

ARTICLE VI: DISTRICT REGULATIONS

DIVISION 2. PARKING AND LOADING

§ 1-19-6.210. LOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS AND DIMENSIONS.

(A) *Dimensions, clearances and signage.* There shall be 2 sizes of off-street loading spaces designated: "small" and "large". Large loading spaces are designed to accommodate uses that require high- volume delivery of goods in a tractor-trailer. Each loading space shall be exclusive of driveways, aisles and other circulation areas. All loading spaces shall have signs and markings indicating that the space is reserved for loading or unloading.

[(1) through (2) remain unchanged]

(B) *Requirements.* Off-street loading space(s) will be provided and maintained on the same lot as the principal use(s) for delivery of goods in accordance with the table below:

Use Classification	Total Building Net Floor Area (in square feet)	Minimum Loading Spaces Required
Churches PLACE OF WORSHIP , banks, daycare CHILDCARE CENTER/NURSERY , private schools, recreation & community buildings, multiple-user retail, all office, and miscellaneous commercial uses not listed herein	0 - 1,000 sq.ft.	If approved by staff, no separate loading space is required. However, a temporary loading zone may be required to be delineated on the site plan and which may be located within a parking area.
	Over 1,000 - 5,000 sq.ft.	1 small (see requirements of § 1-19-6.210(C))
	Over 5,000 sq.ft.	1 large or 2 small (see requirements of §1-19-6.210(C)) + 1 additional large for each additional 15,000 sq.ft. or part thereof over 20,000 sq.ft.

Use Classification	Total Building Net Floor Area (in square feet)	Minimum Loading Spaces Required
Single-user retail, all industrial and all wholesale	0 - 5,000 sq.ft.	1 large
	Over 5,000 sq.ft.	1 large + 1 additional large for each additional 10,000 sq.ft. or part thereof over 5,000 sq.ft.

[(C) through (D) remain unchanged]

(E) ***REFUSE AND RECYCLING.*** EXTERIOR REFUSE AND RECYCLING DUMPSTERS SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DIVISION OF UTILITIES AND SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT.

§ 1-19-6.220. PARKING SPACE REQUIREMENTS AND DIMENSIONS.

(A) **GENERALLY**

(1) For the purpose of this chapter, the ~~following~~ parking space requirements **IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE** will apply. **PARKING SHALL BE LIMITED TO THE NUMBER OF SPACES REQUIRED BASED ON AN EVALUATION OF EACH PROPOSED USE, HOURS OF OPERATION, AND JOINT OR SHARED PARKING AGREEMENTS. AN INCREASE OR REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES MAY BE GRANTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHERE THE APPLICANT OR PLANNING COMMISSION AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES CAN DEMONSTRATE NEED BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED USE, HOURLY PARKING DEMAND STUDIES PUBLISHED BY THE INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS (ITE), OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

(2) **WHEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES IS GRANTED, THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE THE SPACES TO BE CONSTRUCTED OF PERVIOUS MATERIALS.**

(3) **WHEN A REDUCTION IN THE NUMBER OF REQUIRED PARKING SPACES IS GRANTED, THE PLANNING COMMISSION WILL DETERMINE THE EXTENT THAT AN ACCESSIBLE GRADED AND SEEDED AREA SHALL BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE PARKING.**

(4) For uses not listed in the following table, parking requirements shall be determined by the planning commission or their authorized representatives. The requirements shall be based upon similarity to an existing use listed within the table below, characteristics of the proposed use, or hourly parking demand studies published by the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
RESIDENTIAL	
SINGLE FAMILY, <u>MOBILE HOME</u> , DUPLEX OR TWO FAMILY DWELLING	2 FOR EACH DWELLING UNIT
MULTI-FAMILY DWELLINGS, TOWNHOUSES, <u>MULTI-FAMILY GROUP DEVELOPMENTS</u>	1 SPACE PER UNIT, PLUS ONE-HALF SPACE FOR EACH BEDROOM IN THE DWELLING UNIT
<u>TEMPORARY HOUSING</u>	
BED AND BREAKFAST	TWO SPACES PER THE PRIMARY DWELLING, PLUS ONE SPACE FOR EACH GUESTROOM (SEE §1-19-8.410)
HOTELS, MOTELS	1 PER EACH SLEEPING ROOM, PLUS 1 FOR EACH 2 EMPLOYEES
COMMERCIAL <u>USES - RETAIL</u>	
RETAIL STORES	1 FOR EACH 450 <u>250</u> SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA EXCLUDING PREPARATION AND/OR STORAGE AREAS

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICE GARAGES; FARM EQUIPMENT SALES OR SERVICE	1 SPACE PER EACH 300 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA 2 SPACES PER SERVICE BAY, PLUS 1.5 SPACES PER EACH EMPLOYEE
FEED AND GRAIN MILL	1 SPACE PER EACH 300 SQUARE FEET OF SALES FLOOR AREA, PLUS 1 SPACE PER EMPLOYEE
SHOPPING CENTERS <u>LESS THAN 100,000 SQUARE FEET</u>	5.5 <u>5</u> SPACES FOR EACH 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF GROSS LEASABLE AREA
SHOPPING CENTER <u>100,000 SQUARE FEET OR GREATER</u>	<u>4.5</u> SPACES FOR EACH 1,000 SQUARE FEET OF <u>GROSS LEASABLE AREA</u>
ALL OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL USES PERMITTED IN ANY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT	1 FOR EACH 300 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA
<u>COMMERCIAL BUSINESS AND PERSONAL SERVICES</u>	
BANKS, FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONAL, AND SIMILAR USES	1 FOR EACH 150 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA EXCLUDING STORAGE AREA
COMMERCIAL, BUSINESS, TECHNICAL OR TRADE SCHOOL	1 FOR EACH <u>2 3</u> STUDENTS
FUNERAL <u>HOME PARLORS, MORTUARIES</u> AND SIMILAR TYPE USES	1 FOR EACH 150 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA DEVOTED TO VIEWING

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
MEDICAL AND DENTAL CLINICS AND OFFICES	1 FOR EVERY 100 <u>200</u> SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA OF EXAMINATION, TREATING ROOM OFFICE AND WAITING ROOM
OFFICES, PUBLIC OR PROFESSIONAL ADMINISTRATION, OR SERVICE BUILDINGS	1 FOR EACH 400 <u>300</u> SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA
RESTAURANTS, DINING ROOMS, FAST FOOD SHOPS, TAVERNS, NIGHT CLUBS, ETC.	1 SPACE PER EACH 50 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA DEVOTED TO CUSTOMER SERVICE, BUT EXCLUDING FOOD PREPARATION AND STORAGE
<u>FAST FOOD RESTAURANT</u>	<u>1 SPACE PER EACH 75 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA DEVOTED TO CUSTOMER SERVICE, BUT EXCLUDING FOOD PREPARATION AND STORAGE</u>
COUNTRY INN	1 SPACE PER EACH GUEST ROOM, PLUS 1 SPACE PER EMPLOYEE AND 1 SPACE PER 50 SQUARE FEET OF DINING ROOM
<u>ALL OTHER TYPES OF BUSINESS OR COMMERCIAL USES PERMITTED IN ANY COMMERCIAL DISTRICT</u>	<u>1 FOR EACH 300 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA</u>
<u>AUTOMOBILE AND RELATED SERVICES</u>	
AUTOMOBILE SALES AND SERVICE GARAGES	ONE SPACE PER EACH 300 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA 2 SPACES PER SERVICE BAY, PLUS 1.5 SPACE PER EACH EMPLOYEE

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<u>ANIMAL CARE AND SERVICE</u>	
ANIMAL HOSPITAL, VETERINARY CLINIC, KENNEL	1 SPACE PER 400 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA EXCLUDING KENNELS, PLUS ONE 1 SPACE PER EXAMINATION ROOM, PLUS 1 SPACE PER EMPLOYEE
RECREATIONAL OR ENTERTAINMENT <u>COMMERCIAL AMUSEMENTS</u>	
BOWLING ALLEYS	4- 3 FOR EACH ALLEY OR LANE, PLUS 1 ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR EACH 100 SQUARE FEET OF THE AREA USED FOR RESTAURANT, COCKTAIL LOUNGE OR SIMILAR USE
HEALTH CLUB, FITNESS CENTER, VOCATIONAL/ SPORTS TRAINING FACILITY, OUTDOOR COMMERCIAL SWIMMING POOLS, PUBLIC, COMMUNITY, OR CLUB	1 FOR EACH 5 PERSONS CAPACITY, PLUS 1 FOR EACH 4 SEATS OR 1 FOR EACH 30 SQUARE FEET FLOOR AREA USED FOR SEATING PURPOSES, WHICHEVER IS GREATER
GOLF COURSE	4 SPACES PER EACH HOLE, PLUS 1 SPACE PER EACH 50 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA DEVOTED TO CUSTOMER SERVICE, PLUS ONE 1 SPACE PER 2 EMPLOYEES
SKATING RINKS	1 FOR EACH 400 <u>200</u> SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA USED FOR THE ACTIVITY

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
AUDITORIUMS, SPORTS ARENAS, <u>THEATERS, OUTDOOR OR INDOOR STAGE,</u> AND SIMILAR USES	1 FOR EACH 4 SEATS
LIBRARYIES, MUSEUMS AND ART GALLERYIES	1 FOR EACH 400 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA
OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTER	1 SPACE PER DRIVING RANGE TEE, PLUS 1 SPACE PER HOLE OF MINIATURE GOLF; PLUS 2 SPACES PER HOLE OF CHIP AND PUTT; PLUS ONE <u>1</u> SPACE PER EMPLOYEE
<u>INDUSTRIAL USES AND SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS</u>	
ALL INDUSTRIAL USES AND SOLID WASTE OPERATIONS	1 FOR EVERY 2 EMPLOYEES (ON THE LARGEST SHIFT FOR WHICH THE BUILDING IS DESIGNED) PLUS 1 FOR EACH MOTOR VEHICLE USED IN THE BUSINESS.
<u>WAREHOUSE</u>	<u>1 SPACE FOR EACH 1000 SQUARE FEET OF FLOOR AREA</u>
<u>OPEN SPACE AND INSTITUTIONAL</u>	
SHOOTING RANGE	1 SPACE PER FIRING POSITION, PLUS 1 SPACE PER 2 EMPLOYEES
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE CAMPGROUND, TENT CAMPGROUND	1 SPACE PER CAMPSITE

TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
INSTITUTIONAL	
KINDERGARTENS, CHILD CARE CENTER/ NURSERY SCHOOLS AND SIMILAR USES	2 FOR EACH CLASSROOM, BUT NOT LESS THAN 6 FOR THE BUILDING <u>1.5 FOR EACH EMPLOYEE PLUS 1 FOR EVERY 10 CHILDREN APPROVED FOR CARE</u>
CHILD CARE CENTERS	1 FOR EVERY STAFF PERSON AND 1 SPACE FOR EVERY 10 LICENSED SLOT
PLACE OF WORSHIP, AND OTHER PLACES OF RELIGIOUS ASSEMBLY, CIVIC COMMUNITY CENTER, AND CIVIC SERVICE CLUB	1 FOR EACH 5 SEATS
SANITARIUMS, HOMES FOR THE AGED, NURSING HOMES, CHILDREN HOMES, ASYLUMS, GROUP HOMES, AND SIMILAR USES	1 FOR EACH <u>2 4</u> BEDS
HOUSING FOR THE ELDERLY, <u>ASSISTED LIVING</u>	1 FOR EACH 3 UNITS; HOWEVER, ADDITIONAL AREA MUST BE RESERVED FOR FUTURE PARKING SUFFICIENT TO MEET THE STANDARDS ABOVE, DEPENDING ON HOUSING TYPE
HOSPITALS	1 FOR EACH BED, PLUS ONE SPACE PER EACH <u>3 EMPLOYEES</u>
SCHOOLS (PUBLIC, PAROCHIAL, OR PRIVATE)	

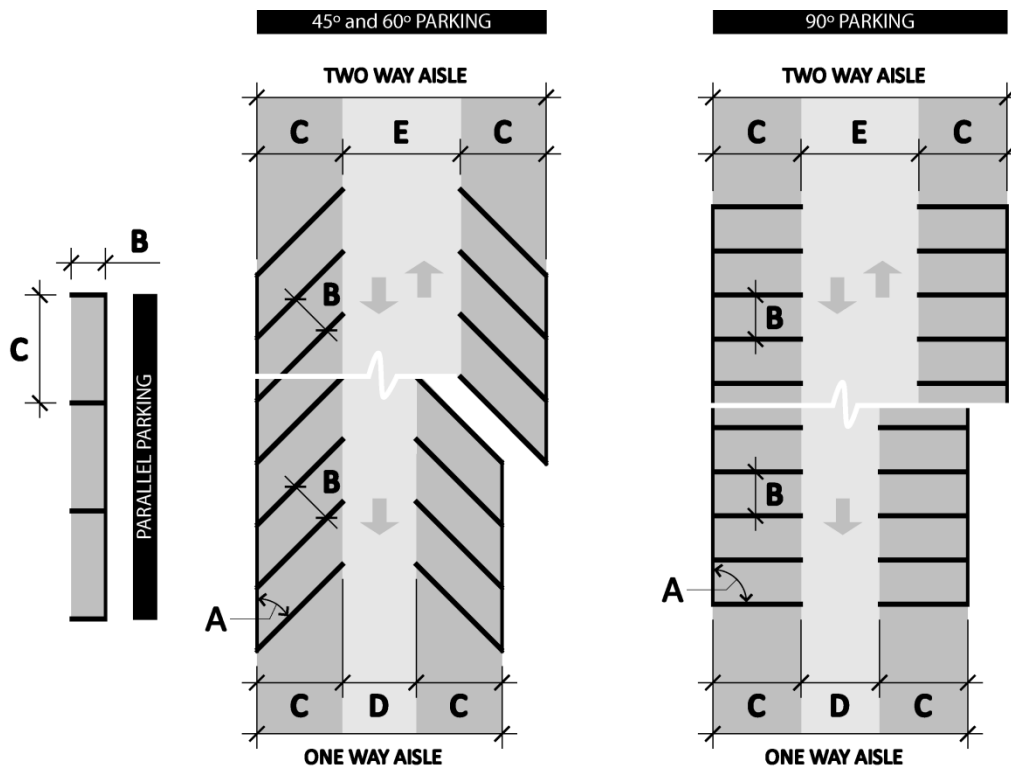
TYPE OF USE	PARKING SPACES REQUIRED
<u>GOVERNMENTAL AND NONGOVERNMENTAL UTILITIES</u>	
ARENA OR STADIUM	1 FOR EACH 4 SEATS
COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY	1 FOR EACH 4 STUDENTS
ELEMENTARY AND JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	2 FOR EACH CLASSROOM AND 1 FOR EVERY 8 SEATS IN AUDITORIUMS OR ASSEMBLY HALLS
HIGH SCHOOL	1 FOR EVERY 10 STUDENTS AND 1 FOR EACH TEACHER AND EMPLOYEE

(B) PARKING AREA DIMENSIONS

PARKING AREAS SHALL CONFORM TO THE FOLLOWING DIMENSION REQUIREMENTS:

(1) PARKING SPACE AND AISLE DIMENSIONS

A PARKING ANGLE	B STALL WIDTH	C STALL DEPTH	D AISLE WIDTH ONE-WAY	E AISLE WIDTH TWO-WAY
90°	9'	18'	22'	24'
60°	9'	19'	18'	22'
45°	9'	18'	15'	22'
PARALLEL	8'	22'	N/A	N/A



(C) PARKING AREA CONSTRUCTION

REQUIRED PARKING AREAS SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED OF A MATERIAL WITH SPACES CLEARLY DELINEATED IN A MANNER APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

(D) COMPACT PARKING SPACES

THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY REQUIRE UP TO 30% OF THE REQUIRED PARKING SPACES TO BE CONSTRUCTED FOR COMPACT 90° VEHICLE PARKING. COMPACT PARKING SPACES SHALL BE SIGNED OR PAINTED WITH THE WORDS "COMPACT". COMPACT PARKING SPACE DIMENSIONS SHALL BE 8.5' IN WIDTH AND 16' IN LENGTH. TO PROVIDE FOR COMPACT VEHICLE PARKING WHICH FUNCTIONS MOST EFFICIENTLY WHERE APPLIED, THE CALCULATION OF REQUIRED COMPACT PARKING SPACES SHALL BE BASED ON AN EVALUATION OF PARKING AREA DESIGN, PROPOSED USE, AND EXPECTED VEHICLE PARKING TURNOVER RATES AS PROVIDED BY THE APPLICANT.

(E) HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBILITY

ALL PARKING AREAS SHALL INCLUDE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE SPACES IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE MARYLAND ACCESSIBILITY CODE.

(F) ADJACENT PARKING AREAS

WHERE A PROPOSED PARKING AREA IS ADJACENT TO A DEVELOPED OR UNDEVELOPED SITE WITHIN THE SAME OR SIMILAR ZONING DISTRICT, THE PROPOSED PARKING AREA MUST BE DESIGNED TO CONNECT TO THE EXISTING OR FUTURE ADJACENT PARKING AREA. THIS REQUIREMENT MAY BE WAIVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHERE IT IS DEEMED TO BE IMPRACTICAL.

(G) PEDESTRIAN ACCESS

CLEARLY DELINEATED PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALKS, SIDEWALKS, AND WALKWAYS SHALL BE PROVIDED TO ALLOW SAFE, CONVENIENT, AND DIRECT ACCESS WITHIN THE PARKING AREA, AND FROM THE PARKING AREA TO BUILDING ENTRANCES.

(H) BICYCLE PARKING

(1) FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS CHAPTER, THE BICYCLE PARKING REQUIREMENTS IN THE FOLLOWING TABLE WILL APPLY:

Use Categories	Specific Uses ¹	Required Bicycle Parking	
		Class A (Locked Room or Lockers)	Class B (Bicycle Racks) 1 Rack = 2 bike parking spaces
Residential ²	Multifamily dwelling, multifamily group development, or townhouse w/o garage (8 or more units)	Locked room or lockers with space for 4 bikes for each 10 units	1 for each 10 units, minimum 2. Not required if Class A parking is provided
	Motel, hotel	None	1 for each 20 auto spaces, minimum 1, maximum 10
Commercial (5,000 Square Feet GFA or Greater)	Other	None	1 for each 20 auto spaces, minimum 1, maximum 10
Office / Research / Industrial (5,000 Square Feet GFA or Greater)	Planned Industrial / Commercial Development, Office Research or Industrial parks planned as a unit, and MXD zoning district.	None	1 per 40,000 SF of GFA, minimum 1, maximum 10.
Open Space and Institutional / Government / Commercial Amusements	Commercial amusements / fairground / arena or stadium / civic community center	None	1 for each 20 auto spaces, minimum 1, maximum 20
	Transit centers / rail stations	None	minimum 10
	Park and ride	None	1 for each 50 auto spaces, min 2
	School - K-8	None	1 for each classroom
	School 9-12	None	1 for each 2 classrooms
	College	Per campus plan as approved by Planning Commission	

Use Categories	Specific Uses ¹	Required Bicycle Parking	
		Class A (Locked Room or Lockers)	Class B (Bicycle Racks) 1 Rack = 2 bike parking spaces
Open Space and Institutional / Government / Commercial Amusements	Hospital	None	1 for each 50,000 SF of GFA, min 1
	Place of worship	None	1 for each 20,000 SF of GFA, min 1
	Child care center	None	1 for each 20,000 SF of GFA, min 1

1: No bicycle parking required in Agricultural or Resource Conservation zoning districts unless the specific use is noted in the above table and the proposed site is within 1.2 miles of a designated growth area.

2: Where required, bicycle parking for residential uses may be provided as class A (locked room/lockers) or class B (racks)

(2) A REDUCTION IN REQUIRED BICYCLE PARKING MAY BE GRANTED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION WHERE THE APPLICANT CAN DEMONSTRATE NEED BASED ON NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS, CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED USE, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

(3) THE DESIGN OF BICYCLE PARKING SHALL CONFORM TO THE FREDERICK COUNTY BICYCLE PARKING DESIGN GUIDE.

EDITOR'S NOTE: SUBSECTION (H) BICYCLE PARKING SHALL APPLY TO APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT RECEIVING FINAL SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN APPROVAL AFTER [THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE]

§1-19-6.320. SIGNS PERMITTED AND REGULATED IN THE ZONING DISTRICT.

Sign Type		Maximum Size Permitted ¹		Zoning District Permitted	Setback From Property Line ³			Conditions Required to be Met
		Area sf = sq. feet	Height ² f (feet)		Front	Side	Rear	
(5)	Home occupation	(2 sf)	RC and A Districts (6 f)	In district where use is permitted	30'	10 ⁴	10'	One sign only. Signs in R D DistrictS must be attached to principal or accessory structure.

DIVISION 4. LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING

§1-19-6.400 LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING

~~(A)~~ In accordance with the site plan review process provided in section 1-19-3.300 through 1-19-3.300.4 or as otherwise provided within this chapter the planning commission may require **LANDSCAPING, screening, AND BUFFERING** along the property line and around and within the parking areas. **LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND BUFFERING SHALL BE PROVIDED IN CONFORMANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING** Minimum standards-are:

(A) **STREET TREES**

STREET TREES SHALL BE PROVIDED ALONG THE PROPERTY LINE ADJACENT TO THE PAVED SURFACE OF AN EXISTING OR PROPOSED PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY ~~planting strips will be~~ **IN A PLANTING AREA** no less than 5 7 feet wide, **AND** planted with shrubs or trees;**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STANDARDS:**

(1) **ONE TREE AT LEAST 6 FEET IN HEIGHT AT THE TIME OF PLANTING SHALL BE PROVIDED PER 35 FEET OF ROADWAY FRONTAGE.**

(2) AN ALTERNATE ON-SITE LOCATION FOR TREES MAY BE APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION OR PLANNING COMMISSION AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES WHEN A SPECIFIC FINDING IS MADE THAT THE ALTERNATE LOCATION IS REQUIRED DUE TO:

- (a) PHYSICAL SITE CONSTRAINTS; OR
- (b) THE IRREGULAR AND NON-LINEAR NATURE OF LANDSCAPING IN THE GI ZONING DISTRICT OR, THE RC, A, R1, OR VC ZONING DISTRICTS OUTSIDE OF COMMUNITY GROWTH AREAS; OR
- (c) APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATE PLANTING DESIGN BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION

(B) LAND USE BUFFERING AND SCREENING

TO ACHIEVE BUFFERING AND SCREENING BETWEEN LAND USES THE FOLLOWING SHALL BE PROVIDED ALONG COMMON PROPERTY LINES:

(1) WHERE INDUSTRIAL, MINERAL MINING, OR SOLID WASTE USES ARE LOCATED ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS: A MIXTURE OF PLANTINGS INCLUDING PREDOMINANTLY EVERGREEN SHRUBS OR TREES SPACED AT INTERVALS WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE A HEIGHT OF BOTH 6 FEET AND 15 FEET AND TO PROVIDE COMPLETE BUFFERING AND SCREENING FROM THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICT OR USE AT MATURITY.

(2) WHERE COMMERCIAL OR INSTITUTIONAL USES ARE LOCATED ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS: A MIXTURE OF PLANTINGS INCLUDING PREDOMINANTLY EVERGREEN SHRUBS OR TREES SPACED AT INTERVALS WHICH ARE EXPECTED TO ACHIEVE A MIXTURE OF HEIGHT AT MATURITY BETWEEN 6 FEET AND 15 FEET AND TO PROVIDE EFFECTIVE BUFFERING, AS DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

(3) ALL OTHER USES: BUFFERING AND SCREENING FOR ALL OTHER LAND USES SHALL BE DETERMINED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

(C) PARKING AREA BUFFERING AND SCREENING

PARKING AREAS SHALL BE SCREENED FROM ROADWAYS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STANDARDS:

(1) WHERE PARKING AREAS ARE ADJACENT TO RESIDENTIAL USES OR ZONING DISTRICTS, OR ROADWAYS WITH AT LEAST A COLLECTOR STATUS AS DESIGNATED ON THE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN: PLANTINGS OF ~~which are of a type~~ PREDOMINANTLY EVERGREEN SHRUBS OR TREES ~~and spaced at intervals which may be expected to form a year-round dense screen~~ EFFECTIVE BUFFERING AND SCREENING at least ~~6 feet~~ 30 INCHES high AT THE TIME OF PLANTING ~~within 3 years; and~~

(2) ALL OTHER PARKING AREAS: PLANTINGS OF PREDOMINANTLY EVERGREEN SHRUBS OR TREES SPACED AT INTERVALS WHICH MAY BE EXPECTED TO FORM EFFECTIVE BUFFERING AT LEAST 30 INCHES HIGH AT THE TIME OF PLANTING.

(D) PARKING AREA LANDSCAPING

WITHIN REQUIRED PARKING AREAS LANDSCAPING SHALL BE PROVIDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING MINIMUM STANDARDS:

(1) PARKING AREAS SHALL BE SEPARATED INTO BAYS WITH AN AVERAGE OF NO MORE THAN 10 PARKING SPACES. EACH PARKING BAY SHALL CONTAIN NO MORE THAN 15 CONTINUOUS PARKING SPACES. BETWEEN OR AT THE END OF EACH BAY OF PARKING SPACES THERE SHALL BE A PLANTING AREA OF AT LEAST 5 FEET IN WIDTH. EACH PLANTING AREA SHALL CONTAIN 1 TREE AT LEAST 6 FEET IN HEIGHT AT THE TIME OF PLANTING AND GROUND COVER CONTAINING AT LEAST TWO SHRUBS FOR EVERY 100 SQUARE FEET OF LANDSCAPE AREA.

(2) PLANTING AREA TREES SHALL BE DECIDUOUS AND PROVIDE AT LEAST 20% CANOPY COVER AT MATURITY.

(E) LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, OR BUFFERING SHALL:

(1) BE MAINTAINED IN A LIVING CONDITION
(2) EMPHASIZE NATIVE SPECIES AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT L1 AND L2 OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY FOREST RESOURCE ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED.

(3) NOT INCLUDE SPECIES IDENTIFIED AS INVASIVE/EXOTIC SPECIES AS LISTED IN EXHIBIT K OF THE FREDERICK COUNTY FOREST RESOURCE ORDINANCE, AS AMENDED.

(4) OPAQUE FENCING, WALLS, AND BERMS SHALL BE MAINTAINED.

(F) EXISTING VEGETATION MAY BE USED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS IN THIS SECTION.

(G) Opaque fencing, **WALLS, OR BERMS** may be used **IN ADDITION TO TREES AND SHRUBS TO MEET THE MINIMUM BUFFERING AND SCREENING STANDARDS** ~~in lieu of trees and shrubs~~, subject to approval of the planning commission.

(H) **APPLICATION**

TO DEMONSTRATE THE MANNER IN WHICH THE APPLICATION MEETS LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING OR SCREENING REQUIREMENTS WITHIN THIS CHAPTER, A LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, AND SCREENING PLAN SHALL BE APPROVED AS PART OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS (§1-19-3.300.3). THE LANDSCAPING AND SCREENING PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(1) **A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE DIVISION OF PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW.**

(2) **THE TYPE AND LOCATION OF ALL PROPOSED LANDSCAPING, BUFFERING, AND SCREENING INCLUDING:**

(a) **SPECIES IDENTIFICATION**

(b) **THE HEIGHT AND WIDTH OF PROPOSED TREES OR SHRUBS AT PLANTING AND MATURITY**

(c) **IDENTIFICATION OF EXISTING TREES OR SHRUBS TO REMAIN INCLUDING HEIGHT AND WIDTH.**

(3) **WHERE PROPOSED, FENCES, WALLS, OR BERMS INCLUDING:**

(a) **HEIGHT AND WIDTH**

(b) **TYPE OF MATERIAL**

(c) **CROSS-SECTION AND ELEVATION DETAILS**

(4) **THE TOTAL NUMBER AND PERCENTAGE MIXTURE OF EXISTING AND PROPOSED NATIVE SPECIES.**

(5) **THE APPLICATION SHALL DEMONSTRATE THE MANNER IN WHICH ON-SITE RECYCLING AND REFUSE MANAGEMENT SHALL BE ACCOMMODATED INCLUDING:**

(a) **LOCATION OF REFUSE/RECYCLING CONTAINERS**

(b) **DIMENSIONS OF REFUSE/RECYCLING LOCATION**

(c) **PROPOSED ACCESS FOR LOADING AND UNLOADING**

(d) **TYPE OF MATERIAL PROPOSED AS SCREENING**

(I) **THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY MODIFY THE MINIMUM LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND BUFFERING STANDARDS WHERE A SPECIFIC FINDING IS MADE THAT THE REQUIRED STANDARDS RESULT IN A PRACTICAL DIFFICULTY, AND WHERE AN ALTERNATE LANDSCAPING, SCREENING, AND BUFFERING PLAN IS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

DIVISION 5. LIGHTING

§1-19-6.500 LIGHTING

(A) In accordance with the site plan review process provided in §1-19-3.300 through 1-19-3.300.4 or as otherwise provided within this chapter, ~~Lighting emitting objectionable glare observable from surrounding properties or streets will be shielded.~~ **SHALL BE DESIGNED AND INSTALLED TO BE FULLY SHIELDED. LIGHTING SHALL BE DIRECTED DOWNWARD TO PREVENT GLARE AND LIGHT TRESPASS ONTO ADJACENT PROPERTIES, ROADWAYS, AND THE NIGHTTIME SKY.**

(B) **POLE AND BUILDING MOUNTED LIGHTING SHALL NOT EXCEED A MAXIMUM HEIGHT OF:**

(1) **14 FEET IN PEDESTRIAN ORIENTED DEVELOPMENTS INCLUDING PEDESTRIAN COMPONENTS IN PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD), MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT (MXD), OFFICE RESEARCH/INDUSTRIAL (ORI), AND PLANNED INDUSTRIAL/COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

(2) **24 FEET IN ALL OTHER COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS**

(3) **LIGHTING HEIGHT SHALL BE MEASURED FROM THE GROUND TO THE POINT OF ILLUMINATION**

(C) **FOR THE PURPOSE OF REDUCTION IN ENERGY CONSUMPTION, LIGHT TRESPASS, AND GLARE, PROPOSED LIGHTING SHALL UTILIZE THE LOWEST LIGHTING LEVELS FEASIBLE. EVALUATION FACTORS INCLUDE: LIGHT DISTRIBUTION AND OVERLAP, NUMBER AND HEIGHT OF FIXTURES.**

(D) **LIGHTING SHALL NOT EXCEED .50 FOOT-CANDLES AS MEASURED FROM THE PROPERTY LINE.**

(E) LIGHTING THAT IS EXEMPT FROM THESE REQUIREMENTS INCLUDES TEMPORARY LIGHTING AND LIGHTING PROVIDED FOR EMERGENCY OR SAFETY PURPOSES AS REQUIRED BY: THE BUILDING CODE, ELECTRICAL CODE, OR OTHERWISE WITHIN THE COUNTY CODE.

(F) APPLICATION

WHERE REQUIRED WITHIN THIS CHAPTER, A LIGHTING PLAN SHALL BE APPROVED AS PART OF THE SITE PLAN REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS (1-19-3.300.3). THE LIGHTING PLAN SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(1) A FORM ACCEPTABLE TO THE DIVISION OF PERMITTING AND DEVELOPMENT REVIEW

(2) THE TYPE AND LOCATION OF ALL PROPOSED LIGHTING INCLUDING:

(a) LIGHTING STANDARDS AND SPECIFICATIONS

(b) PHOTOMETRIC DATA, SUCH AS THAT FURNISHED BY THE MANUFACTURER, SHOWING THE ANGLE OF CUT OFF OF LIGHT EMISSIONS, UPWARD AND LATERAL GLARE SHIELD DETAILS, AND FOOT-CANDLE LIGHT VALUES FOR THE ENTIRE SITE

(c) BUILDING AND POLE MOUNTING HEIGHTS

(d) HOURS OF OPERATION

(G) THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY MODIFY THE LIGHTING STANDARDS WITHIN THIS SECTION WHERE THE APPLICANT CAN DEMONSTRATE NEED BASED ON CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROPOSED USE, PHOTOMETRIC STUDIES, NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED STANDARDS, OR OTHER DOCUMENTATION AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

ARTICLE VII: SUPPLEMENTARY DISTRICT REGULATIONS

DIVISION 5. COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

§ 1-19-7.500. VILLAGE CENTER ZONING DISTRICT OVERLAY STANDARDS.

[(A) through (B) remain unchanged]

(C) *Design standards.*

[(1) and (2) remain unchanged]

(3) *Site development and layout.*

[(a) through (c) remain unchanged]

(d) All equipment and supplies shall be stored, maintained, and repaired outside of the front yard area: **AND WITHIN COMPLETELY ENCLOSED BUILDINGS. THE PLANNING COMMISSION MAY APPROVE OUTDOOR DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS AT THE TIME OF SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW.**

[(e) through (h) remain unchanged]

(i) **REFUSE AND RECYCLING DUMPSTERS SHALL BE LOCATED AWAY FROM PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE SCREENED. THE MOST APPROPRIATE SCREENING SHALL BE DETERMINED AT SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW WITH MATERIALS REFLECTING NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

§ 1-19-7.510. GENERAL COMMERCIAL, HIGHWAY SERVICE.

The following provisions shall be applicable in the General Commercial, Highway Service Districts.

[(A) Through (E) remain unchanged]

(F) **REFUSE AND RECYCLING DUMPSTERS SHALL BE LOCATED AWAY FROM PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE SCREENED. THE MOST APPROPRIATE SCREENING SHALL BE DETERMINED AT SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW WITH MATERIALS REFLECTING NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

DIVISION 6. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS

§ 1-19-7.600. INDUSTRIAL DISTRICTS.

The following provisions shall be applicable in the Industrial Districts.

(A) through (D)

(E) **REFUSE AND RECYCLING DUMPSTERS SHALL BE LOCATED AWAY FROM PUBLIC ACCESS AREAS AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO BE SCREENED. THE MOST APPROPRIATE SCREENING SHALL BE DETERMINED AT SITE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW WITH MATERIALS REFLECTING NEIGHBORHOOD CHARACTERISTICS AS APPROVED BY THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

1-19-7.610 INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

(A) through (J) [Remain unchanged]

Exhibit 1 –Parking, Landscaping, Lighting *Draft* Text Amendment ZT-09-xx (New text: **BOLD CAPS AND BOLD CAPS UNDERLINED**; Deleted text: ~~strikethrough~~)

~~(K) — *Glare.* In LI and GI Districts, any operation or activity producing glare shall be conducted so that direct or indirect light from the source shall not cause illumination in excess of 0.5 footcandle when measured in a Residential District.~~

ARTICLE XI: DEFINITIONS

DIVISION 1. DEFINITIONS

1-19-11.100 DEFINITIONS

CANDELA. UNIT OF LUMINOUS INTENSITY.

FOOT-CANDLE. ILLUMINANCE PRODUCED ON A SURFACE 1 FOOT FROM A UNIFORM POINT SOURCE OF ONE CANDELA.

PHOTOMETRIC (PHOTOMETRY). MEASUREMENT OF THE INTENSITY OF LIGHT AND DISTRIBUTION.

FULLY SHIELDED FIXTURE: A FIXTURE CONSTRUCTED IN SUCH A MANNER THAT ALL LIGHT EMITTED BY THE FIXTURE IS PROJECTED BELOW THE HORIZONTAL PLANE THROUGH THE FIXTURE.

LIGHT TRESPASS: LIGHT FALLING OUTSIDE OF THE PROPERTY BOUNDARY ON WHICH A LIGHT INSTALLATION IS LOCATED.