/colonnade shall be consistent with the style and proportions of the building to which it is attached.
3. Each ground story business may have one wall sign not exceeding three feet in height by 60% of the storefront width on the first story facade of the arcade/colonnade.
4. Each ground story business may have one wall sign under the covered area, not exceeding two feet in height by 60% of the storefront width.
5. Each ground story business may have one pedestrian blade sign under the covered area. Pedestrian blade signs may extend up to four feet from the building façade and shall not exceed three feet in vertical dimension, including all mounting brackets and hardware. Pedestrian Blade Signs shall be set back at least two feet from the end of the building or storefront. Pedestrian blade signs may not be internally illuminated.
6. Potted landscaping or ground planting shall be provided between the face of the columns or pillars and the face of curb.

Figure 31-537(14)
Example of Arcade/Colonnade Signage Examples
(b) Pedestrian Walkway. In order to ensure a superior pedestrian realm develops overtime, a pedestrian walkway may be required on-site to augment public sidewalk widths, especially along narrow rights-of-way. A pedestrian walkway is an area that forms a continuous route for pedestrians, which is unobstructed by trees, landscaping, street lights or utility poles. Pedestrian walkways may be composed of public sidewalks, hardscape on private property, or a combination of the two.

**Figure 31-537(14)**

*Clear Width of Pedestrian Walkway*

![Diagram of sidewalk and pedestrian walkway](image)

**Table 31-537(g)**

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(1) _Width of Pedestrian Walkway_. The minimum width of pedestrian walkways shall be provided as depicted in **Table 31-537(g)**. The proposed pedestrian walkway shall be demonstrated on site plans. In order to accommodate the required width of the pedestrian walkway, increasing the front setback beyond the minimum amount allowed by the specific zoning district may be necessary; however, buildings shall not setback further than the maximum allowed per zoning district. In the event the maximum front setback does not provide adequate space, the pedestrian walkway may be accommodated within the arcade/colonnade frontage type to meet the intent of the code.

(2) Where an existing public sidewalk adjoins the property line, the paved area of the public sidewalk and the pedestrian walkway shall connect, thereby expanding the perceived width of the public sidewalk. An existing, adjoining public sidewalk may be counted toward fulfilling the minimum clear width of a pedestrian walkway.
(3) All paving materials for the pedestrian walkway shall be compliant with ADA accessibility standards, and shall be constructed of concrete consistent with the adjacent sidewalk and acceptable to the Community Development and Engineering Departments.

(4) Where a sidewalk or a pedestrian walkway crosses vehicular ingress/egress points, the pedestrian crossing shall be paved with material consistent with the paving material of the sidewalk or walkway, and shall be different from the vehicular surface.

(c) Street Trees Street trees are intended to provide a shaded environment for the pedestrian, provide a physical separation between pedestrians and vehicles, and improve the overall visual appearance of the street.

(1) All new construction, relocation of a building, or addition equal to or greater than 20% of the gross floor area of an existing building shall install street trees at the time of development. Street trees shall be a canopy species, planted in the public right-of-way directly in front of the property line(s), uniformly spaced no greater than 25 feet on center. Spacing of trees may only exceed 25 feet in order to accommodate curb cuts, fire hydrants, utilities, existing trees, and other infrastructure elements. Palm varieties may be used at corners, crosswalks, or to accent building entrances and may be permitted in lieu of shade trees when physical conditions may prevent the proper growth of shade trees, as determined by the Community Development Director. Consistency in street tree species shall be established on both sides of the street along a block face. The first to develop shall establish the species.

(2) Street trees shall be planted in planting strips, landscaped planters or tree grates consistent with the street design standards contained in §29-65. Street trees shall be located along the curb side, in order to separate pedestrians from vehicular lanes.

(3) All trees shall satisfy the following standards at the time of planting:
   (i) Canopy species: Minimum 14 feet in height with a clear trunk space of six feet and a spread of no less than eight feet.
   (ii) Palm trees: Minimum 18 feet in height, with a clear trunk space of eight feet.

(4) In the event that site constraints such as utility easements prevent the installation of required street trees, removable planters of small palms and small shrubs, vines or seasonal flowers shall be installed. In addition, the building shall provide devices such as awnings or roof overhangs to establish a shaded pedestrian environment.
Section 31-538 Civic Open Spaces.

(a) Civic Open Spaces. Civic open spaces are maintained outdoor spaces which are accessible by the general public, improve the pedestrian environment, are aesthetically pleasing, and serve as an amenity for the city as a whole as well as for occupants of the building which the open space serves. Civic open spaces are generally constructed by landowners when they build on adjoining property.

(1) Amount. On sites one acre or more in size, new buildings or additions of gross floor area equal to 20 percent or more to existing buildings, shall provide at least five percent of the size of the site as a civic open space. Dedicated rights-of-way and building setbacks may not count toward fulfilling the required amount.

(2) Location. Civic open space may be provided either on site or off site, provided the civic open space is located within 660 feet of the building site, within the same zoning district, and within the CRA boundary.

(3) Types of Civic Open Spaces. Civic open space shall be designed as one of the following types:

a. **Green.** A green is at least 2,000 square feet in size and adjoins streets on at least two sides. Greens are designed primarily for passive uses, consisting primarily of lawn with either formally or informally arranged landscaping.

b. **Plaza.** A plaza is at least 2,000 square feet in size and adjoins a street on at least 2 sides. Plazas are mostly hardscaped with formal landscaping and a water feature.

c. **Playground.** A playground shall be at least 2,500 square feet in size. Playgrounds shall provide children’s play equipment and shaded seating. Playgrounds adjoin a street on at least one side and the proposed configuration should ensure easy surveillance of the area from the adjacent buildings and streets.

d. **Square.** A square is at least 10,000 square feet and adjoins streets on at least 3 sides. Squares may be up to 50 percent hardscaped, with formal landscaping. Squares accommodate both passive uses and community gatherings.

e. **Attached Green.** The attached green is generally 3,000 to 6,000 square feet and spans the entire length of a block. Attached greens shall be at least 30 feet wide and are appropriate on the short end of a block. Attached greens are formally landscaped, with trees arranged in an allee or staggered allee configuration.
(4) **Configuration.** Civic open spaces shall be configured as follows:

a. The civic open space shall adjoin a street front property line for no less than 30 linear feet.

b. Except for attached greens, civic spaces shall have a proportion so that the depth is no more than 2.5 times the frontage width, and the width is no more than 5 times the depth;

c. Civic open spaces shall be lined by building facades or streets on all sides. In order to provide oversight of the space, buildings facing civic open spaces shall contain habitable uses; parking lots, parking garages, and storage areas are not considered habitable uses.

(5) **Additional Standards.** Civic open spaces shall meet the following minimum standards:

a. Civic open spaces must be accessible to the public during all daylight hours;

b. Civic open spaces must be situated to allow easy ingress and egress by pedestrians. Except for playgrounds, which may be fenced, no streetwalls, gates, fences or other impediments to pedestrian accessibility shall be permitted along the frontage line;

c. Civic open spaces must be located at the sidewalk level;

d. Civic open spaces must be open to the sky; however, open-air garden structures such as gazebos or band shells are permitted within civic open spaces;

e. Landscaping shall be arranged in a manner reflective of description of the type of civic open space. One shade tree per 20 feet of perimeter of the space is required. Trees may be arranged in regular spacing or in informal clusters, depending on the type of open space. Trees shall be installed to provide shade along walkways and for benches. Substituting shade trees for multiple palm species is not permitted; however, adding palms to the landscape design is permitted.

f. Each civic open space shall provide the following street furniture elements, specifications subject to approval by the City of Riviera Beach:

1. 1 bench per 350 square feet of area;

2. 1 drinking fountain;

3. 1 bicycle rack with no less than four spaces;

4. 1 trash receptacle;

5. 1 pet clean up station.

g. Fences are permitted only to enclose playgrounds. Fences may be composed of wood or metal pickets and shall not exceed four feet in height.

h. Vehicular traffic shall not be permitted within a civic open space.

i. Civic open spaces shall be designed to enhance user safety and security using Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) principles by

   1. being well lighted;

   2. having one or more focal points within the open space visible from all perimeter streets;

   3. having a clear landscape zone between three feet and eight feet in height providing sightlines unobstructed by berms or bushes.
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(6) **Availability.** Civic open space shall be developed and open for use prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy for the building(s) for which the open space is required.

(7) **Public Benefit Height Option.** In order to encourage projects to provide civic open space in the downtown, increased building height is offered in the Downtown Core district.

a. Civic spaces provided in order to receive the Public Benefit Height Option shall meet the following criteria:

1. Comply with §§ 31-538(b)(2) through (6).

2. In order to use the Public Benefit Height Option, civic open spaces must be at least 2,000 square feet in size. Dedicated rights-of-way, building setbacks, and civic open space provided to meet the requirement in § 31-538(b)(1) may not count toward fulfilling this amount.

b. The quantity of the additional building square footage permitted within the extra stories of height is directly related to the size, location, and accessibility by the general public of the proposed civic open space. Waterfront locations are considered the most desirable sites and therefore receive the highest factor.

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<thead>
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<th>Civic Open Space Configuration</th>
<th>Public Benefit Factor</th>
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<tr>
<td>Adjoining one public right-of-way</td>
<td>Not permitted</td>
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<tr>
<td>Adjoining two or more public rights-of-way</td>
<td>2.0</td>
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<tr>
<td>Waterfront location*</td>
<td>3.0</td>
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* Waterfront locations shall have at least one side adjoining the Intercoastal waterway and at least three sides bounded by public rights-of-way, one of which shall be along the water’s edge.

c. Computing the Benefit. The following formula computes the amount of building square footage allowed above the fourth story:

1) Multiply the square footage of the proposed civic open space by the maximum number of stories allowed in the district without using the public benefit height.

2) Multiply the result by the public benefit factor from Table Figure 31-538(a) that best describes the configuration of the proposed civic open space.

3) The result is the total additional building square footage that can be placed within in the extra stories allowed by the district as the maximum Public Benefit Height (subject to floorplate limitations in the massing regulations).

For example, within the Downtown Core district, a project that proposes a civic open space of 2,000 square feet in size adjoining two streets and not located on the waterfront would compute the benefit as follows:

\[(2000 \text{ sf.} \times 4 \text{ stories} \times 2) = 16,000 \text{ square feet.}\]

Therefore, 16,000 square feet could be arranged within the fifth through eighth stories (subject to floorplate limitations).
Section 31-539. Downtown Parking and Access

(a) **Purpose and Intent.** This subsection provides modified parking regulations for off-street parking within the Downtown Zoning Districts. These regulations recognize that the downtown is a compact, interconnected area with multimodal transportation options, and that improper placement of parking and mandatory duplication of the downtown parking supply on each building site separates the various land uses from each other. This separation reduces the viability of the mixed-use districts and harms the walkability of the streets in the downtown area. These regulations reflect the needs of the urban, mixed use downtown.

(b) **Minimum Number of Off-street Parking Spaces.** The minimum number of parking spaces required in § 31-577 Off-street Parking Ratios are modified by this section for use in the Downtown Zoning Districts; the following regulations shall apply to determine the minimum number of off-street parking spaces required:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Land Use</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Single Family House</td>
<td>2 spaces/unit (Tandem Parking Arrangement Permitted)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Single Family Townhouse</td>
<td>2 spaces/unit (Tandem Parking Arrangement Permitted)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Residential Multi Family</td>
<td>1 space/unit</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hotels, Motels</td>
<td>1 space/first 40 guest rooms</td>
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<td>1 additional space/every 2 guest rooms or suites, thereafter</td>
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<td>Hospitals</td>
<td>1/500 sf</td>
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<td>Medical and Dental Clinics</td>
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<td>Places of Assembly</td>
<td>1/350 sf</td>
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<tr>
<td>Auditoriums, Stadiums, Arenas, Recreational Facilities, etc.</td>
<td>For stadiums, arenas, auditoriums etc: 1 space/7 bleacher seats, when provided, or 20 spaces/athletic field, whichever is greater. For outdoor attractions and other recreation areas: 1 space/300 sf of total floor area of covered space plus 3 spaces for each acre of outdoor attraction area. For motorcycles: 14 spaces/acre.</td>
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<td>Restaurants</td>
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<td>Retail Establishments</td>
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<td>Office Buildings</td>
<td>1/500 sf</td>
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<tr>
<td>Wholesale/warehousing</td>
<td>1 space/1000 sf or 1 space/2 separate mini-warehousing units</td>
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<td>Industrial uses</td>
<td>1 space/500 sf</td>
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<td>Marina facilities</td>
<td>Wet slips: 1 space / 2 wet slips for private vessels</td>
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<td>Dry storage: 1 space /4 dry storage spaces</td>
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|                                               | Sight seeing; charter; commercial:  
|                                               | a) 3 spaces/ passenger-carrying vessel carrying up to six passengers for hire;  
|                                               | b) 1 space/ two passenger-carrying vessels carrying more than six passengers for hire, as ascertained by U.S. Coast Guard Certificate of Inspection. |
| Daycare                                       | 1/ employee (min. 3) plus adequate provision for drop-off children |
(1) Within the Downtown Core and Downtown Mixed Use Neighborhood districts, lots 100 feet in width or less are not required to provide off-street parking.

(2) On-street parking located directly in front of the property line(s) may be counted toward fulfilling the total parking requirement in all Downtown Zoning Districts.

(c) **Location and Access.** Parking and service areas shall be accessed and located at the rear or side of the building(s).

(1) Parking is not permitted in front setbacks or in side setbacks facing streets, parks or civic open spaces. Parking lots may be located on the side of buildings provided the minimum building frontage requirement by the zoning district is met and the parking lots are screened from view of the street by a streetwall (See § 31-539(e)).

(2) On Primary Streets, parking garages shall be lined by a use permitted by right for Primary Streets by the zoning district for at least 20 feet of depth on all stories. On secondary streets, parking garages not lined by such a use shall be screened by a façade design consistent with the main building design and/or shall employ landscaping planters with irrigation as an integral part of the façade design.

(3) Alleys, when present, shall be the primary source of vehicular access to off-street parking. Alleys shall be a minimum width of 20 feet, and may be incorporated into parking lots and garages as standard drive aisles. Access to all properties adjacent to the alley shall be maintained.

(4) When alleys are not present, primary vehicular access to off-street parking shall be from secondary streets. Access drives shall not exceed 24 feet in width.

(5) When neither alleys nor secondary streets are present, primary vehicular access may be from a Primary Street. Access drives from Primary Streets shall not exceed 24 feet in width. In the instance that site constraints necessitate access from a Primary
Street, and the provision of an access drive precludes meeting the minimum building frontage percentage required by the zoning district, the Planning Director may administratively approve a variance request in order to allow vehicular access to the site.

(6) Within the Downtown Core and Downtown General districts, when an alley is not present, vehicular access between adjacent parcels across property lines is required, and shall be accommodated within the site layout. The first property owner to develop shall be required to make an irrevocable offer of cross-access to the adjacent parcels prior to issuance of a development order. When adjacent property develops, a reciprocal cross-access agreement is required, and the physical connection shall be completed.

(7) Parking lots and structures shall provide pedestrian access directly from a street. In addition, pedestrian access may also be provided directly from a building.

(8) Buildings with more than 250 feet of street frontage on a block face shall provide a pedestrian accessway at least 10 feet wide connecting the rear parking to the sidewalk area.

(9) Public sidewalks may not be interrupted or deviated to accommodate drop-off or valet parking.

(10) Within the CRA, offsite parking arrangements may be provided in lieu of on-site parking, as long as sufficient documentation of the location and the number of spaces is provided to the review authority.

(d) Parking Dimensions. The following minimum dimensions for parking bays and access aisle widths apply in lieu of the specific requirements in the Design Standards in § 31-576:

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<th>Angle of Parking (degrees)</th>
<th>Aisle Width (feet)</th>
<th>Parking Bay (feet)</th>
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<tr>
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<td>Two Way</td>
<td>One Way</td>
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<td>90˚</td>
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<td>0˚ (parallel)</td>
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(e) Parking Lot Landscaping Requirements

(1) Streetwalls are required on both Primary and Secondary streets. Streetwalls shall be located in line with the building façade or in accordance with the front setback requirements. Streetwalls shall be three feet to three feet six inches in height, composed of either an opaque wall of the same material and color as the building or of a continuous, maintained hedge. One shade tree per 20 lineal feet, uniformly spaced, shall be installed along the length the streetwall within a planting area at least five feet wide. Streetwalls may have openings to accommodate automobile and pedestrian access.

(2) Along side and rear lot lines, a landscape strip five feet in width shall be installed. When an alley is not present, openings shall be made to accommodate current or future vehicular connections between adjacent properties. Lots which interconnect their parking to adjacent lots may be administratively relieved of side/rear landscape strips in order to maximize the parking supply between the properties.

(3) Parking lots shall provide either landscape islands or landscape trips as set forth below:

a. One landscape island at least six feet in width, extending the entire depth of the parking bay and containing at least one shade tree shall be provided for every 10 parking stalls; or,

b. A landscape strip at least six feet in width containing at least one shade tree for every 50 linear feet shall be provided between parking rows.

Figure 31-539(2)
Parking Lot Landscaping
(f) **Bicycle Parking Requirements.**

(1) The minimum number of bicycle parking spaces required is set forth in Table 31-539(b).

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<td>Residential Multi Family</td>
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<td>Office</td>
<td>1 space/ 7,500 sf., and</td>
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<td>1 visitor space/ every 20,000 sf</td>
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<td>Retail</td>
<td>For the first 50,000 sf:</td>
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<td>1 employee space/ 7,500 sf</td>
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<td>1 visitor spaces/ 10,000 sf</td>
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<td>Thereafter:</td>
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<td>1 additional employee space/ 25,000sf.</td>
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<td>1 additional visitor space/12,500 sf</td>
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(2) Employee and resident bicycle parking facilities shall be highly visible to the intended users and protected from rain within a structure shown on the site plan. The facilities shall not encroach on any area in the public right-of-way intended for use by pedestrians. The facilities for employee, resident, and visitor bicycle parking must be highly visible from a building entrance, a full-time parking attendant, a full-time security guard or a visitor/customer entrance. The Planning Director shall review the location, design, and details of the bicycle spaces as part of the site plan review. Residential condominium covenants shall not prohibit the storage of bicycles inside individual condominium units.

(3) Offices greater than 50,000 square feet shall provide one shower per gender, up to a maximum of three showers per gender. Also, a minimum of one clothes storage locker per gender shall be installed for every required employee bicycle parking space. The lockers shall be installed adjacent to showers in a safe and secured area.
Section 31-540. Redevelopment Design Areas. Conceptual redevelopment plans have been designed for certain areas which are likely to redevelop due to ownership consolidation, parcel size, or use. The boundary of each area with a redevelopment design is indicated on the Regulating Plan as “Pre-Approved Redevelopment Design Area.” The purpose of redevelopment design areas is to guide the transformation of these parcels into a traditional neighborhood pattern, consistent with the conceptual plans contained in the Comprehensive Plan and with the vision of the Community Redevelopment Area Plan.

(a) General Concepts.

(1) Zoning Districts. The Regulating Plan designates appropriate downtown zoning districts within each redevelopment design area (RDA). In order to properly transition between scale and uses, more than one zoning district may be applied within a RDA. In this event, the site plan shall be consistent with the requirements of the designated district in that area of the parcel.

(2) Future Streets and Alleys. The Regulating Plan designates the location of future streets and alleys within each RDA.

a. Within a RDA, the locations of future streets and alleys reflect a site specific solution and provide the framework to establish a site plan with the following characteristics:
   1. Consistent with the scale and uses permitted by the zoning district;
   2. Responds to the geometry of the specific parcels within the RDA;
   3. Establishes important links to expand the existing street network;
   4. Ensures parking is located in the rear of buildings.

b. Minor adjustments in the alignment and location of future streets and alleys may be administratively approved. Major changes such as eliminating a street or alley, or shifting a street so that connections to existing streets are not completed require City Commission approval.

c. The site plan design shall utilize one or more of the street and alley cross-sections in the street design standards for the community redevelopment area contained in § 29-65.

(3) Implementation. Redevelopment plans may be wholly or partially implemented. Individual properties can proceed with site plan review and development without the participation of other parcels and owners within the RDA. If the adjacent parcel has an approved site plan, the applicant shall complete links to any street or alley connections identified in the approved plan, and shall ensure buildings are compatibly oriented.

(b) Specific Redevelopment Design Areas. The City of Riviera Beach Comprehensive Plan contains conceptual redevelopment plans for two areas designated on the Regulating Plan:

(1) Western RDA. The City’s preferred redevelopment plan for the RDA located on the west side of Broadway, north of Chateau Circle, has the following characteristics:
   a. Avenue E is reconnected through the properties;
   b. A system of new streets, alleys, and pedestrian paths connect the adjacent parcels to each other and to Broadway Avenue;
   c. Mixed-use buildings are located along Broadway Avenue;
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d. Townhouses and low-rise multi-family buildings provide a transition between the single-family houses located to the west and the mixed-use buildings facing Broadway Avenue;

e. The fronts of buildings face the fronts of buildings, the backs of buildings face the backs of buildings;

f. Civic open spaces are provided in the form of public parks, plazas, or greens, lined by streets and the fronts of buildings; and

g. Off-street parking is accommodated in the rear of buildings.

(2) Eastern RDA  The City’s preferred redevelopment plan for the the RDA located on the east side of Broadway, north of 30th Street has the following characteristics:

a. A system of new streets and alleys connect the parcels to each other, and between Broadway Avenue and Avenue A;

b. Mixed-use buildings are located along Broadway Avenue;

c. Multi-family buildings such as low-rise apartments and townhouses provide a transition between residential uses along Avenue A and the more intense uses along Broadway Avenue.

d. The fronts of buildings face the fronts of buildings, the backs of buildings face the backs of buildings; and

e. Off-street parking is accommodated in the rear of buildings.

(3) Approval Process

(a) Follow the process in § 31-534(e).
Article IV “Nonconforming Uses” of Chapter 31 “Zoning” is amended as follows. Underlined language indicates proposed new language. Language crossed out indicates language proposed to be deleted.

ARTICLE IV. NONCONFORMING USES

Sec. 31-80. Nonconformities in the Downtown Zoning Districts. To implement the 2010 Riviera Beach Community Redevelopment Plan and Citizens’ Master Plan, the City of Riviera Beach established Downtown Zoning Districts and made other modifications to this code. As a result of these changes:

(a) Certain uses of buildings or land may no longer be permitted in their new zoning districts, and certain existing buildings may no longer comply with all physical standards. Such uses and/or buildings that lawfully existed prior to date of ordinance but which do not conform with the new provisions adopted on that date shall be deemed to be legally nonconforming and shall not be required to be altered or conform with the new regulations until redevelopment occurs. Nonconforming uses are governed by the relevant requirements of Sections 31-76 through 31-78 above. Nonconforming buildings can be repaired, altered, or enlarged, either laterally or vertically, so long as they remain otherwise lawful and the enlargement is in accordance with this code.

(b) Certain existing lots may no longer meet the minimum requirements in their new zoning districts and thus will be considered legally nonconforming lots. Legally nonconforming lots may be built upon as if they conformed to the minimum requirements. Abutting nonconforming lots may be combined to create larger dimension lots as long as such recombination includes all parts of all lots; under these conditions the new lots do not need to meet this code’s minimal dimensional requirements for new lots.
Chapter 29 “Streets and Sidewalks” is amended as follows. Underlined language indicates proposed new language. Language crossed out indicates language proposed to be deleted.

Section 29-65. Street design standards for the community redevelopment area.

(a) General Street Design Standards. All new streets and reconstructed streets within the community redevelopment area shall be designed to promote all forms of travel including non-vehicular modes. In order to encourage walking, cycling, and the use of mass transit options, downtown streets shall be designed to maintain a steady, calm flow of vehicular traffic, while establishing a pleasant walking and cycling environment. Required sidewalks shall be designed with a minimum width dimension of five feet, unless it is deemed unfeasible by the city engineer due to existing development. New and reconstructed streets shall also be designed to integrate bicycling including the provision of a four foot minimum width on street bicycle lane separate from the travel lane for automobiles for streets within the CRA that are identified in the City of Riviera Beach Community Transportation Plan. All New streets and reconstructed streets shall incorporate the following characteristics:

1) Sidewalks shall be installed on both sides of the street; pedestrian-oriented trees, lighting, and benches;
2) On-street parking shall be installed whenever possible within the Downtown Core and Neighborhood Mixed Use districts to support businesses, calm vehicular traffic, and to protect pedestrians;
3) Street trees and pedestrian-scaled lighting shall be installed to provide a safe, pleasant, and aesthetically pleasing environment;
4) A dedicated bicycle route shall be installed on Avenue E, from 12th Avenue to 24th Avenue, and on Avenue F between 24th Avenue to the City limits.

(b) Street Types Map. As redevelopment occurs within the CRA, new streets and alleys will be installed and existing infrastructure will be improved. To guide the appropriate design of cross-section of new streets and alleys, detailed street designs have been developed for specific streets and for general rights-of-way. Since the downtown is a diverse area, a large pallette of street designs has been developed, and more than one design may appropriate for certain locations. The Street Types Map assigns a Street Type to each thoroughfare in the downtown area. Each Street Type is comprised of one or more specific street design, based on the size of the right-of-way, anticipated building uses, and location in the downtown. Table 29-65(a) identifies the spe-
### Table 29-65(a)

**Street Types Table**

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<th>Street Type</th>
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<td>Broadway</td>
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<tr>
<td>Avenue E</td>
<td>Avenue E-1, Avenue E-2, Avenue E-3, Avenue E-4, Avenue E-5</td>
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<td>13th Street</td>
<td>13th Street (East of Broadway)</td>
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<td>11th Street</td>
<td>11th Street</td>
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<tr>
<td>Downtown Mixed Use</td>
<td>Downtown Street 50-1, Downtown Street 50-2</td>
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<td>Alley</td>
<td>Alley-22, Alley-24</td>
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<td>State Roadway</td>
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Specific street designs appropriate for each Street Type.

(c) The street designs are coordinated with the development standards for private development in this code, including building setbacks, frontage types, and building height to establish a cohesive, superior public realm. The street design for new and reconstructed streets in the community redevelopment area shall be consistent with the following typical sections: multi-way boulevards, avenues, streets, and residential streets. (See the following illustrations). In the event that site features including the location of existing buildings or utilities, limited right-of-way width or transitions to existing streets, restrict the full implementation of the downtown street designs, the Planning Director, in consultation with the City Engineer, may administratively adjust the street designs. The following acronyms are used on each illustration:

- **bl**: bicycle lane
- **pl**: property line
- **c**: curb and gutter
- **pvmnt**: pavement
- **q**: grass planting strip
- **row**: right-of-way
- **med**: median
- **s**: sidewalk
- **min**: minimum
- **sb**: setback
- **p**: parking

[The following street type illustrations are added]
Broadway-1 is a street design for Broadway. This avenue is the downtown main street and the street design of this thoroughfare is critical to the overall revitalization of the downtown area. The first phase of improvement of this corridor entails installing a central median with regularly spaced trees as well as new street trees in grates on either side. As redevelopment occurs, the face of curb will be moved back to provide an on-street parking lane, as shown on the right side of the diagram. On-street parking calms traffic, provides easy access to local businesses, and shields the pedestrian area from moving traffic. Shade trees are installed in grates and the adjacent building setbacks augment the sidewalk area to establish a superior pedestrian environment. At time parking is installed, the trees will also be moved or planted within the setback area. To implement this design, the right-of-way, which is generally 80 feet wide, will expand to at least 100 feet, requiring a dedication or easement of at least 10 feet on each side.
Avenue E-1 is the preferred street design for Avenue E between 12th Street and 24th Street. Currently, a mix of uses occur along the street including local businesses and residences. The ultimate vision for the street is a neighborhood main street. In this area, Avenue E is also a link in the downtown bicycle route. In order to best meet the needs of these various conditions, the street design has dedicated bicycle lanes, on-street parking, and wide sidewalks shaded by street trees planted in grates. To implement this design, the right-of-way, which is generally 50 feet or 60 feet wide, will expand to 66 feet, requiring a dedication or easement of three feet or eight feet on each side.
Avenue E-2 depicts a street design for Avenue E between 12th Street and 24th Street for use when the acquisition of additional right-of-way is impractical due to constraints such as the location of existing buildings, parking, or utilities. Though not ideal for commercial uses, not incorporating on-street parking lanes in Avenue E-1 accommodates the bicycle route and wide, shaded sidewalks within the existing right-of-way. This section is also appropriate along lots with existing single-family homes.

Avenue E-3 depicts a condition that may result if the preferred design (Avenue E-1) and the Avenue E-2 design are combined. This may occur when one side of the street redevelops and can easily accommodate the expanded right-of-way needs, while the other side has constraints. In this case, on-street parking can be implemented on one side, with bicycle lanes, street trees and wide sidewalks on both sides. In order to achieve this, 8 feet will have to be dedicated on one side and 1 foot on the other side.
Avenue E-4 depicts a street design for Avenue E between 10th Street and 12th Street and between 24th Street and 28th Street. In this location, the design reflects a neighborhood main design. The bike lanes are removed as the route has transferred over to Avenue F at this location. This street design accommodates dedicated on-street parking on both sides of the street. In order to implement this design, an ultimate right-of-way width of 58’ is necessary, requiring in some locations approximately 4’ of dedication or easement on each side. In areas with an existing 60’ right-of-way, the sidewalk area would be slightly wider.

Avenue E-5 depicts a street design for Avenue E north of 28th Street. In this location, the surrounding area transitions from a mixed-use to a multi-family residential area. On-street parking lanes are accommodated on both sides of the street and regularly spaced street trees are installed in planting strips. In order to implement this design, an ultimate right-of-way width of 58’ is necessary, requiring approximately 4’ of dedication or easement on each side. In the event that there are existing single family homes, the on-street parking could be removed and the swale expanded.
The street section above depicts a street design for 13th Street east of Broadway. Traffic will be calmed by providing a wide median with regularly spaced street trees. On-street parking provides an easy option to stop and shields the most active pedestrian area from through traffic. Street trees are installed every 20’ and the adjacent building setbacks augment the sidewalk area to establish a superior pedestrian environment.
This street design is appropriate for 11th Street in the downtown area. This street is flanked on one side by industrial uses and on the other side by a mix of neighborhood commercial and residential uses. The addition of on-street parking is vital to support the surrounding businesses. In order to provide a transition between the two sides, to narrow travel lanes, and to visually enclose the street, a median is proposed with regularly spaced trees. Street trees are installed in a planting strip adjacent to a continuous sidewalk. The sidewalk is augmented by the adjacent building setbacks to establish a wider pedestrian pathway and environment.
Downtown Street 50-1 depicts a street design for streets within mixed-use districts in the downtown. On-street parking is provided on both sides of the street. The setback requirements for the Downtown Core and Downtown Mixed Use Neighborhood districts ensures the area between the building facades and the curb can easily accommodate pedestrian pathways and street trees. Existing 50' wide rights-of-way require the dedication or easement of five feet on each side of the street. Street trees are installed within 5'x5' tree grates, uniformly spaced.

Downtown Street 50-2 depicts a street design without on-street parking. This design is appropriate when constraints such as the location of existing buildings, parking lots, or utilities, or diverse ownership patterns, require the accommodation of the full pedestrian pathway and street trees within the right-of-way, without the benefit of using the setback area of adjacent building. This section may be used in conjunction with Downtown-50-1 to complete a street improvement when a redevelopment project does not comprise an entire block length or both sides of a street.
Downtown Residential Street-50-1 is a street design appropriate for the residential districts in the downtown area. Parking occurs sporadically in front of houses, without a formal parking lane. On-coming cars may have to yield, which naturally calms traffic. Shade trees are regularly spaced in planting strips next to standard sidewalks.

Downtown Residential Street-50-2 is a street design appropriate for the residential districts in the downtown area, where on-street parking is not necessary. Shade trees are regularly spaced in planting strips next to standard sidewalks.
Downtown Residential Street-40 is a street design appropriate for thoroughfares that are 40 feet wide within residential districts in the downtown area. Shade trees are regularly spaced in planting strips between sidewalks and travel lanes.

Downtown Residential Street-58 is a street design appropriate for the residential districts in the downtown area and in redevelopment design areas, where new streets are anticipated. This street design is preferred for projects proposing new townhouses or multi-family buildings. This street design requires 58 feet of right-of-way; existing 50’ wide rights-of-way require expansion through the dedication or easement of four feet on each side of the street. Shade trees are regularly spaced in planting strips between sidewalks and parking lanes.
Alley-22 is a street design for existing alleys or for Future Alley connections designated on the Regulating Plan. This design incorporates the alley into parking lots as a standard drive aisle, which allows for efficient parking lot design, rear access to multiple lots, and allows for vehicular connectivity between the parking lots of adjacent parcels.

Alley 24 is a street design for existing alleys or for Future Alley connections designated on the Regulating Plan. The alley runs through a block, providing vehicular access to multiple lots. Alleys provide vehicular access to the rear of lots, which optimizes the pedestrian quality of the street in the front of the building.
Chapter 29 “Streets and Sidewalks” is amended to add Section 29-66 “Relocation and Use of Public Rights-of-Way” as follows:

Sec. 29-66. Relocation and Use of Public Rights-of-Way. In order to preserve and enhance the existing, interconnected street and block structure in downtown Riviera Beach, public rights-of-way shall not be abandoned. The Commission may consider requests for the relocation or use of public rights-of-way using the following criteria:

(1) The proposed relocation resolves existing incompatibilities such as conditions where the fronts of some parcels face the backs of other parcels due to shifts in the block structure and street grid;

(2) The subject right-of-way is an alley or designated as a Secondary Street. Primary Streets are not eligible for relocation or re-orientation unless a new Primary Street is provided;

(3) The applicant provides a new route within the project that is parallel to the subject right-of-way, establishes a Potential (Future) Street Connection on the Zoning Map, or creates greater connectivity within the City’s street network;

(4) The proposed relocation maintains or increases public access to the waterfront;

(5) The relocation will not create a block with a perimeter measuring more than 2000 feet.

(6) The proposed relocation supports a marine industry, whereby vessel size necessitates increased dimensions of the parcel. Approval of the use of public rights-of-way for marine industry is conditional upon maintaining the industry as the primary use; permits shall stipulate that rights-of-way revert to the City upon the redevelopment of parcels for primarily residential or commercial uses.

(7) Permits shall stipulate that commencement of construction shall occur within 2 years of approval; otherwise use of the subject right-of-way shall revert to the City.

(8) Requests to use public rights-of-way for sidewalk encroachments for frontage conditions such as arcades, galleries, or balconies will be considered on a case by case basis.
Section 31-1. Definitions. The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this chapter, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this section, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

[The following definitions shall be inserted alphabetically into Article I of Chapter 31 “Zoning”]

Building Façade means an exterior building wall facing a street, path, or park.

Building Frontage means the percentage of the total width of a lot which is required to be building façade(s).

Church means an enclosed structure for public or semipublic religious worship, irrespective of denomination. For the purposes of this code, churches include synagogues, mosques, temples, etc.

Expression Line means a continuous line on a building façade expressed by a variation in material or by a cornice or molding.

Floor Footprint means the total indoor and outdoor footprint of a building at any given story. The 100% floor footprint is calculated by multiplying the maximum lot coverage by the overall size of the parcel. Some districts may limit the floor footprint by percentage at certain stories.

Liner Building means a building or part of a building constructed to shield parking, manufacturing, or industrial uses from the street that contains active uses with doors and windows opening onto the sidewalk to create an attractive, pedestrian-friendly, safe environment.

Marina: means a facility or structure which provides mooring, docking, anchorage, fueling, repairs or other services for watercraft. Docks accessory to single-family uses are exempt from this definition.
   (1) Residential/recreational marina means community docks serving the city, subdivisions, condominiums, or private organizations having three to 30 slips, inclusive. No fueling, wastewater pumpout or repair facilities are associated with these marinas.
   (2) Commercial/recreational marina means facilities having greater than 30 slips or any marina which has fueling, wastewater pumpout or repair facilities serving recreational interests.
   (3) Commercial/industrial marina means facilities serving largely commercial interests. Fueling facilities, repair, and wastewater pumpout facilities are permitted within this category.

Mezzanine means an open and unobstructed floor level (except for railings for low walls not more than 42 inches tall) within a story, not exceeding one-third of the floor area of space in which it is located.

Professional Office means a place used for conducting a business, profession, service, or government. Such facilities may include, but are not limited to, offices of attorneys, engineers, architects, physicians, dentists, accountants, banks, financial institutions, real estate companies, insurance companies, financial planners, or corporate offices, and exclude manufacturing activities.

Retail Establishment means a place of business providing the sale and display of goods and/or sale of services directly to customers, with goods available for immediate purchase and removal
from the premises by the customer. Retail goods include, but are not limited to, clothing, food, furniture, pharmaceuticals, books, art objects and the like. Retail services include, but are not limited to, barber shops, beauty salons, travel agencies, dry cleaning, health clubs, photo studios, funeral homes (no embalming on premises), pet care, repair establishments, and employment offices. For the purposes of this definition, retail establishments exclude adult entertainment, weapons sales, and the sale and servicing of vehicles or watercraft with engines larger than 50 horsepower.

**Recess Line** means a continuous building setback occurring at a prescribed height.

**Streetwall** means a low wall or hedge used to screen surface parking lots from view.

**Storefront Church** means the temporary or permanent use of space in a multi-tenant commercial building for public or semipublic religious worship.

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Article VI “Supplemental District Regulations” of Chapter 31 “Zoning” is amended as follows. Underlined language indicates proposed new language. Language crossed out indicates language proposed to be deleted.

Sec. 31-543. - Churches.

A church building is defined as an enclosed structure for public or semipublic religious worship and, when permitted, must meet the following requirements:

1. The minimum size plot of land shall be not less than 20,000 square feet in area and 100 feet in width.

2. Side yards shall be not less than 20 feet in residential districts and front and rear yards shall be not less than specified for the zoning district. No parking areas or driveways shall be permitted within five feet of a property line abutting residential zoned property.

3. Accessory buildings and uses may include offices of the church, church school or kindergarten, library, meeting rooms, residential structures for resident employees of the church, and others which are incidental to the operation of the church. Accessory buildings and uses shall be located on the same plot of land consisting of parcels contiguous to or across an alley, unless otherwise permitted in the zoning district.

4. Parking lots to serve the church may be permitted on noncontiguous plots of land located within 400 feet of the church plot.

5. a. There shall be a minimum of 500 feet between a proposed church and existing churches. b. There shall be a minimum of 500 feet between a proposed church and existing bars or package stores.

These distances shall be measured along the route of ordinary pedestrian travel from the main front entrance of the proposed church to the main front entrance of an existing church, bar or package store.

6. Each application for a new church shall include written justification of the need for the proposed church at the requested location. This justification shall include at least the following information:

   a. The number of members in the church.
b. A geographic breakdown of the church membership by zip code.

c. The types of services to be offered by the church.

d. Any other reasonable requirements made by the planning and zoning board or city council.

(7) A proposed church that abuts residentially-zoned property shall construct a six-foot-high, finished masonry wall along the property line that abuts the residential property. This wall shall not be required in front-yard setback areas.

(8) The city council reserves the right to limit the hours of operation for any new church that is located in a residential zoning district.

(9) Storefront churches as defined in section 31-1 are not required to comply with the regulations in § 31-543(1) or (2). Church offices and meeting rooms are permitted in storefront churches, but the other accessory uses listed in § 31-543(3) are not permitted.