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CONCEPTUAL ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL (C-1) ZONE DISTRICT USE CHARTS

Members of the Board:

On October 25, 2000, the Chairperson of the Planning Commission, in a letter approved by the Commission, identified certain conflicts between the General Plan descriptions and “Purposes” of the Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) and the Community Commercial (C-2) Districts and the allowed uses listed in the Uses Charts of the Zoning Ordinance Attachment 3). The Commission requested that amendments to the Zoning Ordinance Use Charts for the C-1 and the C-2 Districts be prepared to address these conflicts. On November 21, 2000, your Board considered the Planning Commission’s recommendation and directed the Planning Department to return with amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to provide specific differentiation between the C-1 and C-2 commercial zone districts. The following discussion and the attached conceptual ordinance amendments have been prepared to meet this direction.

Background

As discussed in the letter from the Planning Commission, the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance contain specific policies and statements of purpose for each General Plan designation and each zone district. These policies have historically been implemented through the list of allowed uses in the Commercial Use Charts with few conflicts. Recently, though, certain developments have focused attention on the lack of specific differentiation between the C-1 and C-2 zone districts, although the General Plan and the “Purposes” of each zone district clearly intend there to be a differentiation. A review of these General Plan policies and “Purposes” follows.

Neighborhood Commercial

The Neighborhood Commercial land use designation is primarily implemented by the “C-1” zone district. The following General Plan policies guide the location and types of uses intended for the Neighborhood Commercial designation:

2.13.1 Location of Neighborhood Commercial Uses

Designate on the General Plan and LCP Land Use Maps those areas existing as, or suitable for, Neighborhood Commercial uses to provide small-scale neighborhood and visitor serving businesses within walking distance of urban neighborhoods, visitor attractions or centrally located to serve rural communities.

2.13.3 Allowed Uses in Neighborhood Commercial Designation

Allow a variety of retail and service facilities, including neighborhood or visitor serving oriented retail sales, recreational equipment sales, personal services, limited offices, restaurants, community facilities including child care facilities, schools and studios, rental services, and similar types of retail and service activities.

The purpose of the C-1 zone district, as designated in County Code Section 13.10.33 l(e) is as follows:

- (e) Specific “C- 1” Neighborhood Commercial District Purposes. To provide compact and conveniently located shopping and service uses to meet the limited needs within walking distance of individual urban neighborhoods or centrally located to serve rural communities. Neighborhood Commercial uses and facilities are intended to be of small scale, with a demonstrated local need or market, appropriate to a neighborhood service area, and to have minimal adverse traffic, noise, or aesthetic impacts on adjacent residential areas.

The allowed uses in the C-1 zone district are included in the Commercial Uses Chart (Attachment 4).

Community Commercial

The Community Commercial designation is implemented by the C-2 zone district, although all uses allowed in the C-1 are generally allowed in the C-2 as well. The following policies define the location and allowed uses in the Community Commercial land use designation:

2.14.1 Location of Community Commercial Uses

Designate on the General Plan and LCP Land Use Maps Community

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Commercial Centers in Freedom, Aptos, Soquel, Live Oak, Felton, Ben Lomond, and Boulder Creek based on community-wide market areas served by these centers. Channel new proposed commercial uses into these designated Community Commercial Centers.

2.14.2 Allowed Uses in Community Commercial Designation

Allow a wide variety of retail and service facilities, including retail sales, personal services, offices, restaurants, community facilities including child care facilities, schools and studios, hotels and recreational housing units, rental services, and similar types of retail and service activities.

The specific purpose of the C-2 zone district, County Code Section 13.10.33 l(f), is as follows:

- (f) Specific “C-2” Community Commercial District Purposes. To provide centers of concentrated commercial uses accommodating a broad range and mixture of commercial activities, serving the general shopping and service needs of community-wide service areas, and including visitor accommodations. This district is intended to be applied to areas designated on the General Plan as Community Commercial. The Community Commercial districts are intended to have definite boundaries to promote the concentration of commercial uses.

The allowed uses in the C-2 zone district are included in the Commercial Uses Chart (Attachment 4).

The following table, a comparison of the allowed uses in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts, illustrates the issue raised by the Planning Commission that the types of uses allowed in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts are often the same uses, processed at the same level.

TABLE 1

[This table provides a partial listing of the allowed uses in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts, including the level of review (3, 4 = administrative; 5 = Zoning Administrator; 6 = Planning Commission; 7 = Board of Supervisors)].

Uses	C-1	c-2
Accessory structures and uses	3/4	3/4
Adult entertainment	not permitted	5/6
Animal services/grooming (no overnight)	4/5/6	4/5/6

Uses	C-1	c-2
“ ” Vet clinics (no overnight)	not permitted	4/5/6
Gas stations w/auto repair, car wash, etc	not permitted	5/6
Gas stations w/o auto repair	5/6	5/6
Banks, including ATMs	4/5/6	4/5/6
Clubs, private	4/5/6	4/5/6
Commercial recreation, card rooms, theaters, night clubs	not permitted	4/5/6
Commercial services, personal (barber/beauty shops)	4/5/6	4/5/6
Commercial services, neighborhood, including copy services, dry cleaners, film processing, laundries, picture framing, repair shops, shoe repair, tailors, tool sharpening	4/5/6	4/5/6
Commercial services, community, such as mortuaries, gunsmiths, upholstery shops, etc	not permitted	4/5/6
Community facilities, such as bus stations, churches, community centers, fire stations, libraries, post offices, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Offices (all types, including real estate, medical, insurance, laboratories, title companies, etc)	4/5/6 (50% of floor area)	4/5/6
Physical culture facilities, such as health clubs, spas, racquet clubs, gymnasiums, etc.	4/5/6	4/5/6
Radio and television studios, with transmitting towers	4/5/6	4/5/6
Residential uses (up to 50% of floor area)	5/6/7	5/6/7
Restaurants, bars, bakeries, donut shops, sandwich shops, delicatessens, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6

Uses	C-1	C-2
Retail sales, neighborhood, such as antique stores, arts and crafts, art galleries, bicycle shops, bookstores, clothing stores, flower shops, food stores(up to 20,000 sq.ft. in C-1), gift shops, hardware stores, drug stores, pet shops, liquor stores, jewelry stores, sporting goods stores, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Retail sales, community, such as appliance showrooms, auto supply, computer sales and service, floor covering showrooms, garden supply, department stores, furniture stores, paint stores, warehouse stores(gen'l public or membership)	not permitted	4/5/6
Schools (all kinds, including public (primary, secondary and college), private, vocational, artistic, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Visitor accommodations(motels, hotels, etc)	not permitted	5/6/7

This table illustrates that the uses allowed in each zone district are the same (except where not permitted in the C-1). It also suggests, erroneously, that there is no specific differentiation between the allowed uses in the C-1 and C-2 districts to address the different purposes of the districts.

Analysis of Factors to Differentiate Uses

Staff examined a number of factors to differentiate between the uses allowed in the C-1 and C-2 districts. The factors that staff examined included the appropriateness of the use in the particular zone district, the size of the parcels, and the intensity of use. Staff reviewed the purposes of the Neighborhood and Community Commercial districts and the list of allowed uses to determine if any of the uses should be deleted simply because the use is not consistent with the intent and definition of the district. The uses currently allowed in the C-2 district are, without exception, consistent with the purposes of that district. However, staff determined that a number of uses listed in the C-1 district are not appropriate for the Neighborhood Commercial district. These uses, while perhaps consistent with the intent of the Neighborhood Commercial designation in the past, have evolved into uses which better fit the Community Commercial district. The uses which fall into this category include banks, schools, radio and television studios and community facilities. These are discussed in detail below.

One of the factors to consider in assessing what uses are appropriate for the

Neighborhood Commercial designation is the size of the properties zoned C-1. Staff has surveyed the 443 parcels zoned C-1 in the unincorporated area of the County (see maps - Attachment 2) and has developed the following data regarding parcel sizes:

TABLE 2

Size Category	Number of Parcels	Percent of Total
0 - 10,000 sq. ft.	243	56%
10,000 - 20,000 sq. ft.	96	22%
20,000 - 40,000 sq. ft.	48	11%
> 40,000 sq. ft.	46	11%

This table indicates that the vast majority of parcels zoned C-1 are less than 20,000 square feet in area (78%) and that only 11% of the parcels are greater than 40,000 square feet (about 1 acre).

Many of the parcels greater than an acre have an existing commercial or non-conforming residential developments on them (38 parcels). The commercial developments include large centers such as the Aptos Center, Rancho del Mar, Seascape Village and Deer Park Center. These particular properties, and others like them, should be rezoned to the C-2 district to recognize the true service area of these larger commercial centers. Parcels with significant non-conforming uses, such as motels, apartments and residential uses, should also be analyzed for possible land use amendments and rezoning to districts appropriate for their uses. The remaining large parcels zoned C-1 should also be reviewed to determine if the zoning of these properties is appropriate.

All development in the C-1 district must be contained within buildings as there are no outdoor uses allowed except for outdoor eating areas associated with and ancillary to a restaurant within a building. The size of development on property zoned C-1 is currently limited by the parking and site development standards for the property, the size of the property and the type of use proposed, as well as a number of factors including dedications for road improvements, parking lot design, landscape buffers, etc. The following table illustrates the size of a typical building allowed in the C-1 district, based only on the size of the property and the type of use proposed:

TABLE 3			
TYPE OF USE (parking requirement)	PARCEL SIZE	BUILDING SIZE ALLOWED*	REQUIRED PARKING SPACES
Retail/Office** (1 space/200 sq.ft.)	5,000	1,100	6
	10,000	2,200	11
	20,000	4,400	22
	40,000	I 8,800	44
Restaurant (1 space/100 sq.ft.)	5,000	I 550	6
	10,000	1,100	11
	20,000	2,200	22
	40,000	4,400	44
Neighborhood Commercial Services (1 space /300 sq.ft.)	5,000	1,650	6
	10,000	3,300	11
	20,000	6,600	22
	40,000	13,200	44

*Note: These figures are approximations based on recent commercial projects. Actual sizes will be based on and affected by a number of factors including types of uses, required setbacks from residential areas, dedications for road improvements, parking lot design, landscape buffers, etc. ** Medical offices have a different parking requirement.

This table indicates that the size of uses allowed in the C-1 zone district on those parcels less than 20,000 square feet (the majority of the parcels currently zoned C-1) are quite modest, about 4,400 square feet for retail or general office and 2,200 square feet for restaurant or food service uses.

However, controlling the size alone does not necessarily control the intensity of the use. The intensity of a land use, as defined in the County Code, is a factor of a use's parking requirement, the significance of its impacts on surrounding land uses, and the traffic generated by the use. The first two factors, parking and impact significance, are normally assessed as a part of the review of a project, both during the project's CEQA review and in the preparation of the staff report. Traffic generation is used by staff as a means to develop mitigation measures to reduce the project's impacts on surrounding uses and road

systems.

The traffic generated by development allowed in the C-1 district varies significantly. The following table illustrates the wide range of average daily trip ends for various uses allowed in the C-1 district:

TABLE 4

USE	TRIP GENERATION RATE(per 1000 sq.ft.)*	Trip Generation by Building Size (in square feet)* * and Type of Use			
		1,100	2,200	4,400	8,800
Church	9.1	10.01	20.02	40.04	80.08
Office (single)	11.6	12.76	25.52	51.04	102.08
Office (multi-tenant)	11.0	12.1	24.2	48.4	96.8
Office (Medical-Dental)	36.1	39.71	79.42	158.84	317.68
Drug store	90.0	99	198	396	792
Shopping Center	42.9	47.19	94.38	188.76	377.52
Restaurant (quality sit down)	89.9	98.89	197.78	395.56	791.12
Restaurant (fast turnover, sit down)	130.3	143.33	286.66	573.32	1146.64
Restaurant (Fast food)	716.0	787.6	1575.2	3150.4	6300.8
Supermarket	111.5	122.65	245.3	490.6	981.2
Bank	156.5	172.15	344.3	688.6	1377.2
Convenience market (24 hour, no gas)	738	811.8	1623.6	3247.2	6494.4
Convenience market (24 hour, gas)	845	929.5	1859	3718	7436
Video rental store	13.6	14.96	29.92	59.84	119.68

Source: ITE Trip Generation Manual, 6th Edition

** Building sizes are keyed to Table 3

Table 4 illustrates that most of the uses listed have relatively low trip generation rates, with the exception of fast food restaurants and convenience markets. The table also illustrates that the number of trips generated is a function of the size and the type of the use.

Traffic generation has not been used by the County in the past as a means to limit certain types of development in a particular zone district. However, if traffic generation is established as a criteria for the determination of consistency with the Neighborhood Commercial designation, certain uses could be prohibited from this district based on that criteria.

Proposed Ordinance Changes

Staff has reviewed the existing C-1 and C-2 uses chart in light of the General Plan policies and “Purposes” of the respective districts. As noted above, the allowed uses in the C-2 zone district, which is intended for the widest range of retail, office and service uses, appear to be consistent with the descriptive language in the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance. No changes are proposed for the C-2 district, except where necessary as a part of the Uses Chart revisions for the C-1 district. The proposed changes are included in a revised Commercial Uses Chart (Attachment 1).

Staff, in assessing the consistency of the C-1 district and the descriptive language in the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, first examined the list of allowed uses to determine if any of the existing uses allowed in the C-1 district were clearly not neighborhood serving uses. As a result of staffs assessment, it was determined that some of the uses which are currently allowed in the C-1 zone district should be deleted and not allowed. These uses are listed below with an explanation as to why they are proposed for deletion:

Banks, savings and loans, credit unions - These uses used to be synonymous with the local neighborhood but have evolved into community serving uses with a much wider service area than just a neighborhood. However, ATM’s are appropriate in the C-1 as they can provide a neighborhood-serving function, replacing the friendly bank tellers of the past.

Clubs, private - Clubs, including fraternal organizations, gardens clubs, etc., are allowed in the residential and other commercial districts, but do not fit well into a neighborhood commercial area because of the intensity of their use and the lack of connection to the neighborhood.

Community facilities (bus stations, churches, community centers, libraries, post offices, fire stations, restrooms, etc) - Like banks, there was a time when these uses were directly related to the neighborhood, and, like banks, these uses have evolved to serve a wider

service area than just the immediate neighborhood. These uses are allowed in a number of other districts.

Radio and television studios with transmitting towers - These uses are clearly not neighborhood serving uses.

Schools - These uses, whether public or private, should not be located in C-1 but rather in the PF (Public Facility) district or another commercial district.

All of the uses discussed above are allowed in a number of other zone districts which are more appropriate for the uses than the C-1 district (see Proposed Commercial Uses Chart - Attachment 1).

The uses in the categories of neighborhood commercial services, neighborhood retail, office, physical culture facilities and restaurant uses make up the majority of the existing commercial uses in the Neighborhood Commercial designation. Each of these categories of uses are discussed below.

Neighborhood Commercial Services - These uses are intended to provide the neighborhood with specific commercial services such as copy/duplicating services, dressmakers, dry cleaners, film processing, laundries, locksmiths, picture framing shops, printing shops, small appliance repair and tailors. These uses are also allowed in the C-2 and C-4 (Commercial Service/Light Industrial). Staff is not aware of any instances where Neighborhood Commercial Services in the C-1 zone district have been a concern; therefore, staff is not recommending that any size or use limitations be added to this category of uses.

Neighborhood Retail - The list of uses under the Neighborhood Retail category reads like a list of the tenants of an old-time 'Main Street, USA.' Uses such as antique stores, bicycle shops, bookstores, candy stores, clothing stores, grocery stores, hardware stores, shoe stores, toy stores and variety stores were the commercial center of small towns and neighborhoods. Now, however, many of these uses have evolved into large store retail uses which are located on larger parcels, serve a larger community and fit the purposes of the Community Commercial designation (C-2 district).

Staff believes that smaller sized retail uses are appropriate in the C-1 zone district. In reviewing the parcel sizes of existing properties zoned C- 1, staff discovered that the majority of the properties are less than 20,000 square feet in size. Based on the analysis of parcel size and the potential building size allowed on those parcels (up to 4,400 square feet), it does not appear that these types of uses, if developed in accordance with the C-1 site development and design review standards, will be inconsistent with the purposes and intent of the Neighborhood Commercial district.

Offices - The current Use Chart allows a wide range of office use in the C-1 district, but limits the floor area to 50% of the total size of the building. While this limits the amount of office space allowed in the C-1, it doesn't address the question whether offices are neighborhood serving uses. Staff has reviewed the list of office uses on the Uses Chart (Attachment 4) and finds it difficult to imagine that uses such as real estate, medical, insurance and other types of professional offices primarily serve the neighborhood. Staff does, however, believe that office uses are a low impact use in the C-1 district. Therefore, as with the Neighborhood Commercial Service uses, staff is proposing no change to these uses.

Physical Culture Studios - These uses include gymnasiums and fitness centers. As with the Neighborhood Retail, these uses, if too large, are not consistent with the C-1 district. However, if developed on smaller properties, physical culture studios are appropriate for a Neighborhood Commercial area. As there has been only one new fitness center opened in the C-1 district in the past 10-15 years, staff does not foresee this as a significant problem and, therefore, staff is not proposing changes for this use.

Restaurants and Food Service - Restaurant and other food service uses pose the most difficult challenge in defining what is appropriate for the C-1 district and consistent with the General Plan and "purposes" of the Neighborhood Commercial district. It is clear from the neighborhood response and the Planning Commission's actions on the proposed Wendy's restaurant in Live Oak, that certain types of restaurants, such as a large fast food restaurants, are not consistent with the C-1 district. However, staff believes that some restaurants, including some fast food restaurants, may be appropriate in the C-1 district if their size and intensity of use is consistent with the purposes of the Neighborhood Commercial district.

From a review of the trip generation analysis, it appears that for a 3,500 square foot quality restaurant, the average number of trips generated per day is about 315 ($3.5 \times 89.9 = 314.65$). For a typical fast food restaurant of the same size, the number of trips generated per day is 2,506 ($3.5 \times 716 = 2,506$). This large number of trips was one of the major concerns expressed to the County Planning Commission during the Wendy's public hearings. Staff is, therefore, recommending that the restaurant listing for the C-1 district include a trip generation limit. This limit, a trip generation of 800 trip ends per day, would apply only in the restaurant category of the C-1 district. Based on this criteria, fast food restaurants less than 1,100 square feet in size would be allowed in the C-1 district.

Supporting Ordinance Amendments

In addition to the changes mentioned above, staff is recommending that all Commercial Development Permits in the C-1 zone district be processed at Level V (Zoning Administrator public hearing) to provide an appropriate level of public review for these

uses. While this will increase the time and expense for these types of development, staff believes the higher level of review is necessary to insure that the purposes of the Neighborhood Commercial designation and needs of the neighborhood are addressed.

Discussion and Recommendation

Commercial development in Santa Cruz County has occurred in the classic pattern of roadway centered commercial development. Commercial properties, before the advent of zoning, developed at major roadway intersections and spread along the roadways. With the adoption of zoning, and later General Plans, the County created categories of commercial development based on the 'service area' of the type of commercial use. Neighborhood commercial uses served the needs of the nearby residences and community commercial provided for the needs of the community in general. The commercial properties were designated in one of these categories and the commercial use chart, as we know it today, was developed to clearly define the appropriate uses in each category. What neither the Uses Chart nor the language in the remainder of the Commercial Districts ordinance provided, however, was any guidance to differentiate between the size or intensity of the allowed uses which would be appropriate for the Neighborhood or Community Commercial designations. That determination has been left to the decision makers, be it the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, based on an analysis by the Planning staff and input at the public hearing.

Until recently, this has not created any discernible problems. The size of the C-1 properties and the development standards have combined to limit the resulting impacts from the proposed uses in the C-1 zone district. The Wendy's application, however, was the first application in the C-1 which was identified by the neighborhood as clearly inconsistent with the purposes of the C-1 district. With that in mind, staff is proposing a number of modifications to the C-1 zone district to address the issues of neighborhood compatibility expressed during the public hearings for the Wendy's application. As evidenced by the public hearing on the Wendy's restaurant application, the residents of neighborhoods near Neighborhood Commercial designated property are increasingly sensitive to the types of commercial development and the impacts of that development on their neighborhoods. The Planning Commission correctly identified that the Commercial Uses Chart failed to differentiate between the types and intensity of uses allowed in the two primary commercial districts, the C-1 and C-2 districts. The proposed changes to the Commercial Uses Chart (Attachments 1) to delete certain allowed uses and to establish a trip generation limit for restaurant uses in the C-1 district will make the Uses Chart consistent with the descriptive language of the Neighborhood Commercial designation and zone district from the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

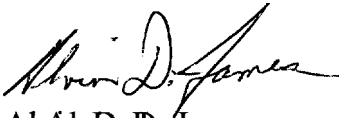
The impact that this proposed ordinance amendment will have on existing uses in the C-1 is not yet known. One of the issues that staff will assess is the extent to which the

proposed ordinance amendment will create a new class of non-conforming uses, and what remedies are available to minimize this impact. Staff intends to review the existing uses on the properties currently zoned C-1 to determine what impact will occur as a result of the amendment. Further revisions may be recommended by staff following this analysis.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

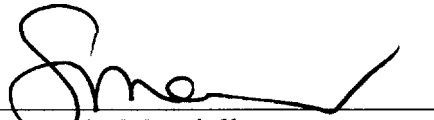
1. Approve, in concept, the ordinance amendments to the Neighborhood Commercial (C-1) zone district use charts (Attachment 1); and
2. Direct the Planning Department to process the amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to incorporate the proposed amendments to the Commercial Uses Chart; and
3. Direct the Planning Department to amend the General Plan Land Use Plan and/or zoning for parcels zoned C-1 which do not meet the purposes of the Neighborhood Commercial designation or the C-1 zone district as a part of the General Plan Update.

Sincerely,



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RECOMMENDED:



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County Administrative Officer

- Attachments:
1. Proposed Commercial Uses Chart Amendments
 2. Maps of C-1 and C-2 Zoning
 3. Letter of Robert Bremner, Chairperson, Santa Cruz County Planning Commission, dated October 25, 2000.
 4. Commercial Districts, County Code Section 13.10.330 et seq

cc: Live Oak Neighbors

13.10.330 COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

<u>Sections:</u>	13.10.331	Purposes of Commercial Districts
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13.10.331 PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

In addition to the general objectives of this Chapter (13.10) the Commercial Districts are included in the Zoning Ordinance in order to achieve the following purposes:

(a) General Pm-noses.

- (1) To provide for retail stores, offices, service establishments, recreational establishments, and wholesale businesses offering a range of commodities and services adequate to meet the needs of County residents and visitors, of different geographical area in the county and of their various categories of patrons.
- (2) To contain commercial facilities in appropriately located areas, avoiding new freeway oriented development and new strip commercial uses, and providing opportunities for commercial uses to concentrate for the convenience of the public and in mutually beneficial relationships to each other.
- (3) To ensure that commercial facilities and uses are compatible with the level of available public facilities and services, minimizing traffic congestion and preventing the overloading of utilities and public services.
- (4) To ensure that commercial development is compatible with natural resource protection, environmental quality, and the scenic setting of the County.
- (5) To ensure that commercial facilities are constructed and operated such that they are compatible with adjacent development, and that high standards of urban design are maintained, minimizing impacts on residential areas and providing for adequate site layout, protection of solar access to adjacent property, landscaping, sign and building design and size, and on-site parking, loading and circulation.
- (6) To protect commercial properties from noise, odor, dust, dirt, smoke, vibration, heat, glare, heavy truck traffic, and other objectionable influences incidental to industrial uses, and from fire, explosion, noxious fumes and other hazards.
- (7) To provide space for community facilities and institutions which appropriately may be located in commercial areas.
- (8) To provide for a mixture of commercial and residential uses where the advantages of such a mixture, such as convenience, atmosphere, and low energy use, can be maximized, and the conflicts, such as noise, traffic, and lack of adequate visual amenities, can be reduced to an acceptable level Residential uses are intended to

be incidental or secondary to commercial use of a site, or as otherwise provided by a Village Design Plan.

- (9) To maximize efficient energy use and energy conservation in commercial uses, and to encourage the use of locally available renewable energy resources.
- (b) Specific “PA” Professional-Administrative Office District Purposes. To provide for professional and administrative office uses in areas where such use is designated on the General Plan, or in areas designated for neighborhood, community or service commercial use, particularly where an office use can provide a buffer use between residential areas and the more intensive commercial or industrial activities. Professional and administrative office uses are intended to be low impact, non-retail activities. The “PA” District is intended to allow a compatible collection of related uses within a development and may include a variety of retail and service uses where they are necessary to office uses on a site.
- (c) Specific “VA” Visitor Accommodations District Purposes. To provide areas specifically reserved for visitor accommodations and limited appurtenant uses. To allow a broad range of such overnight or extended stay lodging for visitors and to recognize these as commercial uses. The Visitor Accommodations District is intended to be located primarily in areas designated Visitor Accommodation on the General Plan, and in locations where there are existing or approved (at the date of this section) visitor accommodations developments. All visitor accommodations are intended to be located where adequate access and public services and facilities are available, and to be designed and operated to be compatible with adjacent land uses, utilize and complement the scenic and natural setting of the area, and provide proper management and protection of the environment and natural resources.
- (d) Specific “CT” Tourist Commercial District Purposes. To encourage and recognize a narrow range of visitor serving uses in appropriate locations in the County on major transportation corridors or in commercial centers where properties have a land use designation on the General Plan of Neighborhood or Community Commercial. Visitor serving uses allowed in this zone district include primarily food services, auto fueling, visitor accommodations and related accessory uses.
- (e) Specific “C-1” Neighborhood Commercial District Purposes. To provide compact and conveniently located shopping and service uses to meet the limited needs within walking distance of individual urban neighborhoods or centrally located to serve rural communities. Neighborhood Commercial uses and facilities are intended to be of a small scale, with a demonstrated local need or market, appropriate to a neighborhood service area, and to have minimal adverse traffic, noise, or aesthetic impacts on the adjacent residential areas.
- (f) Specific “C-2” Community Commercial District Purposes. To provide centers of concentrated commercial uses accommodating a broad range and mixture of commercial activities, serving the general shopping and service needs of community-wide service areas, and including visitor accommodations. This district is intended to be applied to areas designated on the General Plan as Community Commercial. The Community Commercial districts are intended to have definite boundaries to promote the concentration of commercial uses.

- (g) Specific “C-4” Commercial Service District Purposes. To meet the commercial service needs of the various communities in the County by allowing a broad range of commercial services uses in areas reserved for and designated Commercial Services on the General Plan. Commercial service uses are intended primarily to be non-retail in nature, such as building material suppliers, auto repair, or freight terminals, and to be non-polluting. These uses usually need large sites, proximity to major streets to handle truck traffic, and in some cases need access to rail transportation. The Commercial Services Districts are intended to be located in areas where the impact of noise, traffic, and other nuisances and hazards associated with such uses will not adversely affect other land uses. Commercial recreational uses needing large sites and good access, such as drive-in theaters or indoor arenas, are also included in this district.

13.10.332 COMMERCIAL USES

(a) Principal Permitted Uses

- (1) In the Coastal Zone, the principal permitted uses in the Commercial Districts shall be as follows:

- “PA” Professional and administrative offices;
- “VA” Visitor accommodations;
- “CT” Visitor serving uses and facilities;
- “C-1” Neighborhood-serving, small-scale commercial services and retail uses;
- “C-2” Community-serving, large-scale retail uses and small-scale community services;
- “C-4” Commercial services of all types and uses needing large sites or outdoor use areas; including appurtenant uses and structures.

- (2) Principal permitted uses are all denoted as uses requiring a Level IV or lower Approval unless otherwise denoted with the letter “P” in the Commercial Uses Chart in paragraph (b) following. In the Coastal Zone, actions to approve uses other than principal permitted uses are appealable to the Coastal Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13.20 of the County Code relating to Coastal Zone Permits, and in some cases, as provided in Chapter 13.20, any development is appealable.

- (b) Allowed Uses. The uses allowed in the commercial districts shall be as provided in the following Commercial Uses Chart below. A discretionary approval for an allowed use is known as a “Use Approval” and is given as part of a “Development Permit” for a particular use. The type of permit processing review, or “Approval Level”, required for each use in each of the commercial zone districts is indicated in the chart. The processing procedures for Development Permits and for the various Approval Levels are detailed in Chapter 18.10 PERMIT AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES. The Approval Levels given in this chart for structures incorporate the Approval Levels necessary for processing a building permit for the structure. Higher Approval Levels than those listed in this chart for particular use may be required if a project requires other concurrent Approvals, according to Section 18.10.123.

COMMERCIAL USES CHART

KEY:

A = Use must be ancillary and incidental to a principal permitted use on the site
 P = Principal permitted use (See Section 13.10.332(a)); no use approval necessary if "P" appears alone

- 1 = Approval Level I (administrative, no plans required)
- 2 = Approval Level II (administrative, plans required)
- 3 = Approval Level III (administrative, field visit required)
- 4 = Approval Level IV (administrative, public notice required)
- 5 = Approval Level V (public hearing by Zoning Administrator required)
- 6 = Approval Level VI (public hearing by Planning Commission required)
- 7 = Approval Level VII (public hearing by Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors required)

- = Use not allowed in this zone district

* = Level IV for project of less than 2,000 square feet (in C-1, **Level V**)
 Level V for projects of 2,000 to 20,000 square feet
 Level VI for projects of 20,000 square feet and larger

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Accessory Structures and uses (not principal permitted uses unless associated with a principal permitted use), including:

Accessory structures, non-habitable, not including warehouses (subject to Section 13.10.611)

Less than 500 sq. ft.	3	3	3	3	3	3
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4	4	4	4	4	4

Outdoor storage, incidental to an allowed use and screened from public streets and adjacent property

Less than 500 sq. ft.	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A

Parking, on-site, in accordance with Section 13.10.550, et seq

	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Parking facilities for off-site uses, when developed according to Section 13.10.550, et seq	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Recycling collection facilities in accordance with Section 13.10.658:

Reverse vending machines	1	1	1	1	1	1
Small collection facilities	4	4	4	4	4	4

Signs in accordance with Section 13.10.581	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Adult Entertainment, subject to Sections 13.10.621, 13.10.622, and 13.10.623 including adult bookstores; adult motion picture theaters, bath establishments

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Agricultural Service Establishments not engaged in hazardous chemicals

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Animal Services (subject to Section 13.10.642), including:

Animal grooming services and other animal services where the animals do not stay overnight

--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
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Boarding kennels, veterinarians offices, small animal hospitals, animal shelters and pounds, including the short-term boarding of animals

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Outdoor exercise yards in connection with the above	--	--	--	--	--	5/6*
Veterinary clinics or office with no overnight boarding of animals	--	--	--	--	4/5/6	4/5/6
<u>Automobile Service Stations</u> ; subject to the provisions of Sections 13.10.656 and 13.10.657						
Gas stations with car washes, service bays and/or vehicle repair services	--	--	5/6*	--	5/6*	5/6*
Gas stations or gas pumps with no service bays or repair service	--	--	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*
<u>BANKS FINANCIAL SERVICES</u> , including	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Automated Bank Teller Facilities	4	4	4	4	4	4
Banks , Savings and Loan Companies, Credit Unions	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	--	4/5/6*	--
<u>Boat and marine services</u> , such as:	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
Boat building						
Boat rentals, sales, and services						
Boat storage						
Commercial fishing facilities						
Marine services and launching facilities						
<u>Clubs</u> , private, including garden clubs, fraternal lodges, community service organizations, meeting halls and conference rooms	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6* --	4/5/6*	4/5/6*

Commercial change of use
within existing structures:

Change of use in accordance with an approved master occupancy program 1 1 1 1 1 1

Change of use within the Town Plan areas of the San Lorenzo Valley, to a use in conformance with a Town Plan, and not resulting in an intensification of use 1 1 1 1 1 1

Change from a use conforming to a valid development (use) permit, to another use allowed in the zone district which will not result in an intensification of use: 1 4/5/6* 4/5/6* 1 1 4/5/6*

Change from a use conforming to a valid development (use) permit, to another use allowed in the zone district which will result in an intensification of use: 4 4/5/6* 4/5/6* 4 4 4/5/6*

Change of a use not approved by a valid development (use) permit, to another use allowed in the zone district, for projects
o f
 Under 2,000 sq. ft. 3 4 4 3 3 4
 2,000-20,000 sq. ft. 4 5 5 4 4 5
 Over 20,000 sq. ft. 4 6 6 5 5 6

(For legal, non-conforming uses, see Section 13.10.260 for additional requirements)

Commercial recreation and Entertainment,

indoor, subject to Section 13.10.654, such as:

-- 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A -- 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

- Auditoriums, indoor
- Bowling alleys
- Card rooms
- Dancing establishments; dance halls; discos
- Game establishments; pin-ball and video game rooms (see Section 13.10.700 - G, -V definitions)
- Nightclubs
- Pool halls
- Theaters, indoor

Commercial Recreation, General, involving outdoor facilities, public assembly, or large sites, such as:

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- Flea markets
- Miniature golf courses; putting greens; par 3 golf; driving ranges
- Skateboard parks
- Skating rinks
- Sports arenas, stadiums
- Swimming pools, public
- Theaters, drive-in (subject to Section 13.10.623)

Commercial Services, personal, such as:

4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A -- #516* 4/5/6* --

- Barber shops
- Beauty shops

<u>Commercial Services,</u> <u>Neighborhood,</u> such as:	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Copy and duplicating services						
Dressmakers						
Dry cleaners using non-flammable, non-explosive solvents						
Film processing, ancillary and incidental to a permitted retail or service use						
Food lockers						
Laundries; self-service laundries						
Locksmiths						
Picture framing shops						
Printing shops, light; duplicating services						
Repair shops, for the repair of small appliances; radio, stereo and television repair						
Shoe repair shops						
Tailors						
Tool or cutlery sharpening or grinding services						
<u>Commercial Services,</u> <u>Community,</u> such as:	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Auction rooms						
Catering services						
Gunsmiths						
Mortuaries (not including cemetaries)						
Rental shops: medical, clothing, household goods, etc., indoor						
Taxidermists						
Upholstery shops (auto upholstery allowed only in C-4)						

Automobile washing,
polishing and
detailing services

Parcel shipping and
delivering services

Taxi company with
vehicle parking and
storage

Contractor's and heavy
equipment storage and
rental yards, including
storage yards for
commercial vehicles;
bus or transit service
yards for the storage,
servicing and repair of
transit vehicles

Outdoor storage yards
for recreational
vehicles, trailers,
boats

Recycling centers,
including large
collection facilities and
processing facilities

Shipping terminals,
including trucking
terminals, packing and
crating services,
shipping services,
freight forwarding
terminals

Storage facilities
including cold-storage
plants; ice storage
warehouses, excluding
the storage of fuel or
flammable liquids

Community Facilities,

such as:

4/5/6* 4/5/6*A -- 4/5/6* 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

Bus or transit stations
(storage, servicing or
repair of vehicle
allowed only in C-4)



Churches and other
religious centers or
institutions

Community centers

Day-care centers (see
Section 13.10.700 - D
definition)

Energy systems,
community (subject to
Section 13.10.661 and
.700-E definition)

Fire stations

Libraries

Museums

Post offices

Restrooms, public
Utilities, public,
structures and uses
(see Section
13.10.700-E
definition)

<u>Cottage industry</u> (see Section 13.10.700-C definition)	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
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<u>“M-1” Districts. all allowed uses, provided that not more than 20 persons are engaged in the production, repair, or processing of materials on any one shift and provided further that regulations for the “M-1” District as stated in Section 13.10.345 shall apply to every use</u>	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
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<u>Offices, (not to exceed 50% of building area in C- 1), such as:</u> Administrative offices						
Travel agencies	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	#5/6”	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A

Addressing services	4/5/6*	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Business offices, general						
Catalog sales offices						
Dental offices						
Duplicating shops						
Editorial offices						
Executive offices						
Finance offices						
Fortune tellers						
Insurance offices						
Interior decoration studios						
Laboratories, medical, optical, and dental, not including the manufacture of pharmaceutical or other similar products for general sale or distribution						
Medical offices and clinics						
Message services; answering services						
Optical offices						
Photographers; photographic studios						
Professional offices						
Radio and television programming stations, without transmitting towers						
Real estate offices						
Telegraph offices						
Title companies						
<u>Open space uses according to the PR District Chart (Section 13.10.352)</u>	--	P	P	--		

Physical culture facilities,
such as: 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A 4/5/6* 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

Bath establishments;
hot tubs, sauna
establishments
(subject to Chapter
9.88)

Fitness centers

Gymnasiums

Massage establishments
(subject to Chapter
9.88)

Physical culture studios

Racquet clubs, indoor

Spas

Radio and television
broadcasting stations
including transmitting
towers

4/5/6* -- -- ~~4/5/6*~~ 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

Residential uses, such as:

Dwelling units, single-
family and multi-
family, up to 50%
(67% if project is
100% affordable) of
the floor area of the
entire development,
developed according to
the development
standards of Urban
High Residential

	5	--	--	5	5	--
1 - 4 units	6	--	--	6	6	--
5 - 19 units	7	--	--	7	7	--
20 + units						

Convalescent hospitals 4/5/6* -- -- -- -- --

Nursing homes (see
Section 13.10.700-N
definition) 4/5/6* -- -- -- -- --

Restaurants; bars. food
service subject to
13.10.651 in the "PA"
District; such as:

Bars, micro-breweries, brew pubs, subject to Section 13.10.654, (ancillary to restaurants in the C-1)							
Bakeries; baked goods stores							
Candy stores							
Cheese stores							
Delicatessens							
Donut shops							
Ice cream shops							
Restaurants							
Sandwich shops							
Other food specialty outlets							
In buildings of 500 square feet or less	4A	4A	4	4	4	4	
In buildings of larger than 500 square feet	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Outdoor food service	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Restaurants, all types including pizza parlors, delicatessens, sandwich shops and other fast food restaurants (in the C- 1, limited to 800 Trip Ends per day (ITE Trip Generation Manual))	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Bars, micro-breweries, brew pubs, subject to Section 13.10.654, (ancillary to rest- aurants in the C-1)	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	5"	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--

Food service outlets, such as bakeries, donut shops, ice cream shops, and other food specialty outlets	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	5*	4/5/6*	--
Outdoor food service, in conjunction with the above uses	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	5*	4/5/6*	--
<u>Retail sales, Neighborhood, such as:</u>	-	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Antique stores						
Art and handicraft sales and service						
Art galleries						
Bicycle rentals						
Bicycle sales						
Bookstores						
Candy stores						
Cheese stores						
Clock and watch sales and repair						
Clothing stores						
Flower shops						
Food stores; grocery stores, limited to 20,000 square feet in the C-1 District						
Gift stores						
Hardware stores						
Jewelry stores						
Liquor stores						
Luggage stores						
Musical instrument and recordings sales and repair						
Newspaper and magazine sales						

Pet shops

Photographic equipment
and supplies

Plant shops, for indoor
sales of plants in
containers

Produce markets

Recreational equipment
sales, rentals and
services, such as
sporting goods, bait
and tackle, marine
hardware and
supplies, diving
equipment, bicycles,
roller skates,
surfboards,
windsurfers

Shoe stores

Sporting goods stores

Stationery stores

Toy stores

Tobacco shops

Variety stores

Video sales and rentals

Wine tasting and sales
rooms

Drug stores;
pharmacies, medical
appliances and
supplies

4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A 4/5/6* 4/5/6* 4/5/6*A

Retail sales, Community,
such as:

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Appliance showrooms
Automobile supply
stores

Business machine stores

Department stores

Fabric and sewing
materials stores

Floor covering
showrooms

Furniture stores

Garden supply stores

Home furnishing and
decorating stores

Household appliances
stores

Kitchen/bath/house-
wares stores

Orthopedic appliances
sales and rentals

Paint stores

Pawnshops

Scientific instrument
stores

Secondhand stores

Stamp and coin stores

Stores for the display
and retail sales of
lighting, plumbing,
heating, refrigeration,
ventilation, fixtures
and equipment

Warehouse stores selling
to members or the
general public

Retail Sales, requiring large sites, large showrooms, or outdoor sales areas, such as:

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Automobile sales and service, including automobile repair and service garages operated entirely within closed buildings or screened from public streets;

automobile sales; automobile upholstery installers, indoor; tire stores, including installation; used car sales lots

Boat sales and service

Building materials yards, including: lumber yards, not including planing mills or sawmills; building materials yards other than gravel, rock or cement yards; storage, bulk, of rock, gravel, sand, and aggregates in bins not exceeding 5 yards each, limited to 10 bins per site

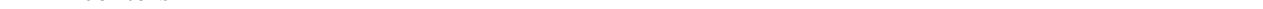
Feed and farm supply stores

Firewood processing and sales

Mobilehome sales and service

Motorcycle sales and service

Nurseries, selling plants in containers, garden centers



Recreational vehicle and trailer sales and service

Retail sales of large appliances or equipment needing large showrooms

Wholesale suppliers

Schools, studios and conference facilities, such as:

	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
				--		
Arts and crafts studios and schools						
Conference and seminar facilities without overnight accommodations						
Dance studios or schools						
Music studios or schools						
Pre-school, elementary, secondary and college facilities						
Professional, trade, business and technical schools						

Temporary uses, (see Section 13.10.700-T definition) such as:

Carnivals and circuses	--	--	--	--	3	3
Christmas tree sales lots	--	--	--	3	3	3
Outdoor sales not to exceed 4 per year on any site	--	--	--	3	3	3

Visitor Accommodations,
subject to Section
13.10.355(b), such as:

Time share, visitor
accommodations
subject to Section
13.10.693

1 - 4 units	--	5	--	--	--	--
5 - 19 units	--	6	--	--	--	--
20 + units	--	7	--	--	--	--

Type A uses: Hotels;
inns, pensions,
lodging houses, “bed
and breakfast” inns,
recreational rentals
housing (see Section
12.02.020(11))

1 - 4 units	--	5P	5	--	5	--
5 - 19 units	--	6P	6	--	6	--
20 + units	--	7P	7	--	7	--

Type B uses: Organized
camps; group camps;
conference centers,
(subject to Section
13.10.692); hostels;
recreational vehicles
camping parks; tent
camping parks

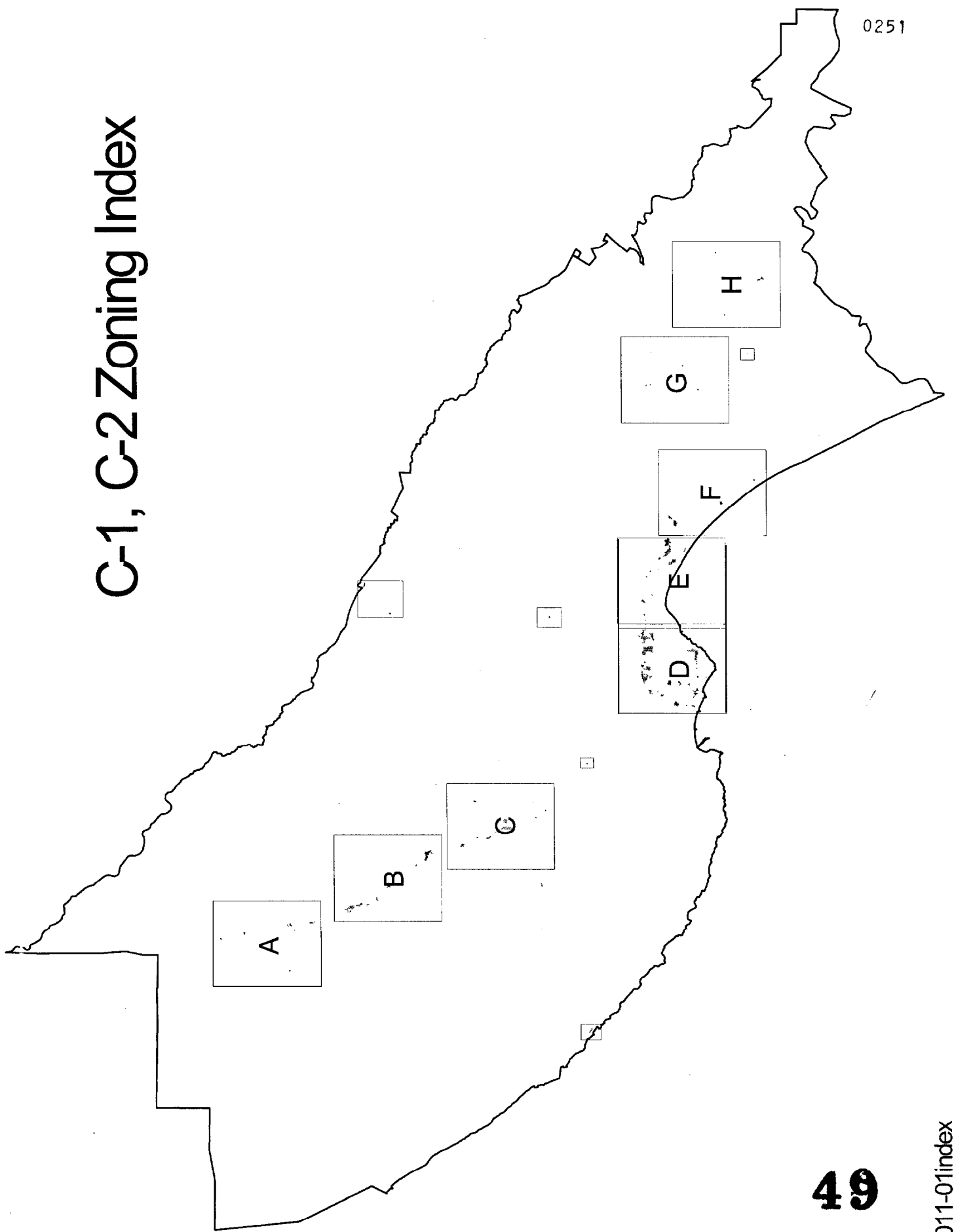
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5 - 19 units	--	6	6	--	--	--
20 + units	--	7	7	--	--	--

Wineries (see definition
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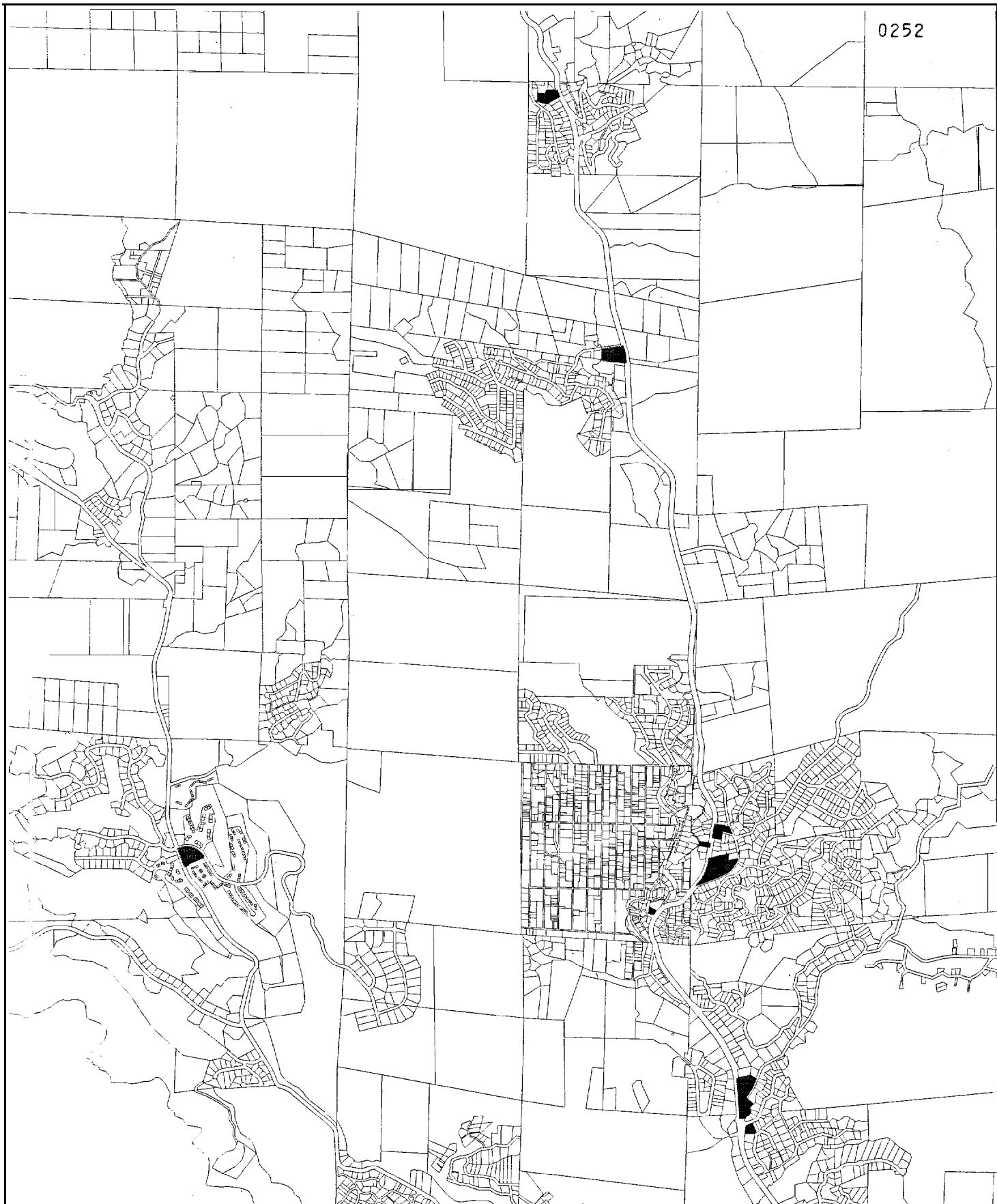
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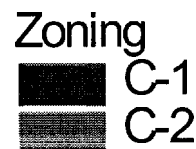
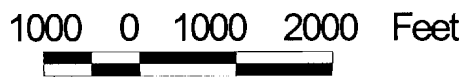


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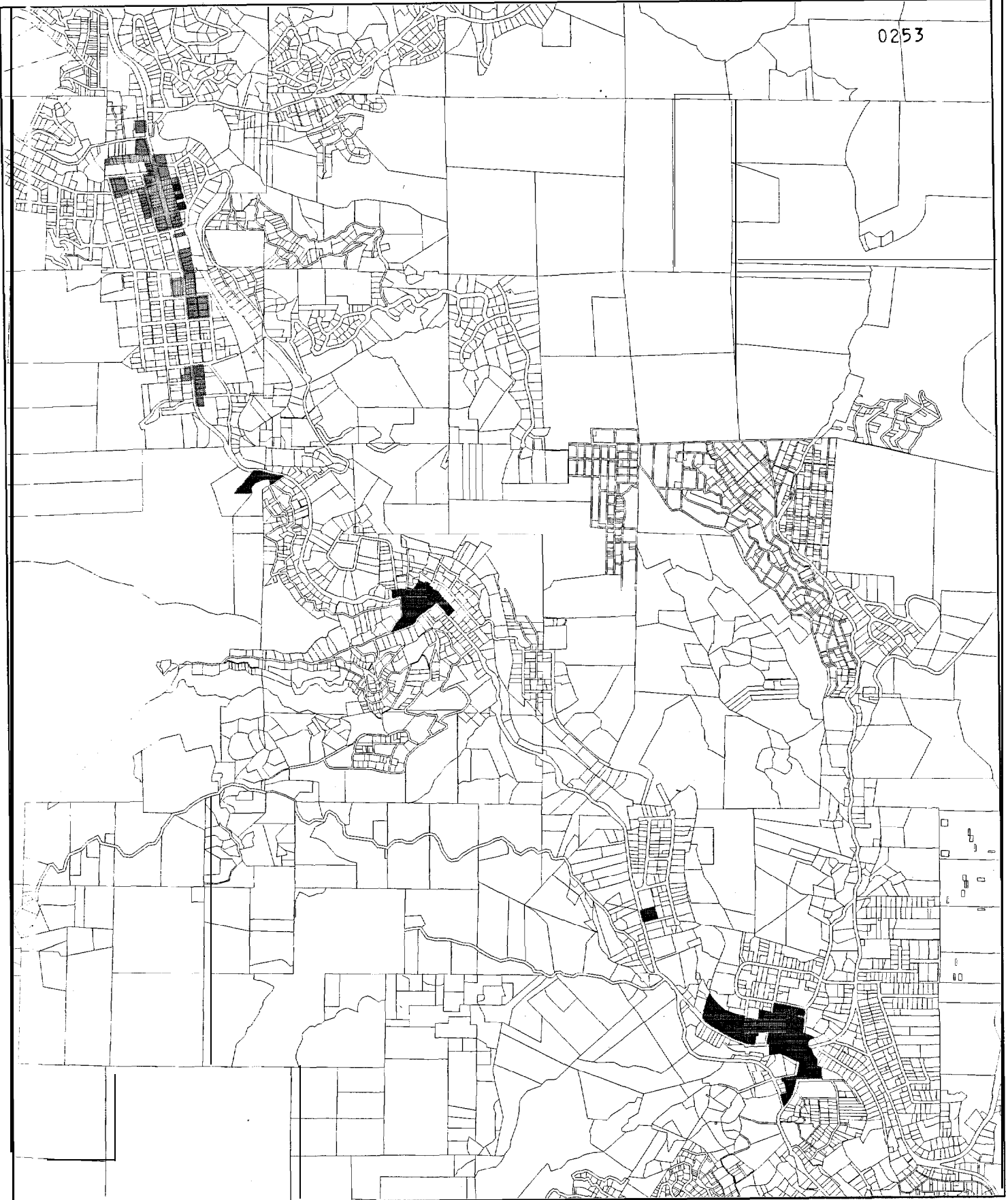


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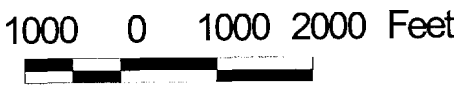


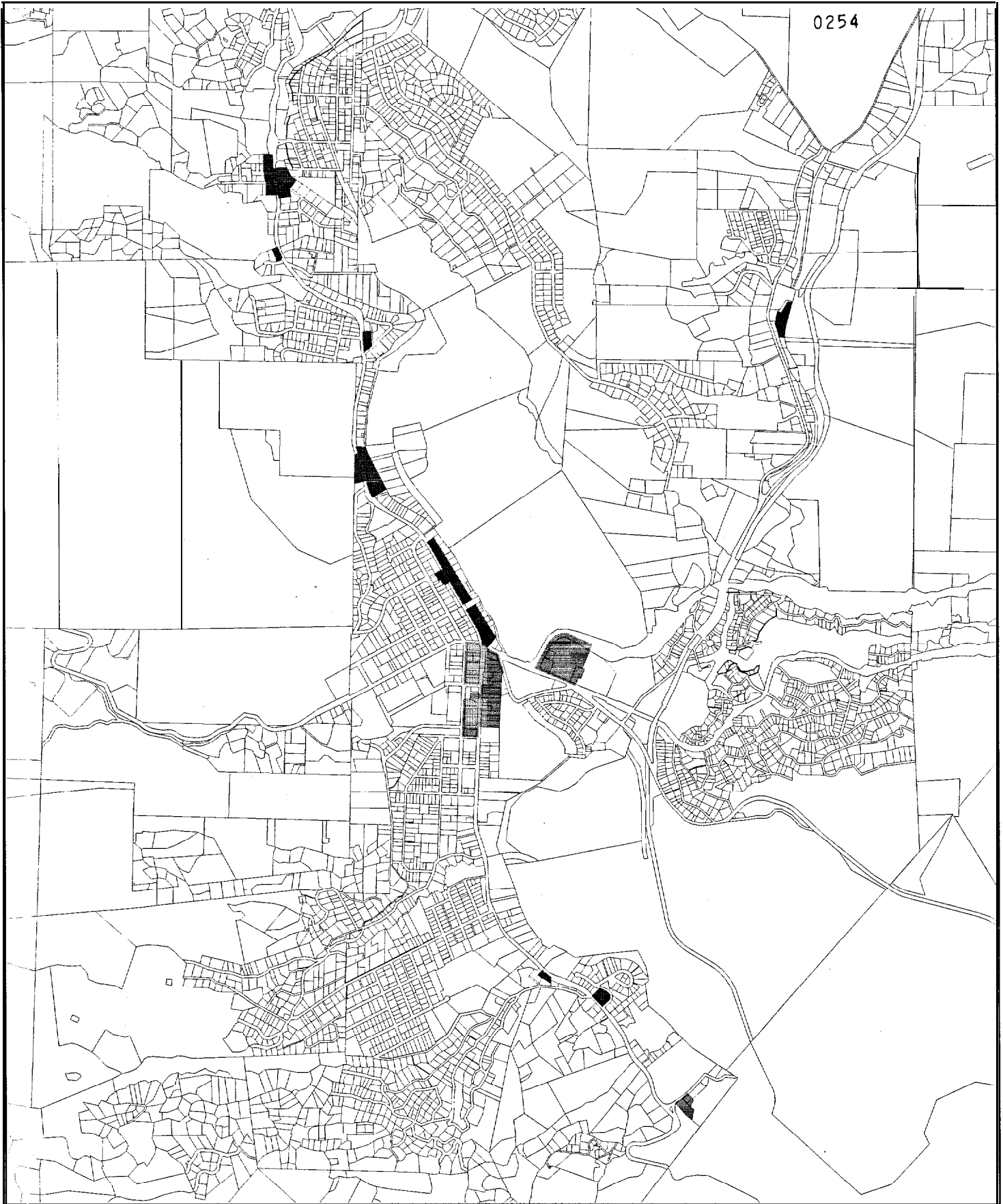
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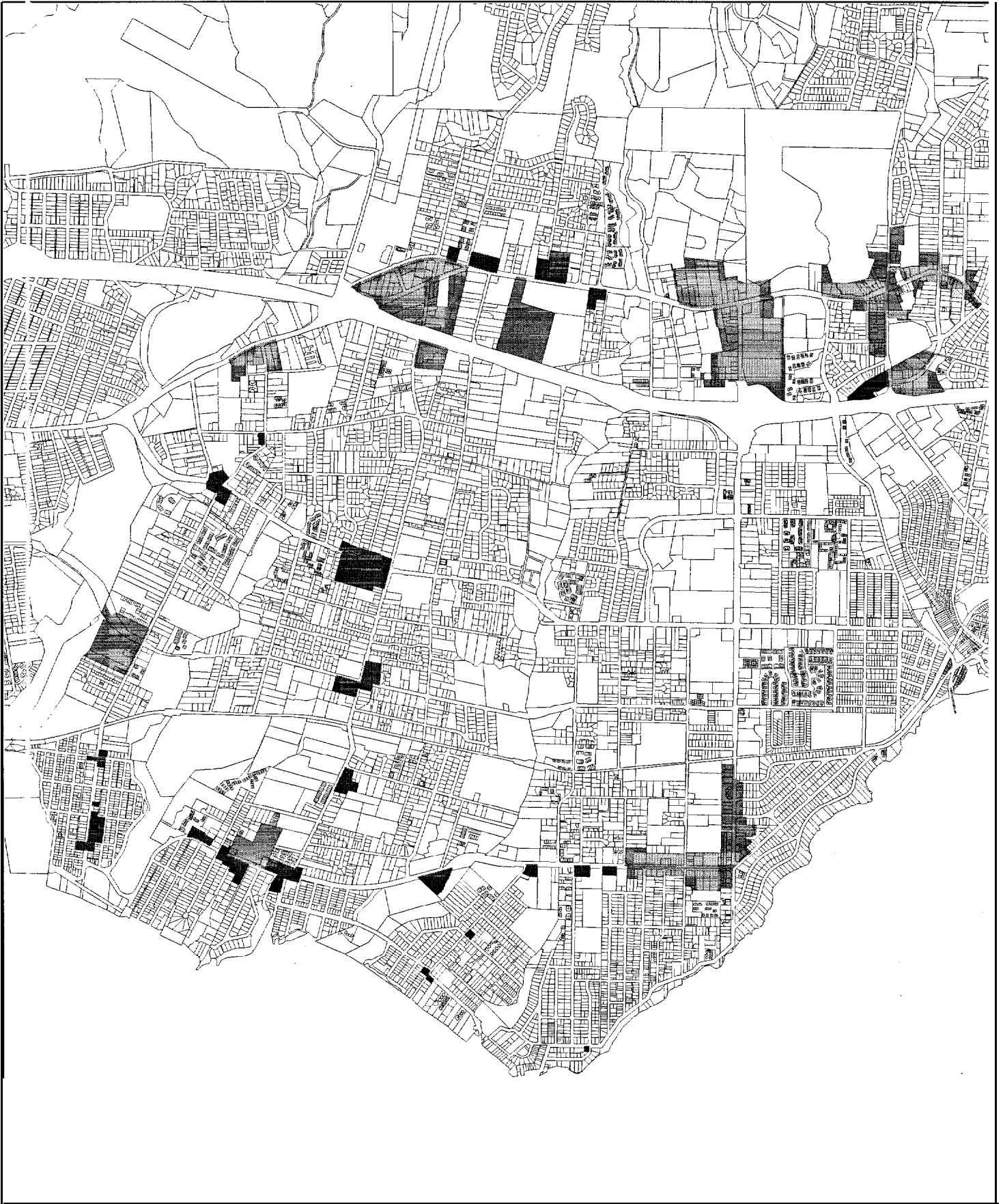
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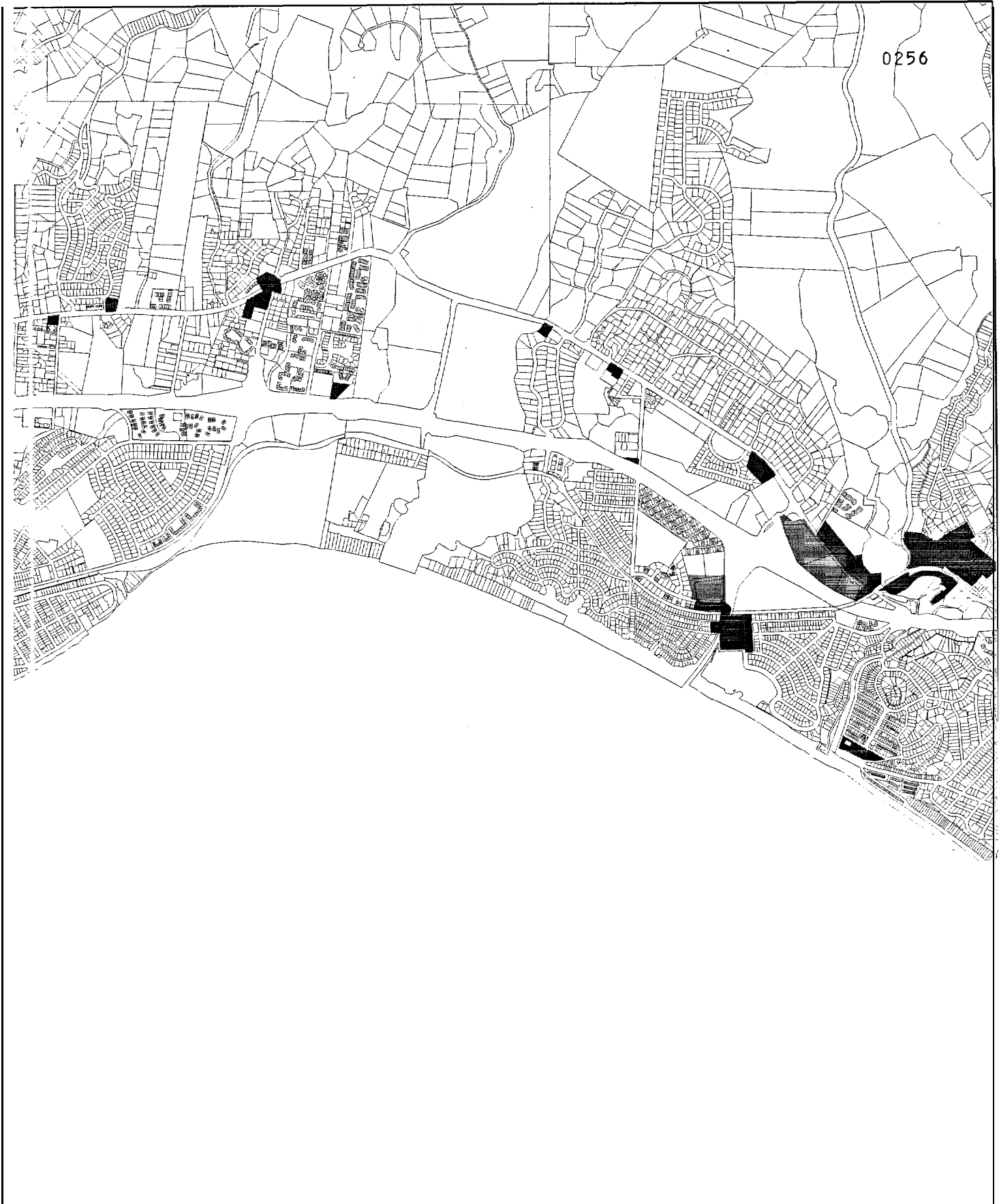




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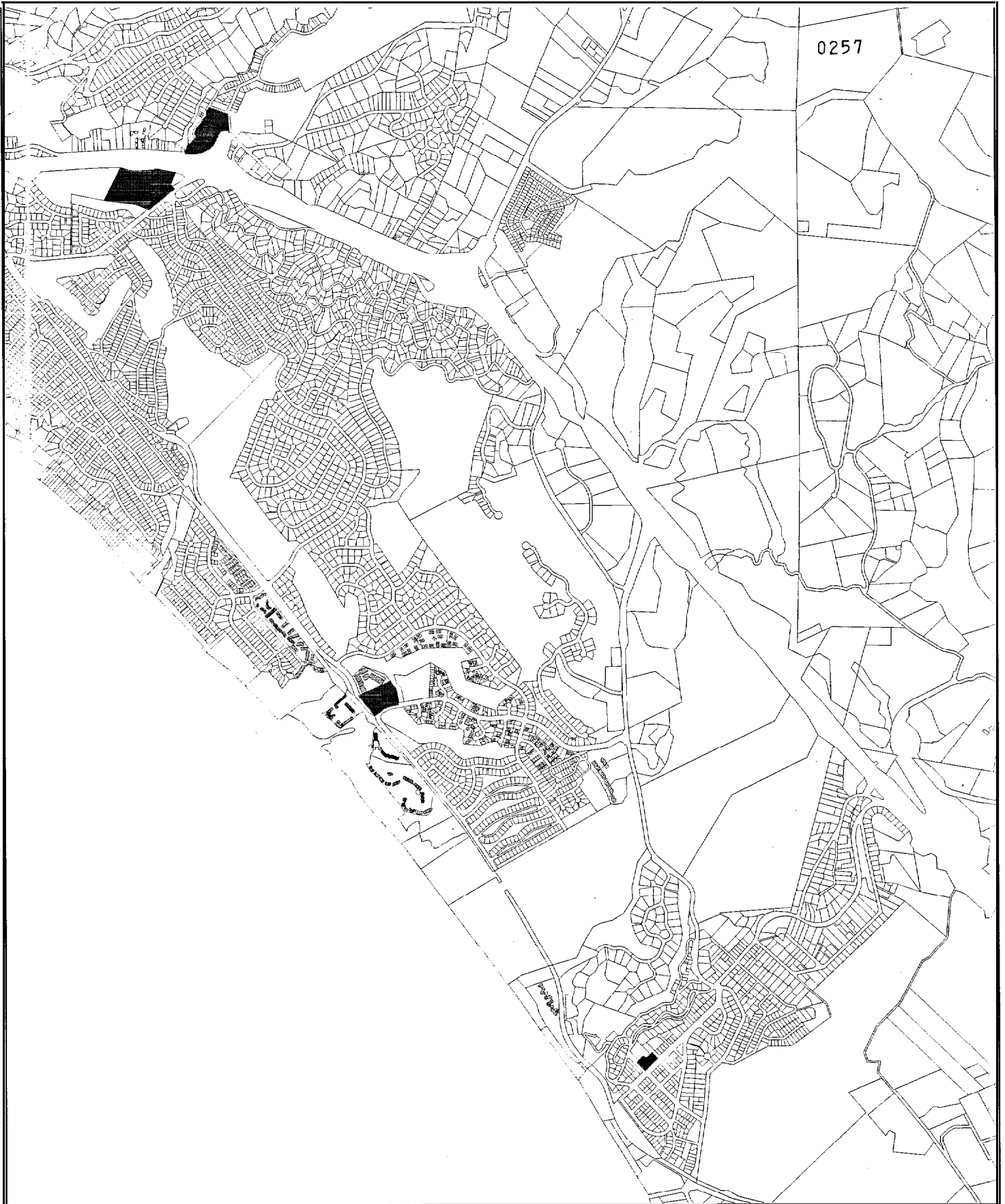
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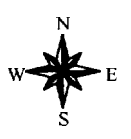
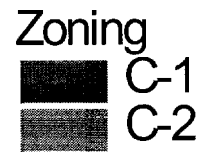


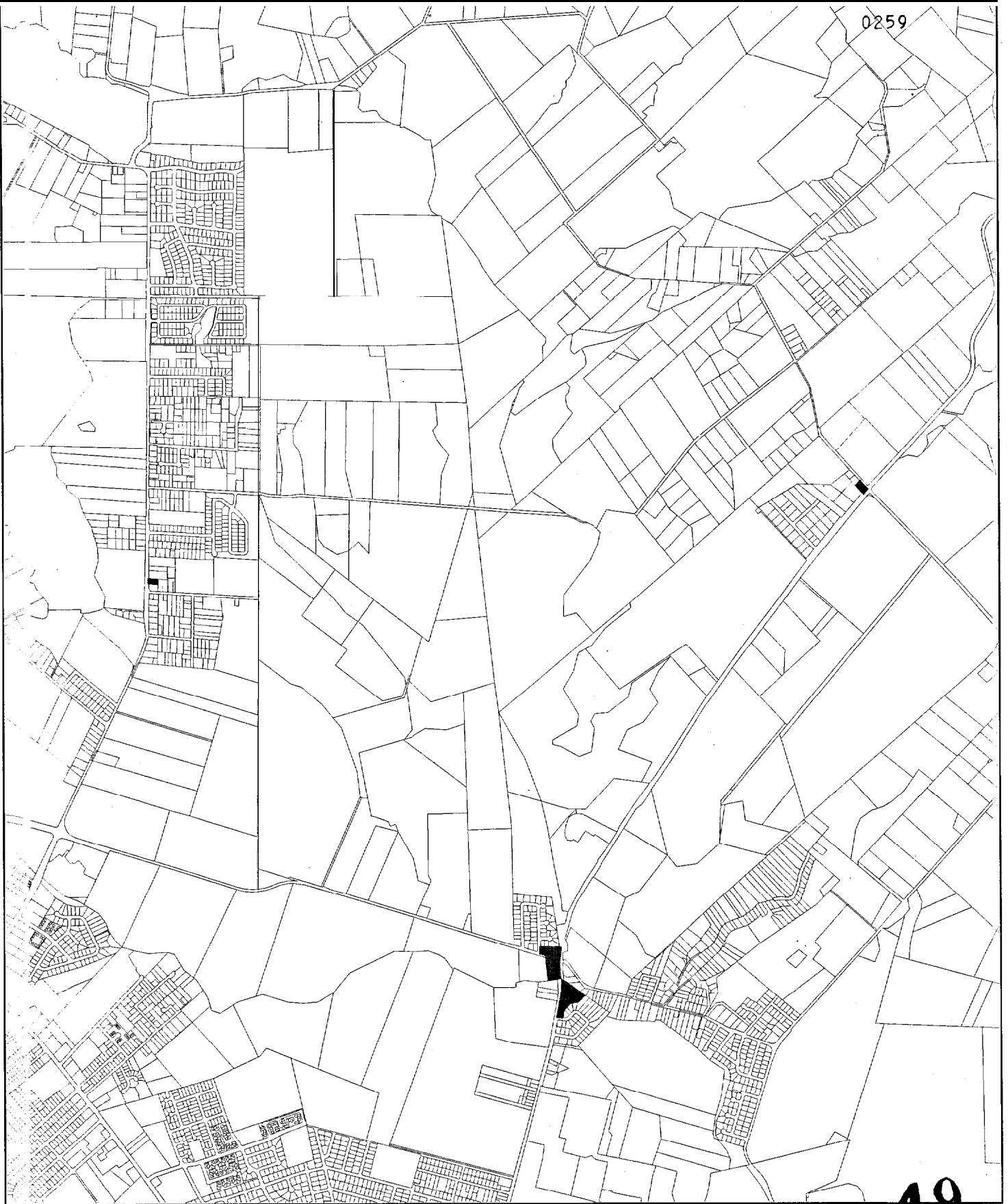


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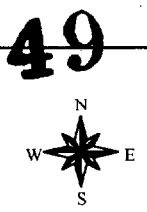


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October 25, 2000

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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMERCIAL USES CHART

Members of the Board:

On October 11, 2000, the Planning Commission concluded its consideration of an application for a Wendys restaurant on the corner of Brommer Street and 17th Avenue, on property zoned Neighborhood Commercial ("C-1"). The Commission unanimously denied the application and adopted revised findings. As a part of the motion to deny the project, the Commission also directed the Chairperson of the Commission to forward a request to your Board to initiate amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to revise the Use Charts of the commercial zone districts to more clearly differentiate between uses appropriate for the Neighborhood Commercial ("C-1") and the Community Commercial ("C-2") zone districts.

The General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance specify the types of uses which are appropriate in the "C-1" and "C-2" zone districts. The Neighborhood Commercial land use designation is primarily implemented by the "C-1" zone district. The following General Plan policies guide the location and types of uses intended for the Neighborhood Commercial designation:

2.13.1 Location of Neighborhood Commercial Uses

Designate on the General Plan and LCP Land Use Maps those areas existing as, or suitable for, Neighborhood Commercial uses to provide small-scale neighborhood and visitor serving businesses within walking distance of urban neighborhoods, visitor attractions or centrally located to serve rural communities.

2.13.3 Allowed Uses in Neighborhood Commercial Designation

Allow a variety of retail and service facilities, including neighborhood or visitor serving oriented retail sales, recreational equipment sales, personal services, limited offices, restaurants, community facilities including child care facilities, schools and studios, rental services, and similar types of retail and service activities.

The purpose of the C-1 zone district, as designated in County Code Section 13.10.33 l(e) is as follows.:

- (e) Specific “C-1” Neighborhood Commercial District Purposes. To provide compact and conveniently located shopping and service uses to meet the limited needs within walking distance of individual urban neighborhoods or centrally located to serve rural communities. Neighborhood Commercial uses and facilities are intended to be of small scale, with a demonstrated local need or market, appropriate to a neighborhood service area, and to have minimal adverse traffic, noise, or aesthetic impacts on adjacent residential areas.

The allowed uses in the C-1 zone district are included in the Commercial Uses Chart (Attachment 1).

The Community Commercial designation is primarily implemented by the C-2 zone district. The following policies define the location and allowed uses in the Community Commercial land use designation:

2.14.1 Location of Community Commercial Uses

Designate on the General Plan and LCP Land Use Maps Community Commercial Centers in Freedom, Aptos, Soquel, Live Oak, Felton, Ben Lomond, and Boulder Creek based on community-wide market areas served by these centers. Channel new proposed commercial uses into these designated Community Commercial Centers.

2.14.2 Allowed Uses in Community Commercial Designation

Allow a wide variety of retail and service facilities, including retail sales, personal services, offices, restaurants, community facilities including child care facilities, schools and studios, hotels and recreational housing units, rental services, and similar types of retail and service activities,

The specific purpose of the C-2 zone district, County Code Section 13.10.33 l(f), is as follows:

- (f) Specific “C-2” Community Commercial District Purposes. To provide centers of concentrated commercial uses accommodating a broad range and mixture of commercial activities, serving the general shopping and service needs of community-wide service areas, and including visitor accommodations. This district is intended to be applied to areas designated on the General Plan as Community Commercial. The Community Commercial districts are intended to have definite boundaries to promote the concentration of commercial uses.

The allowed uses in the C-2 zone district are included in the Commercial Uses Chart (Attachment 1).

A comparison of the uses allowed in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts, as listed in the Commercial

Uses Chart, indicates that there is little differentiation between the types of uses allowed in the two zone districts. A partial listing, including the level of review (3, 4 = administrative; 5 = Zoning Administrator; 6 = Planning Commission; 7 = Board of Supervisors), follows:

Uses	C-1	c-2
Accessory structures and uses	3/4	3/4
Adult entertainment	not permitted	5/6
Animal services/grooming (no overnite)	4/5/6	4/5/6
“ ” Vet clinics (no overnite)	not permitted	4/5/6
Gas stations w/auto repair, car wash, etc	not permitted	5/6
Gas stations w/o auto repair	5/6	5/6
Banks, including ATMs	4/5/6	4/5/6
Clubs, private	4/5/6	4/5/6
Comm recreation, card rooms, theatres, night clubs	not permitted	4/5/6
Commercial services, personal (barber/beauty shops)	4/5/6	4/5/6
Commercial services, neighborhood, including copy services, dry cleaners, film processing, laundries, picture framing, repair shops, shoe repair, tailors, tool sharpening	4/5/6	4/5/6
Commercial services, community, such as mortuaries, gunsmiths, upholstery shops, etc	not permitted	4/5/6
Community facilities, such as bus stations, churches, community centers, fire stations, libraries, post offices, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Offices (all types, including real estate, medical, insurance, laboratories, title companies, etc)	4/5/6 (50% of floor area)	4/5/6
Physical culture facilities, such as health clubs, spas, racquet clubs, gymnasiums, etc.	4/5/6	4/5/6
Radio and television studios, with transmitting towers	4/5/6	4/5/6
Residential uses (up to 50% of floor area)	5/6/7	5/6/7

Uses	C-1	c-2
Restaurants, bars, bakeries, donut shops, sandwich shops, delicatessens, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Retail sales, neighborhood, such as antique stores, arts and crafts, art galleries, bicycle shops, bookstores, clothing stores, flower shops, food stores (up to 20,000 sq.ft. in C-1), gift shops, hardware stores, drug stores, pet shops, liquor stores, jewelry stores, sporting goods stores, etc	4/5/6	4/5/6
Retail sales, community, such as appliance showrooms, auto supply, computer sales and service , floor covering showrooms, garden supply, department stores, furniture stores, paint stores, warehouse stores(gen'l public or membership)	not permitted	4/5/6
Schools (all kinds, including public (primary, secondary and college), private, vocational, artistic, e t c)	4/5/6	4/5/6
Visitor accommodations(motels, hotels, etc) (bold annotation added)	not permitted	5/6/7

The table illustrates that the types of uses allowed in the C-1 and C-2 zone districts are often the same uses, processed at the same level. What neither the Uses Chart nor the language in the remainder of the Commercial ordinances provide, however, is any guidance to differentiate between the size or intensity of the allowed uses which would be appropriate for the Neighborhood or Community Commercial designations. That determination is left to the decision makers, be it the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, based on an analysis by the Planning staff.

The Planning Commission is requesting that your Board direct the Planning Department to prepare amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to provide more specific differentiation in the Uses Chart of the size and types of uses appropriate for the "C-1" and "C-2" zone districts, recognizing that these differences should be based on the objectives and purposes of the General Plan designations and zone districts.

Sincerely,



Rob Bremner, Chairperson,
Planning Commission

Attachments 1. Commercial Uses Chart

COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ
PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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13. 10. 330 COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

Sections:

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13. 10. 331 PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

In addition to the general objectives of this Chapter (13.10) the Commercial Districts are included in the Zoning Ordinance in order to achieve the following purposes:

(a) General Purposes.

- (1) To provide for retail stores, offices, service establishments, recreational establishments, and wholesale businesses offering a range of commodities and services adequate to meet the needs of County residents and visitors, of different geographical areas in the county and of their various categories of patrons.

variety of retail and service uses where they are accessory to office uses on a site. (Ord. 1834, 2/27/73; 3186, 1/12/82; 3344, 11/23/82; 3432, 8/23/83)

- (c) Specific "VA" Visitor Accommodations District Purposes. To provide areas specifically reserved for visitor accommodations and limited appurtenant uses. To allow a broad range of such overnight or extended stay lodging for visitors and to recognize these as commercial uses. The Visitor Accommodations District is intended to be located primarily in areas designated Visitor Accommodation or in areas designated as Community Commercial on the General Plan, and in locations where there are existing or approved (at the date of this section) visitor accommodations developments. All visitor accommodations are intended to be located where adequate access and public services and facilities are available, and to be designed and operated to be compatible with adjacent land uses, utilize and complement the scenic and natural setting of the area, and provide proper management and protection of the environment and natural resources. (Ord. 1891, 6/19/73; 3186, 1/12/82; 3344, 11/23/82; 3432, 8/23/83)
- (d) Specific "CT" Tourist Commercial District Purposes: To encourage and recognize a narrow range of visitor serving uses in appropriate locations in the County on major transportation corridors or in commercial centers where properties have a land use designation on the General Plan of Neighborhood or Community Commercial. Visitor serving uses allowed in this zone district include primarily food services, auto fueling, visitor accommodations, and related accessory uses.
- (e) Specific "C-1" Neighborhood Commercial District Purposes. To provide compact and conveniently located shopping and service uses to meet the limited needs within walking distance of individual urban neighborhoods or centrally located to serve rural communities. Neighborhood Commercial uses and facilities are intended to be of a small scale, with a demonstrated local need or market, appropriate to a neighborhood service area, and to have minimal adverse traffic, noise, or aesthetic impacts on the adjacent residential areas.
- (f) Specific "C-2" Community Commercial District Purposes. To provide centers of concentrated commercial uses accommodating a broad range and mixture of commercial activities, serving the general shopping and service needs of community-wide service areas, and including visitor accommodations. This district is intended to be applied to areas designated on the General Plan as Community Commercial. The Community Commercial districts are intended to have definite boundaries to promote the concentration of commercial uses.
- (g) Specific "C-4" Commercial Services District Purposes. To meet the commercial services needs of the various communities in the County by allowing a broad range of commercial services uses in areas reserved for and designated as Commercial Services on the General Plan. Commercial service uses are intended primarily to be non-retail in nature, such as building material supplier, auto repair, or freight terminals, and to be non-polluting. These uses usually need large sites, proximity to major streets to handle truck traffic, and in some cases need

COMMERCIAL USES CHART

KEY:

- A = Use must be ancillary and incidental to a principal permitted use on the site
- P = Principal permitted use (see Section 13.10.332(a)); no use approval necessary if "P" appears alone
- 1 = Approval Level I (administrative, no plans required)
- 2 = Approval Level II (administrative, plans required)
- 3 = Approval Level III (administrative, field visit required)
- 4 = Approval Level IV (administrative, public notice required)
- 5 = Approval Level V (public hearing by Zoning Administrator required)
- 6 = Approval Level VI (public hearing by Planning Commission required)
- 7 = Approval Level VII (public hearing by Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors required)
- = Use not allowed in this zone district
- * = Level IV for projects of less than 2,000 square feet
 Level V for projects of 2,000 to 20,000 square feet
 Level VI for projects of 20,000 square feet and larger

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
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Accessory Structures
 and uses (not principal permitted uses unless associated with a principal permitted use), including:

Accessory structures, non-habitable, not including warehouses (subject to Section 13.10.611)

Less than 500 sq.ft.	3	3				
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4	4				

Outdoor storage, incidental to an allowed use, and screened from public streets and adjacent property

Less than 500 sq.ft.	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A

Parking, on-site, in accordance with Section 13.10.550, et sea

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USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2 a	c-4 e
Boarding kennels, veterinarians offices small animal hospitals, animal shelters and pounds, including the short-term boarding of animals	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
Outdoor exercise yards in connection with the, above	--	--	--	--	--	5/6*
Veterinary Clinics or offices with no overnight boarding of animals	--	--	--	--	4/5/6	4/5/6
<u>Automobile Service</u>						
<u>Stations; subject to</u> the provisions of Sections 13. 10. 656 and 13. 10. 657						
Gas stations with car washes, service bays and/ or vehicle repair services	--	--	5/6*	--	5/6*	5/6*
Gas stations or gas pumps with no service bays nor vehicle repair service	--	--	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*
<u>BANKS</u> , including:	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	- -	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Automated Bank Teller Facilities Savings and loan companies						
<u>Boat and marine</u> <u>services, such as:</u>	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
Boat building						
Boat rentals, sales, and services						
Boat storage						
Commercial fishing facilities						
Marine services and launching facilities						

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
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Change from a use not approved by a valid development (use) permit, to another use allowed in the zone district: for projects of:

under 2,000 sq.ft.	3	4	4	3	3	4
2,000-20,000 sq.ft.	4	5	5	4	4	5
over 20,000 sq.ft.	4	6	6	5	5	6

(For legal, non-conforming uses, see Section 13.10.260 for additional requirements)

Commercial Recreation and Entertainment, indoor, subject to Section 13.10.654, such as:

-- 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A -- 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

Auditoriums, indoor
Bowling alleys
Card rooms
Dancing establishments;
dance halls; discos
Game establishments;
pin-ball and video
game rooms (see
Section 13.10.700-G,
-V definitions)
Nightclubs
Pool halls
Theaters, indoor

Commercial Recreation, General, -- -- -- -- -- 5/6*
involving outdoor facilities, public assembly, or large sites, such as:

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USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
<u>Commercial Services,</u> Community such as:	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Auction rooms						
Catering services						
Gunsmiths						
Mortuaries (not including crematories)						
Rental shops: medical, clothing, household goods, etc; Indoor						
Taxidermists						
Upholstery shops, (auto upholstery allowed only in C-4)						
<u>Commercial Services,</u> <u>general, indoor,</u> such as:	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
Commercial cleaning services, including: linen services; dry cleaning and dyeing plants; carpet cleaning shops; diaper supply services; mattress reconditioning						
Contractor's shops including: glass shops; plumbing shops; sheet metal shops; heating and ventilating shops						
Exterminators						
Laboratories and related facilities for research, experimentation, testing, film processing						
Printing, lithographing; engraving, book binding						
Repair shops, including household and office equipment repair; safe and vault repair						
Storage Buildings for household goods, mini- storage						

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
<u>Community Facilities,</u> such as:	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Bus or transit stations, (storage, servicing or repair of vehicles allowed only in C-4)						
Churches and other religious centers or institutions						
Community centers						
Day-care centers (see Section 13.10.900-D definition)						
Energy systems, community (subject to Section 13.10.661 and ,700-E definition)						
Fire stations						
Libraries						
Museums						
Post offices						
Restrooms, public						
Utilities, public, structures and uses energy facilities (see Section 13.10.700-E definition)						
<u>Cottage industry,</u> (see Section 13.10.700-C definition)	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
<u>"M-1" Districts, all allowed uses, provided that not more than 20 persons shall be engaged in the production, repair, or processing of materials on any one shift and provided further that regulations for the "M-1" District as stated in Section 13.10.345 shall apply to every use</u>	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
<u>Physical culture facilities, such as:</u>	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Bath establishments; hot tubs, sauna establishments (subject to Chapter 9.88)						
Fitness centers						
Gymnasiums						
Massage establishments (subject to Chapter 9.88)						
Physical culture studios						
Racquet clubs, indoor						
Spas						
<u>Radio and television broadcasting stations with including transmitting towers</u>	4/5/6*	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
<u>Residential uses, such as:</u>						
Dwelling units, single-family and multi-family, up to 50% (67% if project is 100% affordable) of the floor area of the entire development, developed according to development standards of Urban High Residential						
1 - 4 units	5	--	--	5	5	--
5 - 19 units	6	--	--	6	6	--
20 + units	7	--	--	7	7	--
Expansion of dwelling units which are not consistent with the General Plan up to a one time total of an additional 500 square feet	3	3	3	3	3	3
Convalescent hospitals	4/5/6*	--	--	--	--	--

U S E	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
Clock and watch sales and repair						
Clothing stores						
Flower shops						
Food stores: grocery stores, limited to 20,000 square feet in the C-1 district						
Gift shops						
Hardware stores						
Jewelry stores						
Liquor stores						
Luggage Stores						
Musical instrument and recordings sales and repair						
Newspaper and Magazine sales						
Pet shops						
Photographic equipment and supplies						
Plant shops, for indoor sales of plants in containers						
Produce markets						
Recreational equipment sales, rentals and services, such as sporting goods, bait and tackle, marine hardware and supplies, diving equipment, bicycles, roller skates, surfboards, windsurfers						
Shoe Stores						
Sporting goods stores						
Stationery stores						
Toy stores						
Tobacco shops						
Variety stores						
Video sales and rentals						
Wine tasting and sales rooms	--	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Drug stores; pharmacies medical appliances and supplies	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	c-4
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Retail Sales, requiring large sites, large show-rooms, or outdoor sales areas, such as:

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Automobile sales and service, including auto mobile repair and service garages operated entirely within enclosed buildings or screened from public streets; automobile sales; automobile upholstery installers, indoor; tire stores, including installation; used car sales lots.

Boat sales and service

Building materials yards, including: lumber yards, not including planing mills or sawmills; building materials yards other than gravel, rock or cement yards; storage, bulk, of rock, gravel sand, and aggregates in bins not to exceed a capacity of 5 yards each, limited to a maximum of 10 bins per site

Feed and farm supply stores

Firewood processing and sales

Mobilehome sales and service

Motorcycle sales and services

Nurseries selling plants centers in containers; garden

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	c-2	c-4
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Visitor Accommodations,
subject to Section

13.10.335(b), such as:

Time Share, visitor accommodations
subject to Section
13.10.693

1- 4 units	--	5	--	--	--	--
5-19 units	--	6	--	--	--	--
20+ units	--	7	--	--	--	--

Type A uses: Hotels;
inns, pensions,
lodging houses, "bed
and breakfast" inns,
motels, recreational
rental housing units
(see Section
12.02.020(11))

1-4 units	--	5P	5	--	5	--
5-19 units	--	6P	6	--	6	--
20+ units	--	7P	7	--	7	--

Type B uses: Organized
camps; group camps;
conference centers,
(subject to Sec.
13.10.692; hostels;
recreational vehicles
camping parks; tent-
camping parks.

1- 4 units	--	5	5	--	--	--
5- 19 units	--	6	6	--	--	--
20+ units	--	7	7	--	--	--

Wineries

(see definition

Section 13.10.700-W) -- -- -- -- -- 4/5/6*

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ORDINANCES

(Ord. 3186, 1/12/82; 3344, 11/23/82; 3432, 8/23/83; 3593,
11/6/84; 3632, 3/26/85)

Zone Districts: 2824, 12/4/79;

Combining Zone Districts: 560, 7/14/58; 1891, 6/19/73; 1985,
2/19/74; 2874, 12/4/79;

PA uses: 1834, 2/27/73; 2661, 4/17/79; 2769, 9/11/79; 3593,
11/6/84; 3632, 3/26/85

13.10.333 DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

- (a) Site and Structural Dimensions. The following minimum parcel size, frontage, yard dimensions, and building height limits shall apply within all commercial zone districts, except as noted elsewhere in this section or in the general exceptions as noted in Sec. 13.10.510, et seq.

COMMERCIAL SITE AND STRUCTURAL DIMENSIONS CHART

District Designation	Minimum Site Area Per Parcel (net developable square feet)	Minimum Parcel Frontage (feet)	Minimum Yards-			Average Building Height Limit- (feet)
			Front	Side	Rear	
PA	10,000	60	10	Interior: 0 Street: 10	10	3 stories, but not to exceed 35 ft.
VA	10,000	60	10	10	10	"
C-T	10,000	60	10	0	0	"
C-1	10,000	60	10	0	0	"
c-2	10,000	60	10	0	0	"
c-4	10,000	60	10	0	0	"

Footnotes:

1. See also General Site Standards exceptions in Sections 13.10.510, .520 and .521.
2. Subject to exceptions as provided in paragraph (b) of this Section.
3. See also Chapter 12.28, Solar Access Protection; subject to solar access requirements in Design Criteria, Section 13.10.331.

(Ord. 1834, 2/27/73; 2849, 1/22/80; 3186, 1/12/82; 3344, 1/23/82; 3432, 8/23/83; 3501, 3/6/84)

(b) Yards, Exceptions

- (1) See Chapter 16.50 regarding setback/buffer requirements for parcels abutting agricultural uses.
- (2) Front Yard Abutting or Across the Street From an "R" or "A" District. On sites abutting on and fronting on the same street as, or across a street or alley from, property in an "R" District or an "A" District, the minimum front yard shall be 20 feet.
- (3) Reversed Corner Lots. On a reversed corner lot adjoining a key lot in an "R" or "A" District, the minimum side yard adjoining the street shall be not less than one-half of the required front yard on the key lot.

the Coastal Zone, adequate system capacity shall be reserved for priority coastal uses as per Section 17.02.070.

- (c) All improvement requirements and fees shall be met for drainage districts, transportation improvement zones, and roadside improvement districts where required by district or section regulations (Title 15).
- (d) The recommendations of the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District should be met to ensure the provision of adequate transit facilities. For commercial projects of 6,000 square feet or larger, a letter indicating the Transit District's recommendation shall be submitted with the project applications.

(Entire Section: Ord. 4346, 12/13/94)

13.10.335 SPECIAL STANDARDS AND CONDITIONS FOR COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS.

(a) "C-1", "C-Z" and "C-4" Use Standards.

- (1) In the "C-1" or "C-2" Districts, all business, services and processes shall be conducted entirely within a completely enclosed structure except for outdoor food and drink establishments, recycling collection facilities, off-street parking and loading areas, gasoline stations, garden supply stores, Christmas tree lots, bus depots, transit stations, public utility uses, and radio and television transmission towers. Outside storage of stock-in-trade may be allowed pursuant to a Level IV Approval provided that the storage area is adequately screened from view from adjacent parcels. (Ord. 3843, 6/23/87)
- (2) In the 'C-1' District, all products produced on the site of any of the permitted uses shall be sold, primarily at retail *only*, on the site where produced.
- (3) In the "C-1" District not more than five persons, and in a "C-2" District not more than ten persons, shall be engaged in the production, repair or processing of materials on any one site, except that this provision shall not apply to bars, restaurants and soda fountains.
- (4) In the "C-4" District, all office and retail uses that are required to be ancillary and incidental, shall be related to the main use of the site such as business offices to operate the permitted use or the retail sale of goods produced or served as a part of the primary permitted use. (Ord. 4346, 12/13/94)

units may be occupied by the owner(s) up to 45 days in any one calendar year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, visitor accommodation units described as follows may be occupied by the owner(s) up to 90 days in one calendar year: units located on coastal bluff property which has been the subject of litigation in which a remittitur was issued by the California Court of Appeal on or before April 25, 1983 in a decision requiring the County of Santa Cruz to grant either "compensating densities" in excess of "the base densities" thereon, or to grant "some other transfer of development rights," and which litigation has been settled by Stipulation for Judgment and Judgment Thereon."

- (ii) A rental contract for the short-term rental of all units shall be maintained at all times with a professional management firm approved by the County. Such contract shall contain occupancy restrictions for Visitor Accommodations Units as specified in (i) above. The rental contract shall be established prior to issuance of building permits for the project.
- (iii) Centralized, on-site management shall be provided at all times for the maintenance and operation of the visitor accommodations, related facilities, and the property. Such management may be provided by the property owner or by a separate management firm under contract. Plans for management shall be submitted to and approved by the Planning Director and a Transient Occupancy Tax Permit obtained from the Treasurer-Tax Collector by such management prior to the issuance of building permits.
- (iv) Deed restrictions running with the property and limiting use of short-term occupancy and providing for the maintenance of centralized rental and management of the facility shall be recorded prior to issuance of building permits.
- (v) All Visitor accommodations units shall be subject to any County Uniform Transient Occupancy Tax Ordinance or a special tax on time share units, camping units, or other visitor accommodation units. Reports of the occupancy of Visitor Accommodations Units together with payment of transient occupancy taxes of any other taxes due from the use of visitor accommodations units shall be made in accordance with Santa Cruz County Code Section 4.24.080.
- (vi) Visitor accommodation projects shall be evaluated to insure that a diversity of all types of visitor accommodations is provided in the Coastal Zone consistent with Local Coastal Program Land Use Plan policy. Visitor accommodations projects on Priority Sites shall primarily provide accommodations available to the general public.
- (vii) Visitor accommodations development in areas designated for Neighborhood or Community Commercial use shall not adverse-

13.10.330 COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

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13.10.331 PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

In addition to the general objectives of this Chapter (13.10) the Commercial Districts are included in the Zoning Ordinance in order to achieve the following purposes:

(a) General Purposes.

- (1) To provide for retail stores, **offices**, service establishments, recreational establishments, and wholesale businesses offering a range of commodities and services adequate to meet the needs of County residents and visitors, of different geographical area in the county and of their various categories of patrons.
- (2) To contain commercial facilities in appropriately located areas, avoiding new freeway oriented development and new strip commercial uses, and providing opportunities for commercial uses to concentrate for the convenience of the public and in mutually beneficial relationships to each other.
- (3) To ensure that commercial facilities and uses are compatible with the level of available public facilities and services, minimizing traffic congestion and preventing the overloading of utilities and public services.
- (4) To ensure that commercial development is compatible with natural resource protection, environmental quality, and the scenic setting of the County.
- (5) To ensure that commercial facilities are constructed and operated such that they are compatible with adjacent development, and that high standards of urban design are maintained, minimizing impacts on residential areas and providing for adequate site layout, protection of solar access to adjacent property, landscaping, sign and building design and size, and on-site parking, loading and circulation.
- (6) To protect commercial properties from noise, odor, dust, dirt, smoke, vibration, heat, glare, heavy truck traffic, and other objectionable influences incidental to industrial uses, and from fire, explosion, noxious fumes and other hazards.
- (7) To provide space for community facilities and institutions which appropriately may be located in commercial areas.



- (8) To provide for a mixture of commercial and residential uses where the advantages of such a mixture, such as convenience, atmosphere, and low energy use, can be maximized, and the conflicts, such as noise, traffic, and lack of adequate visual amenities, can be reduced to an acceptable level. Residential uses are intended to be incidental or secondary to commercial use of a site, or as otherwise provided by a Village Design Plan.
- (9) To maximize efficient energy use and energy conservation in commercial uses, and to encourage the use of locally available renewable energy resources.
- (b) Specific “PA” Professional-Administrative Office District Purposes. To provide for professional and administrative office uses in areas where such use is designated on the General Plan, or in areas designated for neighborhood, community or service commercial use, particularly where an office use can provide a buffer use between residential areas and the more intensive commercial or industrial activities. Professional and administrative office uses are intended to be low impact, non-retail activities. The “PA” District is intended to allow a compatible collection of related uses within a development and may include a variety of retail and service uses where they are necessary to office uses on a site.
- (c) Specific “VA” Visitor Accommodations District Purposes. To provide areas specifically reserved for visitor accommodations and limited appurtenant uses. To allow a broad range of such overnight or extended stay lodging for visitors and to recognize these as commercial uses. The Visitor Accommodations District is intended to be located primarily in areas designated Visitor Accommodation on the General Plan, and in locations where there are existing or approved (at the date of this section) visitor accommodations developments. All visitor accommodations are intended to be located where adequate access and public services and facilities are available, and to be designed and operated to be compatible with adjacent land uses, utilize and complement the scenic and natural setting of the area, and provide proper management and protection of the environment and natural resources.
- (d) Specific “CT” Tourist Commercial District Purposes. To encourage and recognize a narrow range of visitor serving uses in appropriate locations in the County on major transportation corridors or in commercial centers where properties have a land use designation on the General Plan of Neighborhood or Community Commercial. Visitor serving uses allowed in this zone district include primarily food services, auto fueling, visitor accommodations and related accessory uses.
- (e) Specific “C-1” Neighborhood Commercial District Purposes. To provide compact and conveniently located shopping and service uses to meet the limited needs within walking distance of individual urban neighborhoods or centrally located to serve rural communities. Neighborhood Commercial uses and facilities are intended to be of a small scale, with a demonstrated local need or market, appropriate to a neighborhood service area, and to have minimal adverse traffic, noise, or aesthetic impacts on the adjacent

residential areas.

- (f) Specific “C-2” Community Commercial District Purposes. To provide centers of concentrated commercial uses accommodating a broad range and mixture of commercial activities, serving the general shopping and service needs of community-wide service areas, and including visitor accommodations. This district is intended to be applied to areas designated on the General Plan as Community Commercial. The Community Commercial districts are intended to have definite boundaries to promote the concentration of commercial uses.
- (g) Specific “C-4” Commercial Service District Purposes. To meet the commercial service needs of the various communities in the County by allowing a broad range of commercial services uses in areas reserved for and designated Commercial Services on the General Plan. Commercial service uses are intended primarily to be non-retail in nature, such as building material suppliers, auto repair, or freight terminals, and to be non-polluting. These uses usually need large sites, proximity to major streets to handle truck traffic, and in some cases need access to rail transportation. The Commercial Services Districts are intended to be located in areas where the impact of noise, traffic, and other nuisances and hazards associated with such uses will not adversely affect other land uses. Commercial recreational uses needing large sites and good access, such as drive-in theaters or indoor arenas, are also included in this district.

13.10.332 COMMERCIAL USES

(a) Principal Permitted Uses

- (1) In the Coastal Zone, the principal permitted uses in the Commercial Districts shall be as follows:
- “PA” Professional and administrative offices;
 - “VA” Visitor accommodations;
 - “CT” Visitor serving uses and facilities;
 - “C-1” Neighborhood-serving, small-scale commercial services and retail uses;
 - “C-2” Community-serving, large-scale retail uses and small-scale community services;
 - “C-4” Commercial services of all types and uses needing large sites or outdoor use areas; including appurtenant uses and structures.
- (2) Principal permitted uses are all denoted as uses requiring a Level IV or lower Approval unless otherwise denoted with the letter “P” in the Commercial Uses Chart in paragraph (b) following. In the Coastal Zone, actions to approve uses other than principal permitted uses are appealable to the Coastal Commission in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 13.20 of the County Code relating to Coastal Zone Permits, and in some cases, as provided in Chapter 13.20, any development is appealable.

- (b) Allowed Uses. The uses allowed in the commercial districts shall be as provided in the following Commercial Uses Chart below. A discretionary approval for an allowed use is known as a “Use Approval” and is given as part of a “Development Permit” for a particular use. The type of permit processing review, or “Approval Level”, required for each use in each of the commercial zone districts is indicated in the chart. The processing procedures for Development Permits and for the various Approval Levels are detailed in Chapter 18.10 PERMIT AND APPROVAL PROCEDURES. The Approval Levels given in this chart for structures incorporate the Approval Levels necessary for processing a building permit for the structure. Higher Approval Levels than those listed in this chart for particular use may be required if a project requires other concurrent Approvals, according to Section 18.10.123.

COMMERCIAL USES CHART

KEY:

A = Use must be ancillary and incidental to a principal permitted use on the site
 P = Principal permitted use (See Section 13.10.332(a)); no use approval necessary if “P” appears alone

1 = Approval Level I (administrative, no plans required)
 2 = Approval Level II (administrative, plans required)
 3 = Approval Level III (administrative, field visit required)
 4 = Approval Level IV (administrative, public notice required)
 5 = Approval Level V (public hearing by Zoning Administrator required)
 6 = Approval Level VI (public hearing by Planning Commission required)
 7 = Approval Level VII (public hearing by Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors required)

- = Use not allowed in this zone district
 * = Level IV for project of less than 2,000 square feet
 Level V for projects of 2,000 to 20,000 square feet
 Level VI for projects of 20,000 square feet and larger

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Accessory Structures and uses (not principal permitted uses unless associated with a principal permitted use), including:

Accessory structures, non-habitable, not including warehouses (subject to Section 13.10.611)

Less than 500 sq. ft.	3	3		3	3	3
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4	4		4	4	4

Outdoor storage, incidental to an allowed use and screened from public streets and adjacent property

Less than 500 sq. A.	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A	3A
500-2,000 sq. ft.	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A	4A

Parking, on-site, in accordance with Section 13.10.550, et seq

	4	4	4	4	4	4
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Parking facilities for off-site uses, when developed according to Section 13.10.550, et seq

	4	4		4	4	4
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Recycling collection facilities in accordance with Section 13.10.658:

Reverse vending machines	1	1	1	1	1	1
Small collection facilities	4	4	4	4	4	4

Signs in accordance with Section 13.10.581

	4	4	4	4	4	4
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USE	P	A	V	A	C	T	C-1	C-2	C-4
<u>Adult Entertainment</u> , subject to Sections 13.10.621, 13.10.622, and 13.10.623 including adult bookstores; adult motion picture theaters, bath establishments	--	--	--	--	--	--	5/6*	--	--
<u>Agricultural Service Establishments</u> not engaged in hazardous chemicals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5/6*
<u>Animal Services</u> (subject to Section 13.10.642), including:									
Animal grooming services and other animal services where the animals do not stay overnight	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Boarding kennels, veterinarians offices, small animal hospitals, animal shelters and pounds, including the short-term boarding of animals	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*
Outdoor exercise yards in connection with the above	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5/6*
Veterinary clinics or office with no overnight boarding of animals	--	--	--	--	--	--	4/5/6	4/5/6	4/5/6

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
<u>Automobile Service</u>						
<u>Stations</u> ; subject to the provisions of Sections 13.10.656 and 13.10.657						
Gas stations with car washes, service bays and/or vehicle repair services	--	--	5/6*	--	5/6*	5/6*
Gas stations or gas pumps with no service bays or repair service	--	--	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*	5/6*
<u>BANKS</u> , including	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	--
Automated Bank Teller Facilities Savings and Loan Companies						
<u>Boat and marine services</u> , -- such as:		--		--	--	4/5/6*
Boat building						
Boat rentals, sales, and services						
Boat storage						
Commercial fishing facilities						
Marine services and launching facilities						
<u>Clubs, private</u> , including garden clubs, fraternal lodges, community service organizations, meeting halls and conference rooms	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Commercial change of use
within existing structures:

Change of use in
accordance with an
approved master
occupancy program

1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Change of use within
the Town Plan areas
of the San Lorenzo
Valley, to a use in
conformance with a
Town Plan, and not
resulting in an
intensification of use

1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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Change from a use
conforming to a valid
development (use)
permit, to another use
allowed in the zone
district which will not
result in an
intensification of use:

1	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	1	1	4/5/6*
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Change from a use
conforming to a valid
development (use)
permit, to another use
allowed in the zone
district which will
result in an
intensification of use:

4	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4	4	4/5/6*
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Change of a use not
approved by a valid
development (use)
permit, to another use
allowed in the zone
district, for projects
of

Under 2,000 sq. ft.	3	4	4	3	3	4
2,000-20,000 sq. ft.	4	5	5	4	4	5
Over 20,000 sq. ft.	4	6	6	4	4	6

USE	P A	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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(For legal, non-conforming uses, see Section 13.10.260 for additional requirements)

Commercial recreation and Entertainment,

indoor, subject to Section 13.10.654, such as:

-- 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A -- **41516'** 4/5/6*

- Auditoriums, indoor
- Bowling alleys
- Card rooms
- Dancing establishments; dance halls; discos
- Game establishments; pin-ball and video game rooms (see Section 13.10.700 - G, -V definitions)
- Nightclubs
- Pool halls
- Theaters, indoor

Commercial Recreation. -- -- -- -- -- 5/6*

General, involving outdoor facilities, public assembly, or large sites, such as:

- Flea markets
- Miniature golf courses; putting greens; par 3 golf; driving ranges
- Skateboard parks
- Skating rinks
- Sports arenas, stadiums
- Swimming pools, public
- Theaters, drive-in (subject to Section 13.10.623)

Commercial Services, 4/5/6*A 4/5/6*A -- **41516"** 4/5/6* --
personal, such as:

- 49** Barber shops
- Beauty shops

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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<u>Commercial Services,</u> <u>Neighborhood,</u> such as:	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
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Copy and duplicating services
Dressmakers
Dry cleaners using non-flammable, non-explosive solvents
Film processing, ancillary and incidental to a permitted retail or service use
Food lockers
Laundries; self-service laundries
Locksmiths
Picture framing shops
Printing shops, light; duplicating services
Repair shops, for the repair of small appliances; radio, stereo and television repair
Shoe repair shops
Tailors
Tool or cutlery sharpening or grinding services

<u>Commercial Services,</u> <u>Community,</u> such as:	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
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Auction rooms
Catering services
Gunsmiths
Mortuaries (not including cemeteries)
Rental shops: medical, clothing, household goods, etc., indoor
Taxidermists
Upholstery shops (auto upholstery allowed only in C-4)

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Commercial Services,
general, indoor, such as:

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Commercial cleaning services, including: linen services; dry cleaning and dyeing plants; carpet cleaning shops; diaper supply services; mattress reconditioning

Contractor's shops including: glass shops; plumbing shops; sheet metal shops; heating and ventilating shops

Exterminators

Laboratories and related facilities for research, experimentation, testing, film processing

Printing, lithographing, engraving, book binding

Repair shops, including household and office equipment repair; safe and vault repair

Storage buildings for household goods; mini-storage

Commercial Services,
general, involving outdoor use, or heavv trucking, or vehicle use and storage,
such as:

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Automobile repair and service shops operated partly out of doors

Automobile rental enterprises

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Automobile washing,
polishing and
detailing services

Parcel shipping and
delivering services

Taxi company with
vehicle parking and
storage

Contractor's and heavy
equipment storage and
rental yards, including
storage yards for
commercial vehicles;
bus or transit service
yards for the storage,
servicing and repair of
transit vehicles

Outdoor storage yards
for recreational
vehicles, trailers, boats

Recycling centers,
including large
collection facilities and
processing facilities

Shipping terminals,
including trucking
terminals, packing and
crating services,
shipping services,
freight forwarding
terminals

Storage facilities
including cold-storage
plants; ice storage
warehouses, excluding
the storage of fuel or
flammable liquids

USE	P	A	V	A	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Community Facilities,

such as:

4/5/6*

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41516"

4/5/6*

4/5/6*

Bus or transit stations
(storage, servicing or
repair of vehicle
allowed only in C-4)

Churches and other
religious centers or
institutions

Community centers

Day-care centers (see
Section 13.10.700 -D
definition)

Energy systems,
community (subject to
Section 13.10.661 and
.700-E definition)

Fire stations

Libraries

Museums

Post offices

Restrooms, public

Utilities, public,
structures and uses
(see Section
13.10.700-E
definition)

Cottage industry (see
Section 13.10.700-C
definition)

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"M-1" Districts, all
allowed uses, provided
that not more than 20
persons are engaged in the
production, repair, or
processing of materials on
any one shift and provided
further that regulations for
the "M-1" District as
stated in Section
13.10.345 shall apply to
every use

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USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Offices, (not to exceed 50% of building area in C-1), such as:

Administrative offices	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A	--	41516*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Travel agencies						
Addressing services	4/5/6*	--	--	41516"	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Business offices, general						
Catalog sales offices						
Dental offices						
Duplicating shops						
Editorial offices						
Executive offices						
Finance offices						
Fortune tellers						
Insurance offices						
Interior decoration studios						
Laboratories, medical, optical, and dental, not including the manufacture of pharmaceutical or other similar products for general sale or distribution						
Medical offices and clinics						
Message services; answering services						
Optical offices						
Photographers; photographic studios						
Professional offices						
Radio and television programming stations, without transmitting towers						
Real estate offices						
Telegraph offices						
Title companies						

Open space uses according to the PR District Chart (Section 13.10.352)

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USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
<u>Physical culture facilities,</u> such as:	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
Bath establishments; hot tubs, sauna establishments (subject to Chapter 9.88)						
Fitness centers						
Gymnasiums						
Massage establishments (subject to Chapter 9.88)						
Physical culture studios						
Racquet clubs, indoor						
Spas						
<u>Radio and television</u> <u>broadcasting stations</u> including transmitting towers	4/5/6*	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*
<u>Residential uses,</u> such as:						
Dwelling units, single- family and multi- family, up to 50% (67% if project is 100% affordable) of the floor area of the entire development, developed according to the development standards of Urban High Residential						
1 - 4 units	5	--	--	5	5	--
5 - 19 units	6	--	--	6	6	--
20 + units	7	--	--	7	7	--
<u>Convalescent hospitals</u>	4/5/6	*	—	—	—	—
<u>Nursing homes</u> (see Section 13.10.700-N definition)	4/5/6*	—	—	—	—	--
<u>Restaurants; bars. food</u> <u>service</u> subject to 13.10.651 in the "PA" District; such as:						

USE	P A	V A	C T	C - 1	C-2	C-4
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Bars, micro-breweries,
brew pubs, subject to
Section 13.10.654,
(ancillary to
restaurants in the C-1)

Bakeries; baked goods
stores

Candy stores

Cheese stores

Delicatessens

Donut shops

Ice cream shops

Restaurants

Sandwich shops

Other food specialty
outlets

In buildings of 500
square feet or less

4A

4A

4

4

4

4

In buildings of larger
than 500 square feet

4/5/6*A

4/5/6*A

4/5/6*

4/5/6*

4/5/6*

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Outdoor food service

4/5/6*A

4/5/6*A

4/5/6*

4/5/6*

4/5/6*

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Retail sales.

Neighborhood, such as:

Antique stores

Art and handicraft sales
and service

Art galleries

Bicycle rentals

Bicycle sales

Bookstores

Candy stores

Clock and watch sales
and repair

Clothing stores

Flower shops

Food stores; grocery
stores, limited to
20,000 square feet in
the C-1 District

Gift shops

Hardware stores

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
Jewelry stores						
Liquor stores						
Luggage stores						
Musical instrument and recordings sales and repair						
Newspaper and magazine sales						
Pet shops						
Photographic equipment and supplies						
Plant shops, for indoor sales of plants in containers						
Produce markets						
Recreational equipment sales, rentals and services, such as sporting goods, bait and tackle, marine hardware and supplies, diving equipment, bicycles, roller skates, surfboards, windsurfers						
Shoe stores						
Sporting goods stores						
Stationery stores						
Toy stores						
Tobacco shops						
Variety stores						
Video sales and rentals						
Wine tasting and sales rooms	--	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Drug stores; pharmacies, medical appliances and supplies	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*A	4/5/6*	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
<u>Retail sales, Community,</u> such as:	--	--	--	--	4/5/6*	4/5/6*A
Appliance showrooms						
Automobile supply stores						

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Business machine stores
 Computer sales and
 service
 Department stores
 Fabric and sewing
 materials stores
 Floor covering
 showrooms
 Furniture stores
 Garden supply stores
 Home furnishing and
 decorating stores
 Household appliances
 stores
 Kitchen/bath/house-
 wares stores
 Orthopedic appliances
 sales and rentals
 Paint stores
 Pawnshops
 Scientific instrument
 stores
 Secondhand stores
 Stamp and coin stores
 Stores for the display
 and retail sales of
 lighting, plumbing,
 heating, refrigeration,
 ventilation, fixtures
 and equipment
 Warehouse stores selling
 to members or the
 general public

Retail Sales. requiring
large sites. large
showrooms. or outdoor
sales areas, such as:

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Automobile sales and
 service, including
 automobile repair and
 service garages
 operated entirely
 within closed
 buildings or screened
 from public streets;

USE	P	A	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
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automobile sales;
 automobile
 upholstery installers,
 indoor; tire stores,
 including installation;
 used car sales lots
 Boat sales and service
 Building materials yards,
 including: lumber
 yards, not including
 planing mills or
 sawmills; building
 materials yards other
 than gravel, rock or
 cement yards;
 storage, bulk, of
 rock, gravel, sand,
 and aggregates in bins
 not exceeding 5 yards
 each, limited to 10
 bins per site
 Feed and farm supply
 stores
 Firewood processing
 and sales
 Mobilehome sales and
 service
 Motorcycle sales and
 service
 Nurseries, selling plants
 in containers, garden
 centers
 Recreational vehicle and
 trailer sales and
 service
 Retail sales of large
 appliances or
 equipment needing
 large showrooms
 Wholesale suppliers

Schools, studios and
 conference facilities, such
 as:

4/5/6* 4/5/6*A -- 41516" 4/5/6* 4/5/6*

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Arts and crafts studios
and schools

USE	P	A	V	A	C	T	C-1	C-2	C-4
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Conference and seminar facilities without overnight accommodations
Dance studios or schools
Music studios or schools
Pre-school, elementary, secondary and college facilities
Professional, trade, business and technical schools

Temporary uses, (see Section 13.10.700-T definition) such as:

Carnivals and circuses	--	--	--	--	3	3		
Christmas tree sales lots	--	--	--	3	3	3		
Outdoor sales not to exceed 4 per year on any site	--	--	--	3	3	3		

Visitor Accommodations, subject to Section 13.10.355(b), such as:

Time share, visitor accommodations subject to Section 13.10.693								
1 - 4 units	--	5	--	--	--	--		
5 - 19 units	--	6	--	--	--	--		
20 + units	--	7	--	--	--	--		

Type A uses: Hotels; inns, pensions, lodging houses, "bed and breakfast" inns, recreational rentals housing (see Section 12.02.020(11))

USE	PA	VA	CT	C-1	C-2	C-4
1 - 4 units	--	5P	5	--	5	--
5 - 19 units	--	6P	6	--	6	--
20 + units	--	7P	7	--	7	--

Type B uses: Organized
camps; group camps;
conference centers,

(subject to Section
13.10.692); hostels;
recreational vehicles
camping parks; tent
camping parks

1 - 4 units	--	5	5	--	--	--
5 - 19 units	--	6	6	--	--	--
20 + units	--	7	7	--	--	--

Wineries (see definition
Section 13.10.700-W)

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