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## Chapter 1. General Provisions and Definitions

# Article III. Definitions.

### Section 1. Generally.

For the purpose of this Ordinance, certain terms and words are hereby defined. Any word used in this Ordinance not defined in this section will be defined by using "Webster's II New College Dictionary". Words used in the present tense shall include the future; the singular number shall include the plural and plural the singular; the word "building" shall include the word "structure" and the word "shall" is mandatory and not optional.

- 1. **Abutting.** Any property touching or sharing a common boundary. This term shall not be deemed to include parcels that are across a public street or right-of-way from each other.
- 2. **Accessory Structure.** Any subordinate structure that is incidental to the principal use of the premises and is located on the same lot as the related main use.
- 3. **Accessory Use.** Any use that is subordinate and incidental to the principal use of the premises.
- 4. **Adjacent.** Any property that is abutting or separated by a right-of-way.
- 5. **Adult.** A person 18 years of age or older.
- 6. **Adult Establishment.** Any "adult bookstore," "adult cabaret or dancing establishment," "adult motion picture theater," or any commercial establishment which presents material or exhibitions distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as defined below for observation by patrons therein.

### Specified anatomical areas.

- (1) Less than completely and opaquely covered human genitals, pubic region, buttock, and female breast below a point immediately above the top of the areola; and
- (2) Human male genitals in a discernible turgid state, even if completely and opaquely covered.

### Specified sexual activities.

- (1) Human genitals in a state of sexual stimulation or arousal;
- (2) Acts of human masturbation, sexual intercourse or sodomy; and

- (3) Fondling or other erotic touching of human genitals pubic region, buttocks, or female breast.
- a. **Adult bookstore.** An establishment having, as a substantial portion of its stock in trade available for purchase or rental, books, magazines, and other periodicals, novelty items, cassette tapes, videotapes, DVDs or films which are distinguished or characterized by their emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas", as defined above, or an establishment with a segment or section devoted to the sale, rental or display of such material.
- b. **Adult cabaret or dancing establishment.** A cabaret or dancing establishment which regularly features live performances that are characterized by the exposure of "specified sexual activities" or by "specified anatomical areas," as described above.
- c. **Adult motion picture theater.** An enclosed building used for presenting material distinguished or characterized by an emphasis on matter depicting, describing or relating to "specified sexual activities" or "specified anatomical areas," as defined above, for observation by patrons therein.
- d. **Adult Studio.** Any building or land used for the production of adult entertainment media, such as, video, webcams, webchat, or any other internet based adult entertainment that is used for the purpose of delivering adult entertainment to any audience via the internet or by any other means.
- 7. Alabama Medical Cannabis Act or Medical Cannabis Act. Alabama Act No. 2021-450, 2021 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature, codified at Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and which may also be cited as "the Darren Wesley 'Ato' Hall Compassion Act".
- 8. Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission or AMCC. The state agency established by Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-20, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, to regulate the medical cannabis industry in Alabama.
- 9. Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission Rules or AMCC Rules.

  Administrative rules promulgated by the AMCC pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act at Title 538 of the Alabama Administrative Code, as now or hereafter amended.
- 10. **Alley.** A public right-of-way providing access to the back or side of a premises that has primary frontage on a street.
- 11. **Amphitheater.** Any premises or outdoor structure specifically designed and used as a place of assembly for purpose of entertainment.
- 12. **Amusement (indoor).** The provision of entertainment or games of skill that is wholly enclosed in a building, such as bowling alleys, skating, billiards and pool halls, theaters, arcades, and similar types of amusement operations.
- 13. **Amusement (outdoor)** The provision of entertainment or games of skill where any portion of the activity takes place outside of a building, such as a standalone golf driving range, archery range, miniature golf course, or similar types of amusement operations. This use does not include a stadium, automotive or

- other types of racetracks, vehicular related activities or similar or related activities, or any uses listed within the Planned Recreational District (PRD) zoning district.
- 14. **Animal Boarding Facility.** Any building used for the temporary, indoor overnight boarding, care and grooming of domesticated dogs and cats.
- 15. **Animal Day Care.** Any building designated or arranged for the daytime care and grooming of domesticated dogs and cats. Does not include overnight boarding.
- 16. **Animal Kennel.** Any building(s), outdoor animal run or land designated or arranged for the care, breeding, boarding, training, or selling animals, primarily, but not limited to domesticated dogs and cats, whether by owners of such animals or by persons providing facilities and care, but shall not apply to the keeping of animals in a pet store, a laboratory for scientific or experimental purposes or in a veterinary establishment for the purpose of observation and/or recovery necessary to veterinary treatment.
- 17. **Apiary.** Any premises where bees are kept in hives or colonies for the production of honey.
- 18. **Appliance Repair.** Any building used for the repair of large appliances such as washing machine, refrigerator, and other similar items.
- 19. **Arena.** A large building with tiers of seats for spectators at sporting, entertainment or other recreational events.
- 20. **Automobile/Light Truck/Repair.** Any building used for the general repair or reconditioning of automobiles and engines, including but not limited to body, frame or fender straightening or repair, the reconditioning, repairing, sale, mounting, or installing of any tires, painting, or upholstery work, collision repair, vehicle steam cleaning, but excluding the assembly, disassembly, dismantling or salvage of automobiles, in whole or in part.
- 21. **Automobile Parking.** The use of property for parking or storage of operable automobiles and light trucks on a temporary basis. Such parking shall be for the use of licensed vehicles only and is not intended to include merchandise, vehicles for sale or vehicle repair.
- 22. **Automobile Sales.** A retail business which sells automobiles that is primarily housed in a structure and characterized by a mixture of secondary supporting uses; however, the principal use of the site shall be the marketing and outside display of automobiles, whether by sale, rental, lease or other commercial or financial means. Secondary supporting uses may include on-site facilities for the repair and service of automobiles previously sold, rented, or leased by the dealership. No visibly disabled vehicles shall be stored on the premises.
- 23. **Automobile Service.** Any building used for the replacement of any part, or repair of any part, to an automobile that does not require removal of the engine head or pan, engine transmission or differential, including, but not limited to

- oil change and lubrication, cooling, electrical, fuel and exhaust systems, wheel alignment and balancing, brake adjustment, relining and repairs, mufflers, batteries, tire services and sales, shock absorbers, installation of stereo equipment, car alarms or cellular phones, dispensing of gasoline and motor fuels at retail, but excludes dismantling, rebuilding, reconditioning, or salvage of automobiles, in whole or in part.
- 24. **Bakery, Retail.** Any building used to produce and sell, to the general public, baked goods including but not limited to bread, pies, bagels, pastries, cakes and cupcakes. Retail bakeries may have seating areas for customers where retail items can be purchased and consumed.
- 25. **Bakery, Wholesale.** Any building used to produce and sell at wholesale, to retailers, baked goods including but not limited to bread, pies, bagels, pastries, cakes and cupcakes.
- 26. **Bar.** Any building where liquor, beer or wine or any combination are served for consumption on the premises, with or without food.
- 27. **Bed and Breakfast Inn.** A premises where overnight accommodations and a morning meal in a dwelling unit provided to transient guests for compensation.
- 28. **Bed and Breakfast Inn, Historic.** A premises where overnight accommodations and a morning meal in a dwelling unit provided to transient guests for compensation within an owner-occupied dwelling in a local historic district or other historically significant structure.
- 29. **Block-face.** All the properties abutting one side of a street and lying between the two nearest intersecting streets or between the nearest intersecting street and any railroad right-of-way, unimproved land, watercourse or City boundary.
- 30. **Brewery.** Any building used for the production of beer that manufactures more than 40,000 barrels per year, with a barrel containing 31 U.S. liquid gallons. A brewery, actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages on the manufacturer's licensed premises, may conduct tastings or samplings on the licensed premises, and for that purpose give away or sell alcoholic beverages manufactured there for consumption on only the premises where manufactured.
- 31. **Brewery, Micro.** Any building used for the production of beer that manufactures less than 40,000 barrels per year, with a barrel containing 31 U.S. liquid gallons. A micro-brewery, actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages on the manufacturer's licensed premises, may conduct tastings or samplings on the licensed premises, and for that purpose give away or sell alcoholic beverages manufactured there for consumption on only the premises where manufactured.
- 32. **Brew Pub.** An establishment, meeting the qualifications of a brew pub under the State alcoholic beverage control laws in Title 28, Chapter 4A of the Code of Alabama 1975, as amended, where beer is actively and continuously manufactured or brewed, in a quantity not to exceed 10,000 barrels in any one

- year, for consumption on the premises or for sale to any designated wholesaler licensee for resale to retail licensees; and which contains a restaurant or otherwise provides food for consumption on the premises.
- 33. **Buffer.** An area located at the perimeter of the lot containing landscaping, berms, walls or fences that screen uses on adjacent properties from those uses occurring on the subject property.
- 34. **Building.** Any structure having a roof supported by columns and enclosed by walls designed or built for the support, enclosure, shelter, or protection of persons, animals, chattels, or property of any kind.
  - a. **Liner Building.** A building which is at least 24 feet deep, measured from the frontage façade, and masks a parking lot or parking structure from the frontage.
- 35. **Building Height.** The vertical distance from the grade level at the front façade to the highest point of the coping of a flat roof or to the deck line of a mansard roof, or to the average height between eaves and ridge for gable, hip and gambrel roofs.
- 36. **Bus Station.** A structure or building where City or intercity mass transit stops to pick up and drop off passengers. It is larger than a bus stop; bus station may include a terminal station for a number of routes, or a transfer station where the routes continue.
- 37. **Business Service.** The provision of services required for the day-to-day operation of a business such as, but not limited to, consulting service, photocopy or office supply.
- 38. **Business Service with Distribution.** The provision of business services that includes the warehousing and distribution of packages.
- 39. Cannabis. All parts of any plant of the genus cannabis, whether growing or not, including the seeds, extraction of any kind from any part of the plant, and every compound, derivative, mixture, product, or preparation of the plant; but excluding industrial hemp or hemp regulated under Ala. Code, 1975, § 2-8-11, as now or hereafter amended, and also excluding cannabis that is cultivated, processed, transported, stored, possessed, or used outside the Statewide Seedto-Sale Tracking System (i.e., illicit cannabis), including but not limited to cannabis that once was included within and/or intended for placement on the Statewide Seed-to-Sale Tracking System (i.e., diverted cannabis).
- 40. **Car Wash, Automated.** A building or portion thereof containing facilities for washing passenger vehicles, using production-line methods with a chain conveyor, blower, steam cleaning device or other mechanical devices within a partially enclosed structure.
- 41. **Car Wash, Manual.** A building or portion thereof containing facilities for washing passenger vehicles by manually operated high-pressure wands and operations that are done by hand such as auto detailing.

- 42. **Chicken Coop.** A building where domesticated hens are kept and the fenced area around the coop, called a run.
- 43. **Child.** A person under 18 years of age.
- 44. **Child/Adult Care.** The provision of care for individuals, who are not related to the primary caregiver, for less than 24 hours per day. These following classes are referenced:
  - **a.** Accessory Child/Adult Care Center. A facility or licensed agency that provides for the care of children or adults for periods of less than 24 hours a day and is accessory to primary use of the lot.
  - **b. Adult Care Center.** A building or structure wherein an agency, association, organization, person or group of persons, whether established for financial gain or otherwise, regularly provides care for three or more adults.
  - **c. Child Care Center.** A facility or licensed agency that provides for the care of thirteen or more children for periods of less than 24 hours a day.
  - **d. Department of Human Resources (DHR).** State of Alabama or Jefferson County Department of Human Resources.
  - **e. Family Day/Night Care Home.** A child care facility which is the family home in which the operator resides and which receives not more than six children and is licensed as a Family Day / Night Care Home by DHR.
  - **f. Family Group Day/Night Care Home.** A child care facility which is the family home in which the operator resides and which receives not more than twelve children, and is licensed as a Family Group Day / Night Care Home by DHR.
  - **g. Substitute/Alternate.** A person employed by an adult or child care provider on a part-time basis who is available to act as a care giver in the absence of the operator.
  - **h. Zoning Certificate of Operation.** A certificate of operation, issued by the Department authorizing the operation of a child or adult care facility within the City.
- 45. **Clinic.** A facility for examining and treating patients with medical, addictive, mental or physical problems on an outpatient basis, including ambulatory care or similar medical services that require a stay of less than 24 hours.
- 46. **Cold Frame.** An unheated outdoor structure with a glass or clear plastic top that protects seedlings and plants from the cold.
- 47. **College or University.** An institution of higher education offering undergraduate or postgraduate degrees.
- 48. **Commercial Vehicle.** A commercial vehicle is any motor vehicle that has a capacity greater than one-ton or trailer over 14 feet such, but not limited to a truck, box truck, semi-truck, van, limousine, wrecker, coach or bus.

- 49. **Communal living facility.** Facilities in which four or more unrelated persons reside, including Assisted Living Facility, Boardinghouse, Nursing Home, Rehabilitation Facility, Sheltered Care Home, Transitional Home. Communal Living Facilities do not include child foster care facilities or facilities located in multi-family districts that are used for housing the mentally handicapped or mentally ill, where there are no more than 10 such people plus 2 unrelated persons to either the occupants of the facility or to each other. (Code of Alabama 11-52-75.1 and Board Case No. 84-95)
  - a. **Assisted living facility.** Residencies for the frail elderly that provide rooms, meals, personal care, and supervision of self-administered medication. They may provide other services such as recreational activities, financial services and transportation.
  - b. **Boardinghouse.** A dwelling, or part thereof, in which for compensation lodging and meals are provided for four or more persons.
  - c. Nursing home. A home for the aged or infirm in which four or more persons not of the immediate family are received, kept or provided with food and shelter or care as part of convalescence, rehabilitation or hospice for compensation; but not including hospitals, clinics or similar establishments devoted primarily to the diagnosis and treatment of the sick or injured.
  - d. **Rehabilitation Facility.** A building used for the provision of treatment for addictive, mental or physical disabilities for 24 hours a day to four or more persons.
  - e. **Transitional home.** A facility in which four or more individuals live for a short period while receiving social psychological or similar therapy or counseling excluding jails, prisons, and other correctional institutions.
  - h. **Sheltered Care Home.** A dwelling for the sheltered care of persons with special needs, which, in addition to providing food and shelter, may also provide some combination of personal care, social or counseling services, and transportation.
- 50. **Community Garden.** A property used for cultivation and harvesting, for useful and productive purposes, food crops and/or ornamental crops for personal use, donation off-premise sale or on-premise sale in residential districts when a special exception is granted by the Board.
- 51. **Composting Facility (Solid Waste Treatment Facility).** A commercial or public solid waste processing facility where yard or garden waste, manure and other putrescible materials are transformed into soil or fertilizer by biological decomposition.
- 52. **Conditional Use.** A use or occupancy of a structure, or a use of land, permitted only upon review and approval of a site plan and subject to the limitations and conditions specified in Chapter 4, Article II of this Ordinance.
- 53. **Condominium.** The form of ownership of real or personal property or a combination thereof under a declaration providing for ownership of units of the property by one or more owners together with an undivided interest in common

- and limited common elements.
- 54. **Conservation Subdivision.** A residential development wherein a portion of the site is preserved as permanent undisturbed natural area, to continuously protect, environmental features. Conservation subdivisions are characterized by clustering of homes, reduced lot sizes, and provision of an undisturbed natural area to enable the preservation and maintenance of environmental features.
- 55. **Construction.** Is the development of physical improvements on a site such as, but not limited to, water and sewer lines, footings, and/or foundations. Clearing, grading, the storage of building materials or the placement of temporary structures on a site shall not constitute beginning construction.
- 56. **Contractor Yard.** The construction and incidental storage activities performed by construction contractors on lots other than construction sites.
- 57. **Convenience Store.** A retail establishment selling primarily food products household items, newspapers, and magazines, candy, and beverages and in which gasoline and other motor fuels, are dispensed at retail, by use of fixed approved dispensers. Convenience stores may include an automated car wash for washing one automobile at a time, within an enclosed building.
- 58. **Convention Center.** Any building designed and used to accommodate 1,000 or more persons and used for conventions, conferences, seminars, product displays, recreation activities, and entertainment functions, along with accessory functions including food and beverage preparation and service for onpremise consumption.
- 59. **Cottage Development.** A grouping of single-family dwellings clustered around a common area, in which not all lots front on a public street and is provided access by a shared driveway or alley.
- 60. **Country Club/Golf Course/Swim or Tennis Club.** A public or private establishment operated for the purpose of playing golf, swimming or playing tennis that may include an accessory office, retail pro shop, restaurant, banquet facilities, lounge, golf driving range, caretaker's dwelling unit, and golf/tennis academy.
- 61. **Dairy, Factory.** A building where raw milk is processed into milk, butter, yogurt, cheese or other dairy product.
- 62. **Dairy, Farm.** Any premises where milk is harvested from cows.
- 63. **Director.** The Director of the Department of Planning, Engineering and Permits of the City of Birmingham, or his designee.
- 64. **Distillery.** Any building used for the production of liquor in quantities exceeding 1,000 barrels per month, with a barrel containing not more than 55 U.S. liquid gallons. A distillery, actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages on the manufacturer's licensed premises, may conduct tastings or samplings on the licensed premises, and for that

- purpose give away or sell alcoholic beverages manufactured there for consumption on only one premises where manufactured.
- 65. **Distillery, Artisanal.** Any building used for the production of liquor in quantities not to exceed 1,000 barrels per month, with a barrel containing not more than 55 U.S. liquid gallons. An artisanal distillery, actively and continuously engaged in the manufacture of alcoholic beverages on the manufacturer's licensed premises, may conduct tastings or samplings on the licensed premises, and for that purpose give away or sell alcoholic beverages manufactured there for consumption on only one premises where manufactured.
- 66. **District.** A classification for which the zoning regulations governing the use of buildings and premises, the height and location of buildings, the size of yards, and the intensity of use are compatible.
- 67. **Donation Box.** A temporary accessory structure placed by a non-profit in a side or rear yard of certain commercial and industrial districts to collect clothing and other household items.
- 68. **Donation Center.** A facility located on the premises of a principal institutional use where donated items including clothing, furniture, house wares, small electrical appliances, household textiles, toys, and other small household items are collected.
- 69. **Dressmaker/Tailor/Millinery.** An establishment for producing clothing and hats for individuals at retail only.
- 70. **Drive-In/Drive-Through.** Any establishment where services are rendered or items are sold, for consumption on-site or off-site, and orders are made from a car to a server at a window, or via a speaker and receiver, or via an automated device.
- 71. **Driving Range, Free-Standing.** A facility equipped with distance markers, clubs, balls, and tees for practicing golf drives and putting, and which may include a snack-bar and pro-shop, but excludes miniature golf courses and "putt-putt" courses.
- 72. **Dwelling, Accessory.** One or more rooms located within an accessory structure and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating purposes that supports only one family. Accessory dwellings are subject to conditions listed in Chapter 4, Article IV, Section 2, Item B.
- 73. **Dwelling, Caretaker.** A residence, incidental to a principal use, for an on-site manager, security guard or caretaker employed on the premises.
- 74. **Dwelling, Single-Family Detached.** A building containing one dwelling unit and that is not connected to any other dwelling or principal building and designed for or occupied exclusively by one family.
- 75. **Dwelling, Townhouse.** A building on its own recorded lot connected to another

- primary structure occupied exclusively by one family that is attached by common walls to a like building. See Chapter 4, Article II, Section 2.
- 76. **Dwelling, Duplex, Triplex, Quadplex.** A building divided horizontally or vertically containing two, three or four dwelling units respectively on one lot where each unit independently supports one family.
- 77. **Dwelling, Multiple-Family.** A building containing five or more dwelling units.
- 78. **Dwelling Unit, Other.** One or more rooms located within a building and forming a single habitable unit with facilities which are used or intended to be used for living, sleeping, cooking and eating purposes that supports only one family.
- 79. **Electronics Repair.** Any building used for the repair of small electronics such as personal computers, phones, and other small electronics.
- 80. **Event Center.** Any building where the primary use is staging of temporary events, and may be operated by a vendor for the purpose of renting space for private functions.
- 81. **Façade.** That portion of any exterior elevation on a building extending from grade to top of the parapet, wall, or eaves and the entire width of the building elevation.
- 82. **Family.** One or more persons occupying a dwelling and living as a single housekeeping unit, all of whom or all but two of whom are related to each other by birth, adoption or marriage as distinguished from a group occupying a communal living facility.
- 83. **Farmer's Market.** Premises where outdoor sales sanctioned by the State of Alabama Farmer's Market Authority, consisting of whole uncut produce, ornamental crops and value-added agricultural products such as baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles and relish, dried fruits, syrups and honey, eggs, meat, nuts and handmade art and crafts.
- 84. **Fence or Wall.** A structure, solid or otherwise, erected, placed, or constructed on a property, which is intended to be a barrier, boundary, enclosure, privacy feature, or decorative item. It is characteristic of such an item that it is normally a separate "stand-alone" structure, erected along the perimeter (or close to the perimeter) of a property.
- 85. **Financial Institution.** Any building, room, space or portion thereof where an establishment provides a variety of financial services, and are limited to, federally insured banks, credit unions, and mortgage companies.
- 86. **Fitness Center.** A building and premises containing recreational facilities such as gymnasiums, swimming pools or playing fields that is available to the membership of a club.
- 87. **Flea Market.** Premises where outdoor sales consisting of individual stalls used for selling various types of merchandise such as used household items, and

- cut-rate goods.
- 88. **Fraternity/Sorority House.** Living quarters that may be used for gathering or entertaining for private social organizations serving students of colleges or universities and located on the campus as depicted on the approved master plan of the college or university.
- 89. **Frontage.** The area between a building frontage façade and a path, passage, waterbody, civic space, or the curb (or if there is no curb, the edge) of the vehicular lanes of a thoroughfare having vehicular lanes, inclusive of the built and planted components of such area. Frontage is divided into private frontage and public frontage.
- 90. **Frontage Façade.** A façade that is set along a frontage line.
- 91. **Frontage Façade Void Area.** The area of a frontage façade not comprised of walls; including windows, doors and other openings in the wall. Frontage facade
- 92. **Funeral Home.** A building designed for the purpose of furnishing funeral supplies and services to the public and includes facilities for the preparation of the human body for internment and/or cremation.
- 93. **Furniture Store.** A retail store where furniture is displayed, stored and offered for sale.
- 94. **Garage, private.** An accessory building or part of a principal building designed or used for the storage of motor-driven vehicles owned and used by the occupants of the building to which it is accessory.
- 95. **Garage Sale/Yard Sale.** A sale of personal property by homeowner or occupant of real property.
- 96. **Grade Level.** For buildings the average level of the finished ground surface at the front façade of a building. For signs, trees, landscaping and light fixtures, the level of finished ground surface at the base of the sign, tree, plant or fixture.
- 97. **Greenhouse/Hoophouse.** A temporary or permanent structure where plants are cultivated and that is typically made of, but not limited to, glass, plastic, piping, translucent plastic or fiberglass.
- 98. **Greenway.** An open space conservation area that provides passive recreational opportunities, pedestrian and/or bicycle paths, and/or the conservation of open spaces or natural areas.
- 99. **Gross Floor area.** The gross horizontal areas of all floors, measured from the exterior faces of the exterior walls of a building, and any outdoor seating area or patio used by restaurants or bars.
- 100. **Heavy Equipment Sales and Service.** The retail or wholesale sale or rental of heavy motorized vehicles or equipment, along with service, repair or maintenance such as, but not limited to construction equipment rental yards,

- tractor-trailers, semi-trailers, buses, and farm equipment.
- 101.**Heliport.** Any premises used for landing helicopters for loading and unloading of occupants of the aircraft, excluding maintenance and fueling.
- 102. **Home Improvement Store.** The retail sale of a diverse range of hardware and related materials generally used in the maintenance, repair or construction of buildings or other structures, including lawn and garden supplies, and may include outside display of finished product or packaged materials.
- 103. **Home Occupation:** An activity carried out for financial gain by a resident, with an approved business license from the City, and conducted entirely within the resident's dwelling unit. Home occupations are accessory, incidental, and secondary to the use of the building for dwelling purposes and does not change the essential residential character or appearance of such building.
- 104. **Hospital.** Any institution, building or other premises established for the maintenance, observation, medical or dental care and supervision and skilled nursing care of persons suffering from sickness, disease or injury or for the convalescent or chronically ill persons.
- 105.**Hotel/Motel.** An establishment offering sleeping accommodations to guests. Hotels may include, as an integral part of operations, a restaurant, bar, conference rooms, banquet or ballrooms, gift shop, recreation facility and a caretaker dwelling.
- 106.**Internment, Cemetery.** Any land used for the interment of the dead which may include buildings for the purpose of preparing the dead for interment or cremation and structures such as mausoleums and columbariums.
- 107.**Internment, Columbarium.** A structure designed to store the ashes of human remains that have been cremated, in niches or cinerary urns.
- 108.**Internment, Mausoleum.** A building or other structure used as a place for the interment of the dead in sealed crypts or compartments.
- 109. **Junkyard**, **general**. A premises used for the outside storage or placement of used and/or damaged materials and items.
- 110. **Junkyard, vehicular.** A premises used for the outside placement, storage, parking, dismantling, or disassembling of any disabled or inoperable vehicles, or parts thereof, including, but not limited to motors, tires, wheels, axles, transmissions and other accessories.
- 111. **Landfill.** A method of compaction and earth cover of solid wastes that does not contain garbage or other putrescible wastes, including, but not limited to, tree limbs and stumps, demolition materials, incinerator residues, and like materials not constituting a health or nuisance hazard, such as hazardous waste or medical waste, where cover need not be applied on a per day used basis.

- 112. **Landfill, Sanitary.** A controlled area of land upon which non-hazardous and non-medical farm, residential, institutional, commercial or industrial solid waste is deposited and is covered with compacted earth each day as deposited, with no on-site burning of wastes, and so located, contoured, and drained that it will not constitute a source of water pollution as determined by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).
- 113. **Landscape Plan.** A document, prepared by an Architect, Landscape Architect or other design professional with special knowledge of landscaping standards, that depicts location, character and extent of landscaping, and shall include plant location, corresponding plant schedule, planting instructions, and must include a combination of shrubs, trees and ground cover.
- 114. **Laundry Plant.** Any building or structure in which articles of clothing and goods are subjected to the process of dry cleaning, and pressing of such articles.
- 115. **Legal Non-conforming use.** The use of any building or land which was lawful prior to the adoption or amendment of this Ordinance or does not conform to the amendments of this Ordinance or to the present requirements of the applicable district, or a use that has been granted resumption of legal non-conforming use by the Zoning Board of Adjustment (Board), but that is in compliance with Chapter 9, Article VII.
- 116. **Livestock Barn.** Any structure or premises used for the boarding, breeding and/or raising of domestic livestock (excluding swine, sheep and goat), whether by owners of such animals or by persons providing facilities and care.
- 117. **Lot.** A plot, unit, or other portion of land in a subdivision or plat of land, having its principal frontage on a street, except that cottage subdivisions may have a portion of the units face interior common area and up to 20 percent of lots in character districts may have frontage on a path or passage if such lots have legal and physical vehicular access to a vehicular thoroughfare via driveway or easement, separated from other such portions by description on a record of survey map, for the purpose of ownership, sale, occupancy, use, construction or development, separate from other lands.
- 118. Lot, corner. A lot abutting upon two or more streets at their intersection.
- 119. **Lot, through.** A lot other than a corner lot abutting two streets.
- 120.**Lot of record.** A lot recorded in the office of the probate judge in the county where it is located prior to the adoption of subdivision regulations. If a portion of a lot or parcel has been conveyed prior to adoption of subdivision regulations, the remaining portion of such lot shall also be considered a lot of record.
- 121. **Lot width.** The width of the lot at the front building setback line.
- 122. **Manufactured Home.** A pre-fabricated dwelling unit that must have a Federal Manufactured Home Construction and Safety Standards label, a HUD label of

- approval and manufactured date later than June 15, 1976, and an Alabama Manufactured Housing Commission insignia and date plate.
- 123. Manufacturing, Heavy. The manufacture or compounding process of raw materials. These activities or processes may necessitate the storage of large volumes of highly flammable, toxic matter or explosive materials needed for the manufacturing process, and may generate dust, odor, heat, glare and vibration. These activities may involve outdoor operations as part of their manufacturing process. Typical heavy manufacturing uses include but are not limited to: concrete batch plants; concrete, tile, or brick manufacturing; automobile, truck, and tire assembly; ammonia or chlorine manufacturing; metal casting or foundries; gas manufacturing; grain milling or processing; metal or metal ore production, refining, smelting, or alloying; petroleum or petroleum product refining; boat, pool and spa manufacturing; slaughtering of animals; glass manufacturing; paper manufacturing; manufacturing of raw materials into compost, and wood or lumber processing.
- 124. **Manufacturing, Light.** The manufacture, predominately from previously prepared materials, of finished products or parts, including processing, fabrication, assembly, treatment and packaging of such products, and incidental storage, sales and distribution of such products, but excluding basic industrial processing. These activities do not necessitate the storage of large volumes of highly flammable, toxic matter or explosive materials needed for the manufacturing process. Typical light manufacturing uses include but are not limited to: electronic goods; food and bakery products; non-alcoholic beverages; alcoholic beverages; dry cleaning plants; paper imprinting; household appliances; leather products; jewelry; food and bakery products; and clothing apparel.
- 125. Manufacturing, Specialized. Facilities engaged in the assembly, design, repair, or testing of: analyzing or scientific measuring instruments; semiconductor and related solid state devices, including but not limited to: clocks, integrated microcircuits, jewelry, medical, musical instruments, photographic or optical instruments, or timing instruments, and assembly of hand held finished products or any custom architectural or artisan industry, characterized as light industry, that does not have an ADEM permit for pollution release or noise, odor, illumination, trucking, or other adverse impacts to surrounding uses.
- 126. **Market Manager.** Individual that is responsible for the operation of a Farmer's and/or Public Market.
- 127. Medical Cannabis. A medical grade product grown and processed within the State of Alabama, in one of the approved forms set forth in Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-3(14), as now or hereafter amended, that contains a derivative of cannabis for medical use by a registered qualified patient pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC rules.
- 128. Medical Cannabis Cultivator. An entity licensed by the AMCC (or, as

- applicable, the Department of Agriculture and Industries) under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-62, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to grow cannabis pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act, the AMCC Rules and the rules of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries at Title 80 of the Alabama Administrative Code, as now or hereafter amended.
- 129. Medical Cannabis Dispensary. An entity licensed by the AMCC under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-64, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to dispense and sell medical cannabis at dispensing sites to registered qualified patients and registered caregivers pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- 130. Medical Cannabis Integrated Facility. An entity licensed under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-67, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to perform the functions of a cultivator, processor, secure transporter, and dispensary pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- 131. Medical Cannabis Processor. An entity licensed by the AMCC under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-63, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to purchase cannabis from a cultivator and extract derivatives from the cannabis to produce a medical cannabis product or products for sale and transfer in packaged and labeled form back to the contracting cultivator, if applicable, or to a dispensary site or integrated facility where the packaged and labeled product may be offered for sale at a dispensary site to holders of a valid, unrevoked and unexpired Medical Cannabis Card, pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- 132. Medical Cannabis Secure Transporter. An entity licensed by the AMCC under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-65, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to transport cannabis or medical cannabis from one licensed facility or site to another licensed facility or site pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- 124. Medical Cannabis State Testing Laboratory. An entity licensed under Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-66, as now or hereafter amended, authorized to test cannabis and medical cannabis to ensure the product meets safety qualifications and efficacy requirements pursuant to the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- 125.**Medical Lab.** A facility for analytic or diagnostic research or investigation of a medical nature on blood, tissue, or other human or animal components, but not for the production of a product.
- 126. **Mini-storage Warehouse.** A building or group of buildings containing separate, individual spaces available for lease or rent for storage purposes only.
- 127. **Mixed-Use Development.** Premises that integrates a combination of retail, office, residential, hotel, recreation or other function.
- 128. **Mobile Grocery Store.** A motorized vehicle, trailer, or other portable unit drawn by a motorized vehicle from which food items are sold or distributed. The

- mobile grocery store may not exceed 26 feet in length. No preparation or assembly of food items or beverages may take place from the unit. Food items may include fresh fruit, vegetables, meat, dairy, pantry staples, or small household items. A mobile grocery store shall not be allowed to operate in the City's right-of-way without authorization or permission from the City.
- 129. **Motor Freight, Distribution.** Facilities engaged in the shipment of goods from shippers to receivers for a charge including the services of other transportation establishments to effectuate delivery.
- 130. **Nursery.** Any premises used for the retail and wholesale sale of plants grown on or off site, as well as accessory items such as clay pots, potting soil, fertilizers, insecticides, hanging baskets, rakes and shovels, but not power equipment such as lawnmowers or tractors.
- 131.**Office.** A room or group of rooms where the principal use is conducting the affairs of a business, profession, service, industry or government and generally furnished with desks, tables, files and communication equipment.
- 132.**Office, Institutional.** Any building used as an office for charitable non-profit organizations that may hold meetings on a regular basis, and charity events on a temporary basis.
- 133. **Office, Leasing/Sales.** The use of a unit or dwelling as a leasing and or sales office for other units solely within that development.
- 134. **Office Warehouse.** Any building used for the combined uses of office and warehouse, where the office function is the principal use (at least 60% of the gross floor area) of the building, for the primary purpose of wholesale trade, display, and distribution of products.
- 135.**Off-Premise Sign.** Any permanent or temporary sign which directs the attention of the general public to a business, service, product or activity not conducted, offered or sold as a major portion of business upon the premises where such sign is located.
- 136.**Open Space.** Land not covered by man-made impermeable surfaces, parking or buildings, other than recreational structures, pools, or stormwater facilities, which may be landscaped or preserved in a natural state for private use of owners or guests, or for public access as may be required by the provisions of these regulations or the zoning ordinance.
- 137. **Opioid**. An opioid is a class of addictive narcotic drugs that are often prescribed for severe pain relief but also are frequently used (and abused) illegally to create euphoric states of consciousness. Common types of opioids are heroin, codeine, and morphine.
- 138. **Opioid Replacement Therapy Treatment Facility**. Any operation that has received a Certificate of Need from the State Health Planning and Development Agency of Alabama to operate a facility to prescribe and/or dispense opioid replacement drugs and offer therapy to individuals and groups as a part of a

- treatment program. These opioid replacement drugs generally include, but not limited to, methadone, naloxone, naltrexone, and similar types of opioid receptor agonists.
- 139. **Public Market**. Premises where outdoor sales consisting of whole uncut produce, ornamental crops, value-added agricultural products such as baked goods, jams and jellies, pickles and relish, dried fruits, syrups and honey, eggs, meat, nuts, handmade art and crafts and unique local goods. Sales of used clothing, mass produced items and appliances are prohibited.
- 140.**Park.** Any facility or property specifically designated as a park, natural area or recreation area that is used for recreational uses or predominately kept in a natural state.
- 141. **Pawnshop.** Any building or portion thereof where a pawnbroker is engaged in lending money on the security of pledged goods left in pawn, or in the business of purchasing personal property to be left in pawn on the condition it may be redeemed by the seller for a fixed price within a fixed period of time, as regulated by Title 5, Chapter 19A of the Code of Alabama.
- 142. Payday Loan (Deferred Presentment) Business. A business that, in accordance to the requirements and restrictions listed in Chapter 18A of Title 5 of the Code of Alabama (Alabama Deferred Presentment Services Act), involves a transaction pursuant to a written agreement involving the following combination of activities in exchange for a fee: (1) accepting a check or authorization to debit a checking account and, in connection with that acceptance, advancing funds to the checking account holder; and (2) holding the check or authorization to debit the checking account for a specified period of time.
- 143.**Personal Care Services.** Services such as, spas, tanning salons, beauty and barber care, and dry cleaning and laundry services not to include a laundry plant.
- 144.**Personal Instruction.** Services for training individuals or groups in the arts, dance, personal defense, crafts or other subjects of a similar nature.
- 145. **Place of Worship.** Any structure or site used primarily for religious practices.
- 146. **Power Plant.** Any structure or land used for the generation of electrical power.
- 147.**Premises.** A lot, parcel or acreage parcel together with all buildings and structures existing thereon.
- 148.**Principal Building.** A building that contains the principal use located on a premises.
- 149. **Principal Frontage.** With respect to corner lots, the private frontage designated to bear the address and principal entrance to the building, and the measure of minimum lot width. For corner lots, prescriptions for the location of parking in certain lot layers pertain only to the principal frontage and prescriptions for the first lot layer pertain to both frontages of a corner lot. With

- respect to non-corner lots, principal frontage is synonymous with frontage.
- 150. **Principal Use.** The main use located in a building or on a premises.
- 151.**Printing and Publishing.** The production and distribution of books, magazines, newspapers and other printed matter, including record pressing and publishing, and engraving.
- 152. **Private Club.** A building or portion thereof or premises owned or operated by a corporation, association, person or persons for a social, educational, or recreational purpose, but not primarily for profit or to render a service which is customarily carried on as a business.
- 153. **Public building.** Any building that is accessible to the public and its operation is funded from public sources.
- 154. **Racetrack.** Any premises or building that includes a measured course where animals or machines are entered in competition against one another or against time, including tracks that are used for drifting.
- 155. **Railroad Station.** A building or structure where railroad cars stop to load and un-load passengers.
- 156. **Railroad Yard.** The use of land, building or structure for activities directly associated with the operation of a railroad such activities may include loading and off-loading of freight, and maintenance and repair of railroad cars.
- 157. **Recreation Equipment Sales and Service.** The retail or wholesale sale of motorcycles, trucks and vans, recreational vehicles, boats, or similar motorized recreational equipment, along with incidental service or maintenance such as, but not limited to boat dealers, motorcycle dealers, and recreational vehicle dealers.
- 158. **Recycling (Recovered Materials) Collection Center.** A drop-off facility that is staffed and fenced for the temporary assemblage of small, recovered materials or recyclable consumer items, such as food and beverage containers, fabrics and paper, that has waste receptacles on site that are open to the public.
- 159. **Recycling Facility (Solid Waste Treatment Facility).** A facility, other than a facility open to the public to receive household waste and recyclable material, where any method, technique, or process is utilized to separate, process, modify, convert, treat or otherwise prepare non-putrescible waste so that component materials or substances may be used or reused or sold to third parties for such purposes.
- 160.**Resource Extraction.** The extraction of minerals or materials, including rock crushing, screening and the accessory storage of explosives.
- 161.**Restaurant.** Any establishment where food is prepared and sold for consumption on-site or as take-out.
- 162.**Retail.** An establishment engaged in the selling or renting of goods or merchandise (usually to the general public for personal use or household

- consumption, although they may also serve business and institutional clients) and in rendering services incidental to the sale of such goods.
- 163. **Rummage Sale.** A sale of personal property or other merchandise for the express purpose of raising charitable donations for the benefit of the entity holding the sale\_by a place of worship, charitable, or civic organization.
- 164. **Salvage Yard.** Any land or building used for the storage of recovered materials for the purpose of recycling, reuse, or proper storage for future recycling or reuse.
- 165.**School, Business.** An enterprise offering instruction and training in a service or the arts such as secretarial, cosmetology, commercial artist, computer software, legal, and similar training, provided that such enterprise does not offer student housing or athletic facilities at the site.
- 166.**School, Elementary/Middle.** Any building used for public primary instruction or a parochial or private school having a curriculum including the same courses ordinarily given in a public school that may include accessory structures such as a gymnasium.
- 167.**School, High.** Any building used for public secondary instruction or a parochial or private school having a curriculum including the same courses ordinarily given in a public school that may include accessory structures such as a gymnasium or stadium.
- 168.**School, Trade.** Any building used for the offering of regularly scheduled instruction in technical, commercial or industrial trade skills.
- 169. **Scientific Lab.** A facility primarily engaged in performing physical, chemical, and other analytical testing services or investigation and experimentation of a scientific nature and other scientific research, but not for the production of a product.
- 170. **Scrap Metal Processor.** Any building or land used for the storage, purchase or sale of scrap metal which may include the grading, cutting, preparing, processing or refining of scrap metal for sale and shipment to industrial consumers.
- 171.**Shopping Center.** A group of commercial-retail establishments planned, developed, owned or managed as a unit with off-street parking provided on the property. Any out-parcel within a shopping center shall be developed under a separate site plan.
- 172. **Sign.** A sign is any object or device or part thereof situated outdoors or indoors which is used to advertise or identify a person, institution, organization, business, product, service, event or location by any means including words, letters, figures, designs, symbols, fixtures, colors, illumination or projected images. Signs do not include merchandise, pictures or models of products or services incorporated in a window display.
- 173. **Solar Panel, Building Mounted.** A solar energy collection device mounted to a

structure.

- 174.**Solar Panel, Ground Mounted.** A solar energy collection device mounted to the ground.
- 175.**Solid Waste Transfer Facility.** Any building used to receive and temporarily store solid waste prior to being delivered to a sanitary landfill or other solid waste facility.
- 176.**Special Exception.** An action where permission is granted to establish that a use be allowed within a district after the Board determines that the use as proposed would not disturb public health, safety, welfare, comfort, convenience, appearance, prosperity or general welfare.
- 177. **Stable.** Any lot, building, structure or premises used for the boarding, breeding, training, and/or raising of horses, whether by owners of such animals or by persons providing facilities and care.
- 178.**Stadium.** A large open space with tiers of seating for spectators surrounding a field used for sporting, entertainment or recreational events.
- 179.**Story.** That portion of a building other than a cellar, included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the floor next above it, or, if there be no floor above it, then the space between the floor and the ceiling next above it.
- 180. **Street.** A public right-of-way for movement of motor vehicles, pedestrians or non-motorized traffic, whether identified as a street, highway, thoroughfare, parkway, throughway, road, avenue, boulevard, lane, place, or however designated.
- 181. **Street Line.** A dividing line between a lot, tract or parcel of land and an abutting street.
- 182. **Street Setback.** The distance a building or structure shall be setback from a front, side or rear lot line. Street setback may be referred to as a front, side or rear setback or front, side or rear yard.
- 183. **Structure.** Anything constructed or erected, the use of which requires a location on the ground or attached to something having a location on the ground, including but not limited to buildings, signs, billboards, back stops for tennis courts, fences or radio towers.
- 184. **Structural Alterations.** Any change in the supporting members of a building or structure, such as bearing walls, columns, beams or girders; provided, however, that the application of any exterior modernizing shall not be considered a structural alteration.
- 185.**Studio, Radio/TV.** A facility for the staging and recording of video or audio productions such as, but not limited to, music commercials, programs, and motion pictures. Any broadcasting antennas or satellites are subject to the regulations of Chapter 4, Article V of this Ordinance.
- 186. Subdivision Committee. A committee composed of five (5) members of the

- Commission authorized to hear and decide upon applications for subdivisions of land, and to advise the chief legislative body of the City on vacation of public lands and new right-of-way dedications, all such actions to be taken on behalf on behalf of the Commission.
- 187.**Tank Farm.** Any land or structure used for the storage of one or more aboveground large containers for the bulk storage of material in liquid, powder or pellet form. Items stored at these facilities are intended to be wholesaled to retailers, and no retailing of stored items can occur on site.
- 188. **Timbering.** Any premises used for the harvesting of timber.
- 189. **Title Loan Business.** Any business that offers a short term loan that is collateralized by the title of a vehicle in accordance with the requirements and restrictions described and detailed in Chapter 19A of Title 5 of the Code of Alabama (Alabama Pawn Shop Act).
- 190.**Truck Plaza.** Any building premises or land in which or upon which a business may engage in the service, maintenance or storage of commercial vehicles including dispensing of motor fuel or petroleum products directly into motor vehicles. A truck plaza also may include overnight accommodation, restaurant and truck wash facilities.
- 191.**Truck Repair, Heavy.** Any building or land used for the general repair or reconditioning of heavy trucks and equipment and engines, including but not limited to body, frame or fender straightening or repair, the reconditioning, repairing, sale, mounting, or installing of any used tires, painting, or upholstery work, collision repair, vehicle steam cleaning, but excluding the assembly, disassembly, dismantling or salvage of any vehicle, in whole or in part. No abandoned or inoperable vehicles shall be stored on the premises.
- 192. **Upholstery Shop.** Any building used for the minor repair of furniture and replacement of upholstery to household and office furnishings but does not include motor vehicle upholstering or repair.
- 193.**Urban Farm, Outdoor.** An outdoor commercial farm that produces and distributes food crops, ornamental crops and other agriculture products, such as honey, either for sale on site or off site utilizing traditional farming methods, hydroponics or aquaculture.
- 194.**Urban Farm, Indoor.** An enclosed commercial farm that produces and distributes food crops, ornamental crops and other agriculture products for sale on site or off site utilizing hydroponics or aquaculture, and is completed enclosed within a building. Outside storage is prohibited.
- 195.**Utility Substation.** A facility that regulates electric current, telephone switching or natural gas pressure for distribution to individual neighborhoods.
- 196. **Variance.** A departure from any provision of this Ordinance for a specific parcel, except use, without changing the zoning ordinance or the underlying zoning of the parcel. A variance is intended to be granted on rare occasions,

- when demonstration of unnecessary hardship based on the review standards set forth in Chapter 9, Article VI in relation to other properties in the same zoning district.
- 197. **Veterinarian Clinic.** An enterprise for the medical treatment of animals and for the temporary, indoor overnight boarding, care, grooming and convalescence of domesticated dogs and cats.
- 198. **Warehouse.** A facility used primarily for the bulk storage of goods and materials or motor vehicles, characterized by heavy trucking activity, but not involved in manufacturing or production.
- 199. **Wholesale.** The sale or distribution of goods from the premises that may consist of the flexible use of the floor area for warehouse, assembly, showroom and office space.
- 200. **Wireless Communication.** Towers, antennas and accessory buildings for transmitting and receiving radio, television, satellite, cellular and microwave, and broadcast tower.
- 201. **Wrecker Impound Lot.** Any land used for the outside storage of operable vehicles awaiting final disposition.
- 202. **Wrecker Service Yard.** Any land used for the temporary outside storage of disabled vehicles awaiting final disposition. This definition shall not be applicable to junkyards as defined herein.
- 203. **Yard.** An open space between a building or use and the adjoining lot lines, unoccupied and unobstructed by any structure or use from the ground upward, except as otherwise provided in Chapter 3: Area and Dimensional Regulations.
- 204. **Yard, Required.** A yard the depth of which is specified in Chapter 3: Area and Dimensional Regulations of the applicable district.
- 205. **Yard, front.** A yard extending the full width of the lot between any building and the front lot line and measured perpendicular to the building at the closest point to the front lot line. On corner lots the front yard shall be considered as parallel to the street upon which the lot has its least dimension.
- 206. **Yard, rear.** A yard extending across the full width of the lot between the principal building and the rear lot line and measured perpendicular to the building to the closest point of the rear lot line.
- 207. **Yard, side.** A yard extending from the front yard to the rear yard between the principal building and the side lot line and measured perpendicular from the side lot line to the closest point of the principal building.
- 208.**Zoning Advisory Committee.** A committee composed of seven members of the Commission authorized to approve site development plans, hear and recommend rezoning of land applications and Zoning Ordinance text changes to advise the chief legislative body of the City, all such actions to be taken on

behalf of the Commission.

- 209. Zone map. The map referred to in Chapter 9, Article I (Official Zoning Map).
- 210. **Zoning district map.** The Zone Map.
- 211.**Zoo.** Any premises, building or enclosure which contains wild animals on exhibition for viewing by the public.



# Chapter 2 Zoning Districts and Permitted Uses

# Section 6: Permitted Use Table 1.02.201- MEDICAL USES

Zoning District	D- 1	D- 2	D- 3	D- 4	D- 5	D- 6	M U- L	MU- M	M U- H	MU- D	C-1	C-2	I-1	I-2	I-3	I-4	PR D	MXD / PUD	HI D	AG
MEDICAL USES:																				
Clinic	х	х	х	х	X	Х	PC	P	P	P	PC	P	P	P	P	Х	X	PCP	PM P	Х
Hospital	X	X	X	X	X	Х	Х	SE	P	P	Х	P	P	X	P	Х	Х	PCP	PM P	Х
Medical Cannabis Cultivator	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	X	<u>X</u>	X	<u>PC</u>
Medical Cannabis Dispensary	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>X</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	X	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	X
Medical Cannabis Integrated Facility	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>						
Medical Cannabis Processor	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>X</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	X	X	<u>X</u>	X
Medical Cannabis Secure Transporter	X	X	X	X	<u>X</u>	X	<u>X</u>	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	<u>X</u>	X
Medical Cannabis State Testing Laboratory	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	<u>PC</u>	<u>PC</u>	X	<u>PC</u>	PC	<u>PC</u>	PC	X	X	X	X	X
Medical Lab	х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	SE	P	P	SE	Р	P	P	P	Х	Х	PCP	PM P	х
Opioid Replacement Therapy Treatment Facility	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	SE PC	SE PC	Х	SE PC	SE PC	SE PC	Х	Х	Х	X	Х	Х
Scientific Lab	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	SE	SE	Х	SE	P	P	P	Х	Х	PCP	PM P	Х
Veterinarian Clinic	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	Х	PC	PC	Х	PC	PC	PC	PC	Х	PC	PCP	PM P	PC

# Chapter 4. Land Use Development Standards Article II. Uses Permitted With Conditions (PC)

#### Section 4. Medical uses.

- A. **Clinic.** In the following districts: MU-L and C-1 a clinic shall be permitted provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. Clinics shall be limited in size to no more than 7,500 square feet.
- B. Medical Cannabis Cultivator. In the M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, I-1, I-2, I-3, and AG districts, a medical cannabis cultivator shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, and/or the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industry that the proposed facility meets the requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
  - 2. Cultivators authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-62, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate in accordance with the provisions set forth in Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Industry. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Cultivators shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act, the AMCC Rules and the rules of the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries at Title 80 of the Alabama Administrative Code, as now or hereafter amended.
- C. Medical Cannabis Dispensary. In the B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1, I-2, and I-3 districts a medical cannabis dispensary shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, that the proposed facility meets requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
  - 2. Medical Cannabis Dispensaries authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-64, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate with the provisions of Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical

- Cannabis Commission, AMCC. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Dispensaries shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- D. Medical Cannabis Integrated Facility. In the M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, I-1, I-2, and I-3 districts, a medical cannabis integrated facility, shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, that the proposed facility meets requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
  - 2. Medical Cannabis Integrated Facility authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-67, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate with the provisions of Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Medical Cannabis Integrated Facilities shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- E. Medical Cannabis Processors. In the B-3, B-4, M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, MU-H, MU-D, I-1, I-2, and I-3 districts a medical cannabis processor shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, that the proposed facility meets requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
  - 2. Medical Cannabis Processors authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-63, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate with the provisions of Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Medical Cannabis Processors shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- F. Medical Cannabis Secure Transporter. In the B-2, B-3, B-4, M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1, I-2, and I-3 districts a medical cannabis secure transporter shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, that the proposed facility meets requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses

- have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
- 2. Medical Cannabis Secure Transporters authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-65, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate with the provisions of Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Medical Cannabis Secure Transporters shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- G. Medical Cannabis State Testing Laboratory. In the O&I, B-2, B-3, B-4, B-5, B-6, M-1, M-1A, M-2, M-3, MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1, I-2, and I-3 districts a medical cannabis state testing laboratory shall be permitted provided the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC, that the proposed facility meets requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agency, a letter stating that fact from this agency must be provided.
  - 2. Medical Cannabis State Testing Laboratories authorized pursuant to Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-66, as now or hereafter amended, shall operate with the provisions of Ala. Code, 1975, § 20-2A-1, et seq., as now or hereafter amended, and shall comply with all Rules and Regulations of the Alabama Medical Cannabis Commission, AMCC. Except as specifically provided in this Section, Medical Cannabis State Testing Laboratories shall be governed by the Medical Cannabis Act and the AMCC Rules.
- H. Opioid Replacement Therapy Treatment. In the MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1, and I-2 district, opioid replacement therapy treatment shall be permitted provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the State Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, or the State Department of Mental Health and/or the Jefferson County Department of Health that the proposed facility meets all requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agencies, a letter stating that fact from these agencies must be provided.
- I. **Veterinarian Clinic**. In the following districts: AG, MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1, I-2 AND PRD a veterinarian clinic shall be permitted provided that the following

#### conditions are met:

- 1. Outdoor exercise yards shall be permitted provided that they are completely fenced and used only between 7a.m. and 7p.m., when a staff person of the clinic is present in the exercise yard. Where such outdoor activities abut a dwelling zone district or district permitting dwelling use, a 50-foot setback is required.
- 2. Boarding of animals either undergoing medical treatment or not are permitted as an accessory use subject to the following conditions.
  - a. Accessory animal boarding shall occur within completely enclosed structures.
  - b. No more than thirty percent of the gross floor area of the veterinary clinic may be used as a boarding facility.
  - c. No outdoor kennels or runs are permitted.
  - d. No part of any building or structure in which animals are housed shall be closer than 50 feet from any existing residence located on an adjacent parcel.
  - e. All on-site waste shall be housed either within the boarding facility or an accessory structure, and all waste shall be disposed of in a sanitary fashion no less frequently than one time per week. The drainage of all liquid by-products from the kennel shall be discharged into a permitted sanitary sewer line or septic tank and shall not be disposed of by way of storm sewers, creeks, streams, or rivers.

# Chapter 4. Land Use Development Standards Article III. Uses Permitted by Special Exception (SE)

### Section 5. Medical use special exceptions.

- A. **Hospital.** In the MU-M district, a special exception may be granted by the Board provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. When a hospital abuts a dwelling district, screening in the form of a landscape buffer yard shall be applied per Chapter 6, Article III of this Ordinance.
  - 2. When a hospital structure abuts a dwelling district there shall be a minimum setback of 50 feet.
  - 3. A traffic impact study may be required that demonstrates adequate traffic controls are provided as determined by the Traffic Engineer for the City.
- B. **Medical Lab.** In the MU-M and C-1 districts, a special exception may be granted by the Board provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. Medical Labs in the MU-M and C-1 shall be limited to 7,500 square feet.

- C. Opioid Replacement Therapy Treatment. In the MU-H, MU-D, C-2, I-1 and I-2 district, a special exception may be granted by the Board provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The applicant submits a statement from the State Department of Health, State Health Planning and Development Agency, or the State Department of Mental Health and/or the Jefferson County Department of Health that the proposed facility meets all requirements for operation and that all applicable and/or appropriate license or licenses have been obtained. If no license or licenses are needed or required for operation from the above listed agencies, a letter stating that fact from these agencies must be provided.
  - 2. The applicant submits a certification from the owner and operator that approval under this section shall not be transferable without prior approval by the Board of the City.
  - 3. No opioid replacement therapy treatment facility may be located:
    - a. within 1,000 linear feet of the lot line of a "E" or "R" zoned property,
    - b. within 1,000 linear feet of the lot line of a church or other place of worship,
    - c. within 1,000 linear feet of the lot line of a public park,
    - d. within 1,000 linear feet of the lot line of a kindergarten, elementary, high school, college, university, or other similar type of school, whether public or private,
    - f. within 3,000 linear feet of the lot line of another medical controlled substance dispensing facility,
    - g. within areas that are registered and listed on the National Register of Historic places as Historic Districts, or areas within 1,000 linear feet of the lot line of those districts. The boundaries of said historic districts are on file in the Department, and
    - h. within areas designated as Commercial Revitalization Districts as established by the Council of the City. The boundaries of such districts are on file in the Department.
- DC. **Scientific Lab.** In the MU-H, MU-D and C-2 districts, a special exception may be granted by the Board provided that the following conditions are met:
  - 1. No smoke, dust or vibration shall be detectable at the property line.
  - 2. No scientific lab shall be permitted that is required by ADEM to have a permit for release of any kind.
  - 3. When adjacent to a dwelling district, a landscape buffer yard is required per Chapter 6, Article III of this Ordinance and the scientific lab shall be set back from the property line no less than 50 feet.