

Section 5.21 HC-2 Highway Commercial District

5.2101 Purpose

The purpose of this district is to provide for the location of moderately scaled, more intense retail, office and service uses, generally located along major collectors and arterials designed to provide services to a portion of the parish.

5.2102 PERMITTED USES - Use By Right subject to any minimum standards as listed in Section 8.01 of these regulations

All uses permitted in the HC-1 District and,

1. Banks and Financial Institutions (greater than 3000 sq. feet)
2. Convenience Stores (w/gas), when the criteria of paragraph 1 of Section 8.01 AX are met. (amended 07/01/10 ZC10-01-009 OCS#10-2290)
3. Drive-in Restaurants
4. Liquor Stores
5. Any private office use that is a permitted use in the NC District over 20,000 sq. ft.
6. Clubs, Lodges, Fraternal & Religious Institutions, Meeting Halls (over 20,000 sq. ft.)
7. Veterinary Clinics (with outdoor kennels)
8. Parcel Post Delivery stations
9. Mini-Warehouses
10. Commercial Kennels
11. Lodging -100 rooms or less. (Including Apartments, hotels, motels)
12. Automotive Repair and Service facilities not to exceed 10,000 sq. ft. (Amended 07/02/09 OCS#09-2083)
13. Automotive sales not to exceed two acres of display and storage. (Amended 07/02/09 OCS#09-2083)
14. Outdoor Retail Sales & Storage Yards (Amended 11/04/10 ZC10-08-098 OCS#10-2366)
15. Portable Storage Containers Use For Storage (Amended 11/04/10 ZC10-08-098 OCS#10-2366)
16. Outdoor Display Area of Pre-Assembled Building, Pool & Playground Equipment (Amended 11/04/10 ZC10-08-098 OCS#10-2366)

5.2103 Administrative Permits (Amended 11/05/09 OCS#09-2151)

The purpose of an Administrative Permit is to provide for a Staff review of certain uses. The following uses are prohibited unless application for the use has been processed by the Department of Planning and are in conformance with the minimum standards for that use as outlined in Section 8.01 - Minimum Standards:

- A. Snowball Stands between April 1 and September 30.
- B. Christmas Tree Sales between November 1 and January 1.
- C. Seasonal Seafood Peddlers using temporary structures provided that the use is temporary and valid for a period not greater than 6 months.
- D. Seasonal Produce stands, provided that the use is temporary and valid for a period not greater than 6 months.

- E. Fireworks sales (where allowed)

All temporary uses not specifically permitted in these regulations are expressly prohibited.

5.2104 SITE AND STRUCTURE PROVISIONS

- A. Maximum Building Size – The maximum building size in the HC-2 District shall be forty thousand (40,000) square feet.
- B. Minimum Lot Area
No new lot shall be created that is less than twenty thousand (20,000) square feet in area.
- C. Minimum Area Regulations
 - 1. Minimum Lot Width - For each zoning lot provided with central water and sewerage facilities, the minimum lots width shall not be less than eighty (80) feet.
 - 2. Street Planting Areas – All areas along the street(s) or road (or roads) which a property abuts shall comply with the standards of Section 7.0106 “Street Planting Areas” of these regulations.
 - 3. Side and Rear planting areas – All areas located along the side and rear interior property lines shall comply with the Section 7.0107 “Side and Rear Buffer Planting Area Requirements” of these regulations.
 - 4. Transitional Yard - Where a HC District adjoins a residential district, transitional yards shall be provided in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 listed above or the following regulations whichever is more restrictive:
 - a. Where lots in a HC District front on a street and at least eighty (80) percent of the frontage directly across the street between two (2) consecutive intersecting streets is in a residential district, the setback regulations for the residential district shall apply to the said lots in the commercial district.
 - b. In a HC District, where a side lot line coincides with a side or rear lot line of property in an adjacent residential district, a yard shall be provided along such side lot line. Such yard shall be equal in dimension to the minimum side yard which would be required under this ordinance for a residential use on the adjacent property in the residential district.
 - c. In a HC District, where a rear lot line coincides with a rear or side lot line of property in an adjacent residential district, a yard shall be provided along such rear lot line. Such yard shall be equal in dimensions to the minimum rear yard which would be required under this ordinance for a residential use on the adjacent property in the residential district.
 - d. In a HC District, where the extension of a front or side lot line coincides with the front line of an adjacent lot located in a residential district, a yard equal in depth to the minimum setback required by this ordinance on such adjacent lot in the residential district shall be provided along such front or side lot line for a distance of at least 25 feet, including the width of any intervening alley from such lot in the residential district.

- e. Where a building is taller than 25 feet in height, one additional foot of setback shall be required in each yard. Each façade is measured separately and the additional depth is required perpendicular to that façade.

D. Maximum Lot Coverage

The lot coverage of all principal and accessory buildings on a zoning lot shall not exceed fifty (50) percent of the total area of the lot. However, parking and landscape requirements for the intended use must be met in all instances. Therefore, maximum lot coverage may in some cases be less.

E. Height Regulations

1. No portion of a building or dwelling for residential or business purposes located within 100 feet of a residentially zoned property shall exceed thirty-five (35) feet in height above the natural grade of the property at the location of the structure or base flood elevation as established in Flood Ordinance 791, whichever is higher.
2. In no case shall any building or dwelling for residential or business purposes exceed sixty (60) feet in height above the natural grade of the property at the location of the structure or base flood elevation as established in Flood Ordinance 791, whichever is higher.

F. Design criteria

1. Landscaping - All Landscaping shall be in compliance with the provisions of Section 7.01 of these regulations
2. Signage - All signage shall be in compliance with Section 7.02 of these regulations
3. Lighting - All site lighting shall be in compliance with Section 7.03 of these regulations
4. Parking/Loading - All parking and loading will be in compliance with Section 7.07 of these regulations