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BACKGROUND AND HISTORY

The Ventura County Zoning Ordinance was enacted on March 18, 1947, by Ordinance No. 412. Each formal action by the Board of Supervisors to establish or amend the code is done by enacting an "ordinance." These actions are numbered sequentially. For example, the creation of the first County Zoning Ordinance was the 412th ordinance action taken by the Supervisors. It should be noted that the Zoning Ordinance falls within Division 8 of the total Ventura County Ordinance Code and is specifically referenced as Chapter 1 of Division 8. The discussion that follows is intended to provide the reader with a general understanding of the Zoning Ordinance's evolution and structure. It is not a definitive analysis.

The Zoning Ordinance was adopted at the same time as the Uniform Building Code and collectively established the initial regulatory scheme for structures and land uses. The Zoning Ordinance provided little regulation, but it did establish the initial zoning of land. This initial Zoning Ordinance bears little resemblance to modern-day zoning ordinances and has undergone numerous amendments since 1947.

Amendments during the 1950s added significantly to the Ordinance and by 1962 it was necessary to "reorder" it into a more coherent format. Another major reformatting occurred in 1968. By the late 1960s, numerous individual zoning districts (e.g. M1 Industrial, RBH Residential Beach Harbor) had been created and most of the basic regulatory provisions of the present code had been established.

During the 1970s, environmental laws and legal decisions, particularly those requiring consistency between zoning and the General Plan, led to further expansions of the Ordinance. The 1980s saw amendments that enhanced the County's ability to regulate oil and mining activities, and recover costs for permit processing and abatement of violations.

The cumulative additions to the Ordinance since the 1960s led to an unwieldy document that once again needed restructuring. This was addressed through the re-codification of 1983 (Ordinance No. 3658). The restructured code appeared in "letter-size" format and introduced a "matrix" to depict uses allowed in each zone. It also reduced the number of separate zones and centralized development standards. The general format established at this time is still in use today.

1983 was also the year that the Zoning Ordinance was divided into the Coastal Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance No. 3654) for coastal areas and the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance that covers all areas outside the Coastal Zone. The two codes are structured in parallel, but differ in many detailed ways. Over the years they have grown apart as the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance has undergone more frequent amendments which were not simultaneously incorporated into the Coastal Zoning Ordinance.

The Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance was amended substantially in 1995 by Ordinance No. 4092. The changes were primarily to clarify or correct existing language and simplify the permitting process. Another change to the ordinance in 1995 was the introduction of editorial notes in italics to provide guidance to readers. These notations, however, are not law and thus not a formal part of the Zoning Ordinance. The 1995 amendments were extensive enough to warrant the re-publication of the entire code.

Prior to July of 2002 the Ordinance was published solely by the County Clerk's Office. Beginning in mid-2002 the Planning Division began publishing an "un-official" version of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance that is electronically indexed and located on the Division's website. Every possible effort has been made to ensure that the contents of the Planning Division's version are consistent with the Clerk's version. The Planning Division's version differs in format and style to facilitate its incorporation onto the internet. Versions of the Ordinance prepared by the Clerk's Office are identifiable by the "ordinance change" number (OC-1) in the lower right corner of each page. Any subsequent change to the text on a given page is noted with the next higher number, e.g., OC-2, OC-3, etc. This numbering system was started fresh following the 1995 re-publication of the Ordinance. The Planning Division's version of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance does not include "OC" numbers. Instead, the footer on each page will identify when the code was last amended. An index of amendments by section number will be added so one can determine where amendments have occurred in the code.

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors keeps the only official record of each individual amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Division keeps copies of the milestone versions of the codified Zoning Ordinance, e.g. the versions from 1968, 1983, and 1995, among others. These documents may be useful if one wants to research various amendments. Changes since 1983 can be tracked by noting the parenthetical dates and ordinance numbers at the end of a given code section or following the heading of a given Article in the Zoning Ordinance. These notations indicate when the Section or Article was added or last amended. Where no note appears, the language typically dates from the re-codification of 1983, although some wording may have been carried forward from preceding versions of the code.

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DIVISION 8 - PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
CHAPTER 1 - ZONING

ARTICLE 1:
AUTHORITY, PURPOSE, AND APPLICATION OF
CHAPTER

Sec. 8101-0 - Adoption and Title of Chapter

This Chapter is adopted pursuant to the authority vested in the County of Ventura by the State of California, including but not limited to the Government Code and the Public Resources Code. This Chapter shall be known as the "Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance." (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8101-1 - Purpose of Chapter

The text (including tables and matrices) and references to the Official Zoning Data contained in this Chapter constitute the comprehensive zoning regulations for the unincorporated area of the County of Ventura, excluding the Coastal Zone, and are adopted to protect and promote the public health, safety and general welfare; to provide the environmental, economic and social advantages which result from an orderly, planned use of resources; to establish the most beneficial and convenient relationships among land uses and to implement Ventura County's General Plan. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8101-2 - Applicability of the Zoning Ordinance

Sec. 8101-2.1 - Applicability to Uses and Structures

The provisions of this Chapter apply to all lots, structures and uses of land or bodies of water created, utilized, established, constructed or altered by any person unless specifically exempted by the following subsections:

Sec. 8101-2.1.1 - Exemption, Public Roads

The provisions of this Chapter are not applicable to construction and maintenance of public roads and other improvements within road rights-of-way.

Sec. 8101-2.1.2 - Exemption, Preemption

Specifically exempt is any area of regulation totally preempted by Federal or State laws and where divestiture has not occurred.

Sec. 8101-2.2 - Applicability to Lots Split by the Coastal Zone Boundary

The Coastal Zone boundary does not, in most cases, follow property lines and there may be a lot which is split by the boundary. If development, as defined in Chapter 1.1 of the Ordinance Code, is proposed on that portion of the lot outside the Coastal Zone and has the potential to affect adversely any property or resource within the Coastal Zone, the policies and standards of the Local Coastal Program shall be used in formulating conditions or requirements for the proposed development.

Sec. 8101-3 - General Prohibitions

Sec. 8101-3.1

No structure shall be moved onto a site, erected, reconstructed, added to, enlarged, advertised on, structurally altered or maintained, and no structure or land shall be used or maintained for any purpose, except as specifically provided and allowed by this Chapter, with respect to land uses, building heights, setbacks, minimum lot area, maximum percentage of building coverage and lot width, and with respect to all other regulations, conditions and limitations prescribed by this Chapter as applicable to the same zone in which such use, structure or land is located. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8101-3.2

No person shall maintain a use or permit to be used or maintained any building, structure, or land or erect, structurally alter or enlarge any building or structure, contract for advertising space, pay for space, or advertise on any structure except as permitted by this Chapter and in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter applicable thereto.

Sec. 8101-3.3

No permit or entitlement may be issued or renewed for any use, structure, construction, improvement or other purpose unless specifically provided for or permitted by this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8101-3.4

No permit or entitlement shall be issued for any use, structure or construction on a lot that is not a legal lot. (ADD. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

(AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8101-4 - General Interpretation

Sec. 8101-4.1 - Minimum Requirements

The provisions of this Chapter shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety and general welfare.

Sec. 8101-4.2 - Interference

It is not intended by this Chapter to interfere with, abrogate or annul any easement, covenant or other agreement between parties.

Sec. 8101-4.3 - Conflict

When this Chapter imposes a greater restriction upon the use of buildings or land, or upon the height of buildings, or requires greater setbacks or larger open spaces than are imposed or required by other ordinances, rules, regulations or by easements, covenants or agreements, the provisions of this Chapter shall govern. If conflict between requirements appears within this Chapter, the most restrictive requirement shall prevail.

Sec. 8101-4.4 - Terms Not Defined

Terms not defined in this Chapter shall be interpreted as defined in the Ventura County General Plan or conventional dictionaries in common use. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8101-4.5 - Misinformation

Information erroneously presented by any official or employee of the County does not negate or diminish the provisions of this Chapter pertaining thereto.

Sec. 8101-4.6 - Quantity

The singular includes the plural, and the plural includes the singular.

Sec. 8101-4.7 - Number of Days

Whenever a number of days is specified in this Chapter, or in any permit, condition of approval, or notice issued, or given as set forth in this Chapter, such number of days shall be deemed to be consecutive calendar days starting on the day following the day a decision is rendered, unless otherwise specified. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8101-4.8 - Rounding of Quantities

Whenever application of this Chapter results in required parking spaces, required number of affordable or elderly units built pursuant to Article 16 or other standards being expressed in fractions of whole numbers, such fractions are to be rounded to the next higher whole number when the fraction is 0.5 or more, and to the next lower whole number when the fraction is less than 0.5, except that: a) calculation for the number of permitted animals shall be in accordance with Article 7; b) quantities expressing areas of land are to be rounded only in the case of square footage, and are not to be rounded in the case of acreage except to the nearest one-hundredth acre: e.g., 7.065 acres would be rounded to 7.07 acres. (AM. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8101-4.9 - Severability

If any portion of the Zoning Ordinance is held to be invalid, that holding shall not invalidate any other portion of the Zoning Ordinance.

Sec. 8101-4.10 - Interpretation

Because it is infeasible to compose legislative language which encompasses all conceivable land-use situations, the Planning Director shall have the power to interpret the regulations and standards contained in this Ordinance, when such interpretation is necessitated by a lack of specificity in such regulations and standards.

Sec. 8101-4.11 - Position of Planning Director

Whenever the Planning Director (Deputy Director, RMA) position is unfilled for any reason, the Resource Management Agency Director automatically assumes the duties and powers of the position of Planning Director. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

(ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

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ARTICLE 2: DEFINITIONS

Sec. 8102-0 - Application of Definitions

Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions of words and terms as follows shall govern the construction of this Chapter.

A

Abut - To touch physically, border upon, or share a common property line with. Lots which touch at corners only shall not be deemed abutting. Adjoining and contiguous shall mean the same as abutting. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Access - The place or way by which pedestrians and/or vehicles shall have safe, adequate, usable ingress and egress to a property or use.

Accessory Structure - A detached structure located upon the same lot as the building or use to which it is accessory, and the use of which is customarily incidental, appropriate and subordinate to the use of the principal building or to the principal use of the lot.

Accessory Structures, Habitable - Structures intended for human occupancy or which are primarily used for human occupancy. Such structures include recreation rooms, studios, etc. in contrast to non-habitable structures such as garages and storage sheds. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Accessory Use - A use customarily incidental, appropriate and subordinate to the principal use of land or buildings located upon the same lot.

Agriculture - Farming, including animal husbandry and the production and management of crops (including aquatic crops) for food, fiber, fuel and ornament. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Agricultural Promotional Uses - Uses and attendant structures that promote the Ventura County agricultural industry in general and the specific farming operations associated with the promotional use through educational and/or entertainment activities that do not significantly compromise the agricultural use of the property or the area. (ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Agricultural Sales Facility - Structures or areas accessory to permitted agricultural operations for the selling, or selling and display, of agricultural products. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures - Fabric or membrane clad structures for the propagation of plant materials. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) - See Article 12.

Airfields, Landing Pads and Strips - Aircraft landing strips or heliports for agricultural crop dusting or personal use of the property owner or tenants, not available for public use, and with no commercial operations. "Aircraft" includes helicopters, all fixed wing airplanes, gliders, hang-gliders and ultra-light aircraft.

Albedo - A measure of a material's ability to reflect sunlight on a scale of 0 to 1, with a value of 0.0 indicating that the surface absorbs all solar radiation (e.g., charcoal) and a value of 1.0 representing total reflectivity (e.g., snow). (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Alley - A thoroughfare not more than 30 feet wide, other than a public road or street, permanently reserved as a secondary means of access to abutting property.

Amortize - To require the termination of (a nonconforming use or structure) at the end of a specified period of time. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Amusement and Recreational Facilities - Facilities such as billiard and pool establishments, bowling alleys, dance halls and studios, golf driving ranges, indoor motion picture theaters, miniature golf, parks, playgrounds and yoga and martial arts instruction. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Animal - Any organism, other than Homo sapiens, belonging to the taxonomic classification of Animalia and of the phylum Mollusca or higher forms up to, and including, Chordata. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal, Domestic - An animal that is customarily kept as farm livestock, for animal husbandry purposes, or as a household pet, or is otherwise ordinarily under human control. Legally-owned exotic animals customarily kept as pets are also considered domestic animals. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal Husbandry - A branch of agriculture for the raising, nurturing, and management of any animal(s), through breeding, pasturing, or ranching, for such purposes as sales of animals, food production, fiber production, ornament, pleasure, or beneficial use (e.g., insectaries). (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Animal, Inherently Dangerous - A wild animal which poses an inherent danger to its keepers, the public, property, or the environment. Such animals include, but are not limited to, crocodiles, alligators and the like; all venomous reptiles; all constrictor snakes over eight (8) feet in length; large cats (mountain lions, cheetahs and all larger cats); wolves, foxes, and coyotes; venomous arachnids such as black widow spiders and scorpions; and insects (e.g., Africanized honeybees) meeting this definition. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal Keeping - The keeping of animals other than for husbandry or pet purposes, with or without compensation; including such activities as boarding, stabling, pasturing, rehabilitating, training of animals and lessons for their owners, and recreational riding by the owners of the animals; but excluding such activities as the rental use of the animals by people other than the owners, and excluding events such as organized competitions, judgments and the like. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal, Pet - An animal which is not inherently dangerous, but is kept for pleasure, companionship or security purposes rather than for husbandry. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal, Security or Utility - An animal, such as a dog, goose, or primate, used for guard purposes or to assist physically challenged humans. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Animal, Wild - An animal which is normally found living in a natural state and not customarily domesticated. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Antenna, Ground-Mounted - A device for transmitting or receiving radio, telephone and/or television waves which rests on or is located in or anchored to the ground or is attached to a mast or tower which is also connected to the ground. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Apiculture - Beekeeping, which includes one or more hives or boxes occupied by bees (hives or boxes includes colonies), but does not include honey houses, extraction houses, warehouses or appliances. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Applicant - The individual, party or entity that files for and signs an "application request." There may be multiple applicants. (ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Application Requests - Include, but are not limited to, filings for zoning clearances, permits, variances, appeals, suspensions, modifications and revocations, interpretations, amendments and zone changes.

Aquaculture/Aquiculture - A branch of agriculture that is devoted to the growing and harvesting of fish, shellfish, and plants in marine, brackish, and fresh water. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Arcade - A commercial amusement establishment containing four or more game machines, electronic or otherwise, or similar amusement devices.

Assembly Use - A building or structure where groups or individuals voluntarily meet to pursue their common social, educational, religious, or other interests. For the purposes of this definition, assembly uses do not include Temporary Festivals, Animal Shows and Similar Outdoor Events, Conference Centers/Convention Centers, Amusement and Recreational Facilities, Equestrian Centers, or Sport and Athletic Recreational Facilities. (ADD. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Athletic Field - A level, open expanse of land intended to be used for organized team sports such as baseball, football and soccer. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Automobile Impound Yard - A building or premises for the storage of motor vehicles, such as impounded or repossessed vehicles, where such vehicles are intended to be stored for more than a 24-hour period. This definition shall not include automobile wrecking or salvage in any form. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Automobile Service Station - A commercial activity, both retail and service in character, engaged in dispensing automotive fuels and motor oil; the sale and service of tires, batteries and other automobile accessories and replacement items; and washing and lubrication services. Activities associated with service stations do not include body and fender repair, painting or major motor repairs.

B

Base Zone - Any of the zones listed in Article 4 of Chapter 1 which are not identified as an overlay zone in Article 4. (ADD. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92)

Bathroom, Full - A room or location with a lavatory, a toilet, and a bathtub and/or shower. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Bathroom, Half - A room or location with a toilet with or without a lavatory, and without bathing facilities. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Bed-and-Breakfast Inn - A single-family dwelling with one family in permanent residence therein, and where, as an accessory use, one to six bedrooms (except as set forth in Section 8107-43.3), accommodating no more than 15 guests, are made available for transient occupancy for no more than seven consecutive days, with breakfast offered for compensation to overnight guests. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Belt Course - A projection of masonry or similar material around a building or part of a building, which is attached to the building.

Bicycle Parking, Long-Term (LT) - A locker or locked enclosure providing bicycle storage and protection from theft, vandalism, and weather when the bicycle and accessories are not in use for extended periods during the day, overnight, or for a longer duration. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Bicycle Parking, Short-Term (ST) - A rack or racks used to park bicycles for up to several hours. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Biosolids - Solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment plant, also referred to as sewage sludge. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Biosolids Composting Operation - A facility that processes biosolids (sewage sludge), along with necessary additives and amendments, into compost. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Boardinghouse - A dwelling with one household in permanent residence, where two or more rooms are used by other individuals for compensation, with or without daily meals. Single Room Occupancy units are included in this definition. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95) (AM. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Borrow Area - An area where soil, sand, gravel or rock is extracted and removed for use as fills, grades or embankments on property of a different ownership or noncontiguous property of the same ownership. (ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85)

Botanic Gardens and Arboreta - Scientific and educational institutions whose purpose is the advancement and diffusion of a knowledge and love of plants. A botanic garden must meet all four of the below criteria:

- (a) The garden functions as an aesthetic display, educational display, and/or site research.
- (b) The garden maintains plant records.
- (c) The garden has at least one professional staff member (paid or unpaid).
- (d) Garden visitors can identify plants through labels, guide maps, or other interpretive materials.

(ADD. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Building - Any structure having a roof supported by columns or walls and intended for the shelter, housing or enclosure of persons, animals, chattel or property of any kind.

Business Services - Uses such as advertising agencies, blueprinting and photocopying, computer and data processing services, coupon and trading stamp redemption services, drafting services, employment agencies, laminating of photographs, packaging services and telephone answering services.

C

Camp - A rural facility with permanent structures for overnight accommodation and accessory structures and buildings, which is used for temporary leisure, recreational or study purposes, and provides opportunities for the enjoyment or appreciation of the natural environment. A camp provides a structured program of outdoor and/or nature-oriented activities including but not limited to outdoor/camping skills, horseback riding, animal husbandry, hiking, mountain biking, wildlife and wildflower viewing, fishing, or hunting. For these reasons, camps need to be located in an undeveloped, open space environment. A camp requires a substantial land area for these activities, and much or all of its permit area is used for these purposes. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88; AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Campground - A rural facility without permanent structures for overnight accommodation, but with limited accessory structures and buildings, which is used for temporary leisure or recreational purposes and provides opportunities for the enjoyment or appreciation of the natural environment. (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Caretaker - An employee who must be on the property in conjunction with a principal use for a substantial portion of each day for security purposes or for the vital care of people,

equipment or other conditions of the site.

Caretaker, Animal - A person employed full time on the same property for activities associated with Animal Husbandry or Animal Keeping, Non-Husbandry (see Sec. 8104-4). (ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) - Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board or staff issued authorizations which indicate that the proposed subdivision, rezoning, maintenance, acquisition, stabilization, preservation, reconstruction, protection, alteration, restoration, rehabilitation, remodeling, addition, change of use, demolition, relocation, change, remodeling or other project affecting a potential or designated Cultural Heritage Site will not adversely affect its cultural heritage values; or unduly compromise the eligibility of a potential site to become a designated one. (ADD. ORD. 4220- 12/5/00)

CESQG - See Conditionally Exempt Small-Quantity Generator. (ADD. ORD. 4214— 10/24/00)

Change of Use - Where a new use of land or structures is initiated in place of, or in addition to, a previous use. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Chemicals - Includes such compounds as adhesives, explosives, fertilizers, industrial gases, ink, lacquer, paints, pesticides, pigments and dyes, sealants, shellac, synthetic fibers, synthetic resins, synthetic rubber, thinners and varnishes.

Chipping/Grinding Operation - A type of organics processing operation that mechanically reduces the size of separated landscape trimmings or woody materials by means of chipping or grinding. Does not include the on-farm chipping or grinding of agricultural prunings or other agricultural organic discards. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Clubhouse - (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; DELETE ORD. 4411— 3/2/10)

Coastal Zone - That portion of the land and water area of Ventura County as shown on the "Coastal Zone" maps adopted by the California Coastal Commission.

Commercial Organics Processing Operation - An organics processing operation that includes the sale or off-site distribution of the product produced. Does not include the processing of mixed solid waste or Biosolids or On-Site Composting Operations. Those operations which have up to 200 cubic yards of any combination of separated feedstock, actively decomposing compost, or stabilized compost on-site at any one time are Small-Scale, and those with up to 1,000 cubic yards are Medium-Scale, and those with over 1,000 cubic yards are Large-Scale. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Commission - Shall mean the Ventura County Planning Commission.

Communications Facilities - Includes such unstaffed uses and structures as telephone, radio, and television transmitting and receiving antennas/dishes, radar stations and microwave towers. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Community Center - (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; DELETE ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Community Wastewater Treatment Facility - A wastewater treatment plant that treats liquid waste which is received from off of the plant site. Such facilities include public agency-owned plants and privately-owned plants, and may include accessory biosolids composting operations. (See also *On-site Wastewater Treatment Facility*). (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Compatible Use (TP Zone) - Any use which does not significantly detract from the use of the property for, or inhibit, the growing and harvesting of timber. "Compatible use" includes the accessory retail sale of Christmas trees. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Composting Operation - A type of organics processing operation that processes organic

materials to a stabilized state through controlled biological decomposition or vermicomposting. This may include the chipping, shredding, or screening of material on-site prior to its being composted. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Conditionally Exempt Small-Quantity Generator (CESQG) - A business concern that generates less than 100 kilograms (220 pounds or approximately 27 gallons) of hazardous waste per calendar month, or a maximum of 1 kilogram (2.2 pounds) of acutely or extremely hazardous waste per calendar month, and stores no more than 1000 kilograms of hazardous waste on-site at any one time. The definition of CESQG shall reflect the definition in Sec. 261.5 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, as it may be amended from time to time. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Conference Center/Convention Center - An urban facility for the assembly of persons for study and discussion, which includes permanent structures for dining, assembly and overnight accommodation. (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Contractor's Service and Storage Yard - An open area, which may include garages and sheds, for the storage of vehicles, equipment and materials which are associated with a contracting business or operation, where sales, manufacturing and processing activities are specifically excluded. (AM.ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Correctional Institution - An institutional care facility operated by, or at the direction of, a legally constituted Federal, State, or local government authority for the detention and treatment of public offenders, including ancillary uses and structures such as court facilities, classrooms, offices, kitchens, dining areas, laundry facilities, communications facilities, outdoor recreational yards, gymnasiums, utilities, and other necessary infrastructure. (ADD. ORD. 4227 - 1/9/01)

Covered Parking/Space - Parking spaces for motor vehicles or bicycles that have roofs that are permanently attached to the ground and imperforate. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Cross Access - An element of vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian circulation which allows persons and cars to gain access from one land use, usually (but not limited to) commercial, to another without having to use the public road fronting those land uses. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Cultural Heritage Site - An improvement, natural feature, site or district that has completed the legally required procedures stipulated in this Ordinance to have it designated by the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board or the Ventura County Board of Supervisors as a District, Landmark, Site of Merit or Point of Interest and has received that designation. (ADD. ORD. 4220 -12/5/00)

D

Day Care Center - Any care facility licensed by the State of California, other than a "Family Day Care Home," such as, but not limited to, infant centers, preschools, care of the developmentally disabled, and adult and child extended day care facilities. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Day Care Facility - (DELETE ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Decision, Administrative - Any decision made by the Planning Director or his or her designee.

Decision, Discretionary - Discretionary decisions require the exercise of judgment, deliberation, or decision on the part of the decision-making authority in the process of approving or disapproving a particular activity, as distinguished from situations where the decision-making authority merely has to determine whether there has been conformity with applicable statutes, ordinances, or regulations. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08 -

grammar)

Decision, Ministerial - Ministerial decisions are approved by a decision- making authority based upon a given set of facts in a prescribed manner in obedience to the mandate of legal authority. In these cases, the authority must act upon the given facts without regard to its own judgment or opinion concerning the propriety or wisdom of the act although the statute, ordinance or regulation may require, in some degree, a construction of its language by the decision-making authority. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08 - grammar)

Decision-Making Authority - An individual or body vested with the authority to make recommendations or act on application requests. The final decision- making authority is the one which has the authority to act on a request by approving or denying it.

Denial With Prejudice - Denial of an application request based on the desire or intent of the decision-making authority to limit the filing of requests to use a specific property or structure for a specific use. When an application is denied with prejudice, it is usually because two or more similar applications on the same property have recently been denied by the same decision-making authority. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Disability - For purposes of this section, "disability" shall have the same meaning as that term has in Section 12926 of the California Fair Employment and Housing Act, and Section 12012 of the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. (42 U.S.C. Sec. 12012) (ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Disposal Facility, Hazardous Waste - A facility used for the final disposal of hazardous wastes. (ADD. ORD. 4214—10/24/00)

Disposal Facility, Oilfield Waste - A facility used for the final disposal of liquid and solid oilfield wastes. Such facility may be a Class II or Class III disposal facility but not a Class I Hazardous Waste Disposal Facility. (ADD. ORD. 4214—10/24/00)

Disposal Facility, Solid Waste - A facility, for example a landfill, used for the final disposal of solid wastes (as defined in Sec. 40191 of the California Public Resources Code). A Disposal Facility includes uses customarily incidental, appropriate, and subordinate to solid waste disposal, including but not limited to transfer stations and recycling centers. (ADD. ORD. 4214—10/24/00)

District - An area possessing a significant concentration, linkage, or continuity of sites, buildings, structures, or objects united historically or aesthetically by plan or physical development. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Domestic Birds - Finches, myna birds, parrots and similar birds of the psittacine family, pigeons, doves, ravens and toucans. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Drilling, Temporary Geologic - Bona fide temporary search and sampling activities which, in the case of oil-related testing, use drilling apparatus smaller than that used in oil production. Excluded from this definition is soil testing for wells, foundations, septic systems and similar construction.

Drive Aisle - A driving area within a parking area or parking structure used by motor vehicles to maneuver, turn around, and/or access parking spaces. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Driveway - An area that provides vehicular access to a site, such as from a roadway or another site, and which may include areas in the right-of-way as well as areas that extend into the site from the property line. In a parking area, the driveway becomes a drive aisle once its function changes from that of providing site access to that of allowing maneuvering within the parking area or access to parking spaces. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Driveway, Ribbon - Driveways made of 2 parallel strips or "ribbons" of pavement with a permeable surface in between the strips. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Dwelling - A building or portion thereof designed or occupied exclusively for residential purposes.

Dwelling, Superintendent - An accessory dwelling for a person employed and working on the site containing the business, who is paid to manage the business. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Dwelling Unit, Animal Caretaker - A dwelling unit occupied by an animal caretaker, and his or her family, employed full time and working on the same lot on which the dwelling unit is located, or on other land in Ventura County that is under the same ownership or lease as the subject lot. (ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Dwelling Unit, Caretaker - A dwelling unit occupied by a caretaker, and his or her family, employed full time and working on the same lot on which the dwelling unit is located or on other land that is under the same ownership or lease as the subject lot. (AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Dwelling Unit, Farmworker - A dwelling unit occupied by a farmworker, and his or her family, employed full time and working on the same lot on which the dwelling unit is located or on other land that is under the same ownership or lease as the subject lot. (AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Dwelling Unit, Second - A dwelling unit that is accessory to a principal dwelling. Second dwelling units include, but are not limited to, guest quarters, guesthouses, maid's quarters, granny flats, and sleeping rooms. Where a room or rooms have bathing facilities (i.e., a shower or bathtub) or a kitchen, or both, and no means of internal access to the principal residence, the room or rooms shall be a second dwelling unit. (ADD. ORD. 3720 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Dwelling, Multi-Family - A building, or portion of a building containing three or more dwelling units. Single Room Occupancy units are included in this definition. (AM. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Dwelling, Single-Family - A building constructed in conformance with the Uniform Building Code, or a mobilehome meeting the Standards of Section 8107-1.3, designed or used exclusively for occupancy by one family and containing one principal dwelling unit. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Dwelling, Two-Family - A building containing two principal dwelling units. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Dwelling Unit - One or more rooms with internal access between all rooms, which provide complete independent living facilities for one family, including permanent provisions for living, sleeping, eating, cooking, bathing, and sanitary facilities but containing only one set of kitchen related fixtures capable of serving only one kitchen for the exclusive use of one family. (*See Internal Access*) (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

E

Eating Establishment - A commercial establishment where the selling of food prepared on the premises is the principal business. Such uses include cafes, cafeterias, coffee shops, delicatessens, dinnerhouses, fast food take-out establishments, ice cream parlors, sandwich shops, and similar uses. Such uses may include the licensed "on-site" provision of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises, when accessory to such food service, and nightclubs and lounges, where food service is accessory to the primary function of the establishment. The following uses are not included under this definition:

a) Uses where the preparation of food is merely incidental to the sale of food products, such as grocery stores and food markets; b) Food serving uses connected with the operations of hospitals, nursing homes, boarding houses, schools, and government offices and private industry for employees and their guests. Eating establishments shall be classified in the following manner, and parking requirements shall be correlated with that classification:

Class I - An establishment where the product is intended to be consumed on the premises and table service by employees is customarily provided.

Class II - An establishment where the product is taken out or consumed on the premises. This facility provides seating and/or car service.

Class III - An establishment where the product is usually taken out because limited or no space is provided for eating.

Class IV - An establishment where the product is always taken out. This facility provides no seating or counter space for purposes of product consumption on premises.

(ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Education and Training, Art, Craft, and Self-Improvement – Institutions and centers offering education, training, conferences, lectures, seminars, workshops, panel discussions, or the like devoted to the skill or professional improvement or personal enrichment of attendees. Education provided at such sites is not part of an onsite program or a structured curriculum that directly qualifies its attendees for degrees, licenses, certifications, etc, in specialized fields offering paid employment. Any units or credits provided may or may not be transferable to accredited institutions or recognized by professional, vocational, or trade associations or organizations. Examples include sites offering dance classes, art classes, driver education, music instruction, a continuing education seminar, swim classes, etc. (ADD. ORD. 4417 - 10/05/10)

Education and Training, Professional and Vocational – A specialized institution, school, center, or site offering a program or curriculum of training, coursework, skill development, or the like that leads to a degree, license, certification, or trade that is recognized by specific fields offering paid employment. Institutions, schools, centers, or sites that offer continuing education courses for the maintenance of degrees, licenses, certifications, or trades may be included in this definition. Examples include but are not limited to professional law schools, trade schools, vocational medical training schools, professional photography/film schools, etc. (ADD. ORD. 4417 - 10/05/10)

Emergency - A sudden, unexpected occurrence involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services. This may include such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrences as riot, accident, or sabotage. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Emergency Shelter – Housing with minimal supportive services that is limited to occupancy of up to 180 days within any 12-month period. Occupancy in emergency shelters is limited to homeless persons, victims of domestic violence, and other individuals and households made temporarily homeless due to natural disasters, (e.g., fires, earthquakes, etc.). No individual or household may be denied emergency shelter because of an inability to pay. (ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

Employed Full Time - “Employed full time” means that the person is working a minimum of 32 hours per week at the job for which they are employed. (ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Energy Production from Renewable Sources - Any facility or installation such as a

windmill, hydroelectric unit or solar collecting or concentrating array, which is designed and intended to produce energy from natural forces such as wind, water, sunlight or geothermal heat, or from biomass, for off-site use. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Entitlement - A permit or approval authorizing a right to some type of use, development or project. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Equine - Any member of the taxonomic family Equidae, including horses, asses, mules, ponies, and zebras. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Equestrian Center - A site, facility or commercial venture where horses and/or other animals are kept and made available to people other than the animals' owner(s) for such activities as riding lessons, exercise, and recreation; and where organized events such as competitions, judgments, and the like may be held. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Expansion - Increasing the area or volume occupied by or devoted to a use, increasing the living space or occupant capacity of a structure, or adding uses or structures accessory to a nonresidential use or structure. The following are not considered to be expansion: the addition of unenclosed porches, patio covers and the like; one enclosed addition of not more than 30 square feet to a dwelling; and the addition of detached accessory structures not for human habitation as accessory to a dwelling. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

F

Family - An individual, or two or more persons living together as a single housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit; including residents and operators of a boardinghouse or other residential facility under the Community Care Facilities Act. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Family Day Care Home - A home licensed by the State of California to provide care, protection, and supervision for periods of less than 24 hours per day for fourteen (14) or fewer children, including children under the age of ten (10) years who reside at the provider's home. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Family Day Care Home, Large - (DELETE ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Family Day Care Home, Small - (DELETE ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Farmworker - A person principally employed for activities associated with Crop and Orchard Production (see Sec. 8105-4), and all uses listed there under. (AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Farmworker Housing Complex - A residential facility where the dwelling units are rented to, or sleeping quarters in a dormitory are occupied by, persons who are principally employed within the County of Ventura for activities associated with Crop and Orchard Production (see Sec. 8105-4), and all uses listed there under. Members of the farmworker's household, if any, may also occupy said dwelling unit. (ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Fence - An unroofed vertical structure which is intended primarily to serve as a visual screen or as a physical enclosure around a building or yard area for security, containment or privacy, or to indicate a boundary. This definition includes hedges, thick growths of shrubs, and walls used as screens, but does not include windbreaks for the protection of orchards or crops, or County-approved enclosures for the containment of wild animals. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Fence, See-through - A chain link fence or any other type of fence that permits at least 50 percent open visibility throughout the fence. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Festivals, Animal Shows, and Similar Events, Temporary Outdoor - Outdoor recreational events such as harvest festivals, amusement rides, historic re-enactments, animal events, art

shows, concerts, craft fairs, weddings, and religious revival meetings. Such events shall be limited to no more than sixty (60) days or fewer per calendar year. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Filming Activities - All uses, structures and activities related to the production of motion pictures, television programming music and corporate videos, advertisements, and commercial still photography. Said activities include, but are not limited to, preparation, filming, and strike time, and the ancillary functions accessory thereto. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Filming Activities, Occasional - Filming activities which do not cumulatively exceed ninety (90) days in any 180 day period, on a given lot. Such activities may involve facilities and structures that are to be removed upon the completion of a given scene, movie, video, or television series. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Filming Activities, Permanent - On-going filming activities that occur at a fixed location intended primarily for such purposes and usually using facilities and structures that are permanent or intended to remain in place for an indefinite period of time. These facilities and structures may include, but are not limited to, components of film production such as studios, sound stages, production laboratories, equipment storage areas, fabrication shops, offices, accompanying food services, or permanent working sets. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Filming Activities, Temporary - Filming activities on an individual lot which exceed 90 days in any 180-day period on that lot and which may involve the use of nonpermanent facilities and structures such as exterior sets or flats (pieces of scenery on portable wooden frames) that are not intended for human habitation and which do not require permanent foundations. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Financial Assurance - A monetary assurance that reclamation will be completed on mined lands pursuant to the approved reclamation plan. In the event that a mining site is abandoned or the owner and/or operator are financially incapable of reclaiming the site, the funds will be used by the County or the State Department of Conservation toward reclamation of the mined site. (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08 - grammar)

Financial Assurance Mechanism - An instrument acceptable to the State Department of Conservation and the County, that serves as the financial assurance, such as a surety bond, trust fund, certificate of deposit or an irrevocable letter of credit. (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Firewood Operation - Any commercial operation involving the cutting, sawing or chopping of wood in any form for use as firewood on property other than that on which the operation is located, irrespective of where such wood is grown. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

G

Garage/Yard Sales - Occasional sales events or similar events, in conjunction with approved residential uses, which occur no more than eight days per calendar year and no more than four days in any given calendar quarter. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

General Plan Consistency - Compatibility and agreement with the General Plan of the County of Ventura. Consistency exists when the standards and criteria of the Ventura County General Plan are met or exceeded. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Geothermal Spa - A recreational or health facility without sleeping accommodations, open to the public, where pools or tubs designed for the immersion of the human body make

use of locally available geothermally heated water, and which may include accessory massage services and accessory commercial eating facilities designed primarily for the users of the pools or tubs. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

GIS – Geographic Information System; the digital data system which is the basis for zoning and other land use information. (ADD. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Government Building - A building, structure or other facility operated by a legally constituted Federal, State or local government authority, excluding a community waste treatment facility. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4227 - 1/9/01)

Grade - Adjacent ground level. For purposes of building height measurement, grade is the average of the finished ground level at the center of all walls of a building, or other datum point established by the Division of Building and Safety. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Grading - The contouring of land through mechanical means. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Green Roof—A green space created by adding plants and other growing media on the roof of a structure or building. (ADD. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Gross Floor Area (GFA) - The area included within the surrounding exterior walls of all floors or levels of a building or portion thereof, exclusive of vent shafts and courtyards, or, if the structure lacks walls, the area of all floors or levels included under the roofed/covered area of a structure. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Gun Club - Any building or premises where there are facilities of any sort for the firing of handguns, rifles or other firearms. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Gymnasium - An indoor recreational or athletic facility for such uses as aerobics, gymnastics, racquetball, swimming, skating rinks, tennis and table tennis, trampoline operations and weight training; but not including amusement and recreational facilities as defined in this Article. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

H

Hazardous Material - A substance, or combination of substances, which, because of its quantity or concentration, or physical, chemical, or infectious characteristics, may cause or significantly contribute to an increase in mortality or an increase in serious, irreversible, or incapacitating, reversible illness; or may pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or to the environment when improperly used, handled, treated, stored, transported, disposed of or otherwise managed. A material may be judged as hazardous if it is corrosive, reactive, ignitable or toxic. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Hazardous Waste - A waste, or combination of wastes, which, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may do either of the following:

- 1)Cause, or significantly contribute to an increase in, mortality, or increase serious irreversible, or incapacitating reversible, illness;
- 2)Pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or the environment when improperly treated, stored, transported, or disposed of, or otherwise managed.

Unless expressly provided otherwise, the term "hazardous waste" shall be understood to also include extremely hazardous waste and acutely hazardous waste. (Section 25117 California Health and Safety Code). (ADD. ORD. 3945 -7/10/90; AM. ORD. 4123 -

9/17/96 - grammar)

Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Household/CESQG - A facility where household hazardous wastes or hazardous wastes generated by conditionally exempt small-quantity generators (CESQGs) are received, identified, sorted, packaged, labeled, and temporarily (up to 1 year) stored prior to transport for recycling, treatment, storage, or disposal. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Hazardous Waste Collection Facility, Recyclable Household/CESQG - A facility where latex paints, used motor oil, automotive batteries, antifreeze, household batteries, other recyclable household hazardous wastes, or recyclable hazardous wastes generated by conditionally exempt small-quantity generators (CESQGs) are received, identified, sorted, packaged, labeled, and temporarily (up to 1 year) stored prior to transport for recycling. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment and Storage Facility - A facility used for the treatment, transfer, storage, resource recovery, or recycling of hazardous wastes of all types, excluding biological, radioactive and explosive waste. A hazardous waste collection, treatment and storage facility may consist of one or more treatment, transfer, storage, resource recovery, or recycling hazardous waste management units, or combinations of those units. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Hazardous Waste Facility - (DELETE ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Height - The vertical distance from the adjacent grade to the highest point of a structure or other object, other than a building with a pitched roof. The height of a building with a pitched roof is the distance from grade or averaged grade to the averaged midpoint, as measured pursuant to Article 6. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

High Fire Hazard Areas - An area in the unincorporated territory of the County designated by the County Fire Protection District as an area of uncultivated brush, grass, or forest-covered land, and land within 500 feet of such area, wherein authorized representatives of said District deem a potential fire hazard to exist due to the presence of such flammable material. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Historic Repository - A location where structures, facilities, equipment and the like, which are associated with the historic or cultural development of Ventura County, may be collected and displayed. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Home Occupation - Any commercial activity conducted on or from a residential lot where such activity is clearly incidental and secondary to the use of the residential lot for dwelling purposes and the activity does not change the character of the residential use. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Hospital - A licensed institution providing in-patient care or overnight accommodations for persons with illnesses, injuries, or other conditions, physical or mental, calling for medical treatment or observation, including one or more of the following basic services: anesthesia, laboratory, nursing, pharmacy, radiology, rehabilitation or surgery.

Hospital for Large Animals - A facility providing acute veterinary care to horses or to cattle or other farm animals. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Hotel - A building with one main entrance, or a group of buildings, containing guest rooms where lodging with or without meals is provided for compensation. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Household Hazardous Waste - Any hazardous waste generated incidental to owning or maintaining a dwelling. Household hazardous waste does not include any waste generated in the course of operating a business at a residence. (ADD. ORD. 4214 -

10/24/00)

Human Habitation - The use of a structure or portion thereof for any one or portions of the following purposes: living, sleeping, eating, cooking, and bathing. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

I-K

Idle Mine - Surface mining operations curtailed for a period of one year or more, by more than 90 percent of the operation's previous maximum annual mineral production, with the intent to resume those surface mining operations at a future date. (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Inauguration - The lawful commencement of uses, activities, or construction of structures and facilities permitted by this Chapter or by a specific entitlement issued pursuant to this Chapter. Use inauguration occurs after the Planning Director issues a Zoning Clearance, and other required County permits, such as finalized building permits and Certificates of Occupancy, have been obtained. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (ISDS) - Liquid waste systems which dispose of sewage generated by an individual residence or business in unsewered areas, typically including a septic tank and a soil absorption system such as a leach field, seepage pit, mound, or sand filtration bed, or other approved system. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Inoperative Vehicle - (DELETE ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Intermediate Care Facility - A health facility which provides inpatient care to ambulatory or nonambulatory patients who have a recurring need for skilled nursing supervision and need supportive care, but who do not require continuous skilled nursing care. The term "intermediate care facility" shall include intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-habilitative for seven or more persons, nursing homes for seven or more persons, rest homes and convalescent homes. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Internal Access - Unobstructed, enclosed passageways with conditioned air systems connecting habitable rooms, which are not blocked by doors, fixed closed, or capable of being fixed closed with a one-way dead-bolt lock or similar devices. Access through garages or sleeping rooms is not considered internal access. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Interpretive Center - A site, with or without structures, for the display of architecture, art or other artifacts associated with the site and which may also depict the cultural and social history and prehistory of Ventura County. (ADD. ORD 4220 - 12/5/00)

Kennel/Cattery - Any lot or premises, with or without structures, where pet animals such as dogs or cats are kept for limited periods of time, whether for compensation or not, for purposes of boarding, training, animal rescue and the like. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Kitchen - Any room, in an approved dwelling, all or part of which is designed, built, equipped, maintained, used, or intended to be used as a place for the preparation and cooking of food, and contains more than one of the following: (a) a counter sink with interior dimensions larger than 12" wide by 12" long and 9" deep; (b) a stove, hotplate, or conventional or microwave oven; (c) a refrigerator of more than four cubic feet capacity. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Kitchen, Outdoor - A kitchen located outside a dwelling unit, but within a structure fully open on at least 50 percent of its perimeter. (ADD. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

L

Landmark - A designation applied to sites and structures pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Lot - An area of land having fixed boundaries depicted on or described by a tentative map, final map, parcel map or instrument of conveyance for the purpose of defining land to be held, actually or potentially, in fee title as a discrete unit, or a permit area as determined by the Planning Director. Licenses, easements, and streets, alleys and similar rights-of-way are not lots. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Lot Area, Gross - "Gross lot area" and "gross area" mean the total area, measured in a horizontal plane, within the lot lines of a lot. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Lot Area, Minimum - The minimum required gross or net area of a lot for subdivisions, uses of land and/or structures, and for other activities specified in this Chapter. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Lot Area, Net - "Net lot area" and "net area" mean lot area less the area within any existing or proposed public or private street, road, or easement for ingress or egress, and less the area within any existing or proposed easement wherein the owner of the lot is prohibited from using the surface of the land. Included in the "net area" is the area lying within public utility easements (except as otherwise provided in Chapter 2 of this code), sanitary sewer easements, landscaping easements, public service and tree maintenance easements, and open space easements, flowage easements, subsurface drainage easements, subsurface flood control easements, and other such easements wherein the owner of the lot is not prohibited from using the surface of the land. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Lot, Corner - A lot situated at the intersection of two or more streets or highways.

Lot Depth - The mean horizontal distance between the front and rear lot lines, measured in the mean direction of the side lot lines.

Lot, Interior - A lot other than a corner lot.

Lot, Legal - A lot that met all local Subdivision Ordinance and Subdivision Map Act requirements when it was created, and still exists, and can lawfully be conveyed in fee as a discrete unit separate from any contiguous lot. "Legal Lot" also means a lot for which a Certificate of Compliance or Conditional Certificate of Compliance has been issued under the State Subdivision Map Act and the Ventura County Subdivision Ordinance and the boundaries of which have not subsequently been altered by merger or further subdivision. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Lot Line

Front - A line separating an interior lot from a street, or a line separating the narrower street frontage of a corner lot from the street, except for L-shaped lots.

Side - Any lot boundary line which is not a front lot line or a rear lot line.

Rear

a. Rectangular lots - A lot line which is opposite and most distant from the front lot line.

b. Triangular and irregularly-shaped lots - A line ten feet long within the lot, opposite and most distant from the front lot line, which is parallel to the front lot line or parallel to the chord of a curved front lot line, where such chord is drawn perpendicular to the mean direction of lot depth.

Lot, Reverse Corner - A corner lot, the rear of which abuts the side of another lot.

Lot, Through - A lot other than a corner lot having frontage on two parallel or approximately parallel streets.

Lot Width - The distance between the side lot lines measured at the front setback.

M

Mechanical Parking Lifts - Automated or manual, indoor or outdoor, lift systems designed to stack one or more motor vehicles vertically. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Mineral Resource Development - The exploration for or extraction of surface or subterranean compounds and materials; this includes oil and gas exploration and production, and the mining of metallic and nonmetallic minerals, sand, gravel and rock. (ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85)

Mining - A form of mineral resource development involving the extraction and removal of more than 1,000 cubic yards of material from the same site, or from separate lots within one mile of each other that are owned or mined by the same person, through such activities and uses as borrow areas, sand, gravel and rock quarries, etc. Mining does not include extraction and removal of material from construction sites or following floods, landslides or natural disasters where the land is being restored to its prior condition. (ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Mining, Accessory Uses - Uses customarily incidental, appropriate and subordinate to mining located on the same site, such as stockpiling; sorting; screening; washing; crushing; and maintenance facilities. Other accessory uses include the following: ready mix concrete batching; asphalt concrete batching; recycling of concrete, asphalt and related construction materials; trucking operations associated with products from the site; and contractors' service and storage yards and concrete and asphalt concrete products manufacturing which make use of the products produced from the subject mining site. These uses may require separate permits as principal uses if not addressed under the primary mining permit. (ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar; AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Mining, Agricultural Site - An area, or areas within a site where the Planning Director has determined that the excavation and/or removal of more than 1,000 cubic yards of earthen material is integral and beneficial to the development or enhancement of a bona fide farming operation on that site. (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Mining, Public Works Maintenance - (DELETE ORD. 4389 - 09/16/08)

Mixed-Use Development - A development project with planned integration of residential and non-residential development within a building with the upper floors used for residential and the ground floor used for non-residential land uses. (ADD. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08)

Mixed Solid Waste - The solid waste discarded from homes, businesses, institutions, and manufacturing plants that has not been separated or sorted by type and usually contains unrecyclable residuals that must be disposed of in a waste disposal facility. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Mobile Food Facility - A wheeled vehicle or a stand, allowed by the California Health and Safety Code, from which food or beverages are sold. (ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Mobilehome - A transportable structure designed to be used as a dwelling unit, and meeting the requirements of Federal, State and/or Ventura County codes as they pertain to such structures. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Module—A drive aisle with vehicles parked on one or two sides of the aisle. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Motel - One or more buildings containing guest rooms with one or more such rooms or units having a separate entrance providing entry directly from the outside of the building or from an inner court. Such facilities are designed, used or intended to be used, rented or hired out for temporary or overnight accommodations for guests, and are offered primarily to automobile tourists or transients by signs or other advertising media. "Motel" includes auto courts, motor lodges and tourist courts.

Motocross/OHV (Off Highway Vehicle) Park - An activity involving two-wheeled motorized vehicles (limited to 2 engine cylinders or less), conducted on a closed course, laid out over natural terrain, that may include left and right turns, hills, jumps and irregular terrain, and which does not include high-speed sections. (ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96)

Mulch - A material (such as wood chips, bark, rock, or compost) spread on the soil surface for its agronomic and water conserving benefits. Mulch is commonly derived from ground organic materials, and can be uncomposted, partially composted, or fully composted material. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Museum - A place or structure where objects of interest are displayed and viewed by the public. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

N-O

Native Vegetation - Naturally occurring vegetation in Ventura County. Native vegetation includes, but is not limited to, oak woodland, coastal sage scrub, chaparral, perennial grassland, California annual grassland, riparian woodland and riparian scrub. Native vegetation does not include ruderal vegetation and plant species listed by the California Invasive Plant Council. In addition, native vegetation does not include ornamental, landscape or crop vegetation, including sod and lawn grasses and actively managed fallow farmland. (ADD. ORD. 4413 - 04/6/10)

Nonconforming Structure - A structure or portion thereof which was lawfully erected or altered and maintained, which, solely because of revisions in development standards of this Chapter dealing with lot coverage, lot area per structure, height, and setbacks, no longer conforms.

Nonconforming Use - A use which was lawfully established and maintained but which, because of the application of this Chapter (1) is no longer permitted in the zone in which it is located or (2) is no longer in conformance with parking requirements. (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Nonmotorized Wheeled Conveyances - Those conveyances of a wheeled nature that do not require motorized propulsion, such as, but not limited to, skateboards, bicycles, unicycles, and rollerskates. (ADD. ORD. 3895-4/25/89)

Official Zoning Data - The approved zoning classifications for all parcels in unincorporated Ventura County, maintained technologically in digital format. (ADD. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Off-Site Parking - Parking provided at a site other than the site on which the use served by such parking is located. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Oil and Gas Exploration and Production - The drilling, extraction and transportation of subterranean fossil gas and petroleum, and necessary attendant uses and structures, but excluding refining, processing or manufacturing thereof.

On-Site Composting Operation - Composting activities at residences, parks, community gardens, homeowners associations, residential planned developments, universities, schools, hospitals, golf courses, industrial parks, or other similar land uses where the purpose is to compost material generated on-site, in conjunction with any necessary bulking agents, additives, and amendments. Those operations which have less than 10

cubic yards of any combination of separated feedstock, actively decomposing compost, and stabilized compost or ground uncomposted material on site at any one time are small-scale, those with between 10 and 200 cubic yards are medium-scale, and those with more than 200 cubic yards are large-scale. This category does not include activities related to normal farming activities. (ADD. ORD. 4214-10/24/00)

On-site Wastewater Treatment Facility - A wastewater treatment plant that treats liquid waste which is generated on the same project site where the plant is located, with both the plant and the project site under common ownership. The plants are sized, and explicitly restricted to serve only the project site and cannot serve uses off-site or under different ownership (see Community Wastewater Treatment Facility). (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Open storage - The placement or keeping, in an area not fully enclosed by the walls of a building, of miscellaneous objects and materials accessory to the principal use of the property, including inoperative motor vehicles, boats and trailers; building materials; reusable parts and equipment, and the like; but excluding trash, garbage and debris. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Organics Processing Operations - A category of operations that actively processes organic materials (materials originally derived from living organisms) for the purpose of producing compost, mulch, wood chips, or other similar products. This category includes but is not limited to on-site composting operations, small, medium and large; commercial organics processing operations, small, medium and large (includes vermicomposting and chipping/grinding operations); and biosolids composting operations. This category does not include activities related to normal farming activities. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Outdoor Sales and Services, Temporary - Such temporary outdoor uses as sidewalk sales (except swap meets), seasonal sales and auctions, but excluding mobile food facilities. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Overlay Zone - Any of the zones listed in Sec. 8104-7, Article 4 of Chapter 1. An overlay zone adds special requirements to those which are part of the base zone on which the overlay zone is placed. (ADD. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92)

P-Q

Parcel - For the purposes of this Chapter, the word "parcel" shall have the same meaning as the word "lot" and the two words shall be synonymous.

Park - An area of land available for public use, at least 75 percent of which is landscaped or otherwise left in a natural state, and which does not involve off-road motor vehicle uses of any kind. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Parking Area - An area outside the public right-of-way containing 5 or more parking spaces and designed and used primarily for the parking of operable motor vehicles and bicycles. Parking areas may be located at grade, above ground, or below ground. Parking areas include parking facilities, lots, structures and underground parking. Elements of parking areas include parking spaces, drive aisles, loading areas and required landscaping and screening. Parking areas do not include: individual residential garages, parking spaces/areas for single-family (including caretaker and farmworker) or two-family dwelling units, or vehicle storage or inventory display areas. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Parking Facility - A type of parking area that is a principal use. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Periodic Outdoor Sporting Events - Recreational events or activities, other than spectator-type animal events, which require a natural environment, are carried on by one

or more organized groups of people, and do not involve structures, motorized vehicles, aircraft or firearms. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Permittee - A person or entity that holds a permit or operates a use allowed by a permit. The owner of the property for which an entitlement has been approved is the permittee, unless an alternative person or entity is designated as the permittee in the subject use permit, in which case that other person or entity is the permittee. (ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Person - Any individual, organization, partnership, or other business association or corporation, including any utility, and any federal, state, local government, or special district or an agency thereof.

Personal Goods - Items such as bristle goods, umbrellas, grooming items and tobacco paraphernalia.

Personal Services - Enterprises serving individual necessities, such as barber shops, beauty salons and spas, clothing rental, coin-operated laundromats, funeral homes, marriage bureaus, massage services by masseurs/masseuses, personal laundry and dry cleaning establishments, photographic studios, tattoo parlors and travel agencies.

Petroleum Refining - Oil-related industrial activities involving the processing and/or manufacture of substances such as: asphalt and tar paving mixtures; asphalt and other saturated felts (including shingles); fuels; lubricating oils and greases; paving blocks made of asphalt, creosoted wood and other compositions of asphalt and tar with other materials; and roofing cements and coatings.

Pigeons/Squab - Any pigeon not designated as a Homing, Racing, or Roller pigeon, including but not limited to, show pigeons, pigeons raised for food, or pigeons matching the basic description of a homing, racing or roller pigeon, but lacking the required seamless band. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Pigeons, Homing/Racing - Member of the family Columbidae, identified as such by presence of a seamless metal or metal/plastic band permanently affixed to the leg, indicating year of birth and unique identification number, issued by the "American Racing Pigeon Union"; A.U.; "International Federation of Pigeon Fanciers"; I.F. or other internationally recognized federation. (ADD. ORD. 4092 -6/27/95)

Pigeons, Rollers - Member of the family of pigeons known as "Birmingham Rollers," identified as such by the presence of a seamless metal or metal/plastic band permanently affixed to the leg, issued by the "National Birmingham Roller Club"; N.B.R.C.; "Ventura County Roller Club"; V.C.R.C or other nationally recognized federation or club. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Planning Director - The Deputy Director, Resource Management Agency, for the Planning Division. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Point of Interest - A designation applied to site of a former improvement or event location pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Preliminary Processing - Basic activities and operations instrumental to the preparation of agricultural goods for shipment to market, excluding canning or bottling.

Principal Use - The primary or main use on a lot to which other uses and structures are accessory. More than one principal use may legally exist on a lot (e.g., agriculture, oil production and a residence). (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Principally Employed - The source of personal income that exceeds 50 percent of the gross personal income as reflected in a person's previous annual income tax return. (ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Processed Commodities - Agricultural products which have been bottled, canned, supplemented with preservatives or coloring agents, or chemically altered. Processed commodities do not include those agricultural products which have been only washed, sorted, mixed, packaged, squeezed, juiced or pressed. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Produce Stand - (DELETE ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Protected Tree - A tree which is any one of a variety of tree species or types as identified in Article 7. (ADD. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92)

Public Works Maintenance - Public Works maintenance includes work performed by the Ventura County Watershed Protection District to restore public facilities or structures to their original design capacity. All maintenance activities must be conducted in accordance with provisions of Public Resource Code and Title 14 CCR Section 3505(a)(2) ("SMARA"), including any activities necessary for the preservation of public facilities or structures, or to alleviate imminent threats to public health and safety, to restore the facilities or structures to their original design capacity and where such activity has been declared in writing by the Public Works Agency to be under its administrative control. Said uses include but are not limited to removing material to avert potential landslides, the repair and/or maintenance of flood control facilities as defined by Section 3505(a)(2) and accessory processes such as stockpiling, sorting, and screening of material. (AM. ORD. 4389 - 09/16/08; ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Public Road or Street - Any road or street or thoroughfare of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for the purpose of vehicular travel.

Qualified Affordable/Elderly Housing Development - (ADD. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/86; DELETE ORD. 4455 - 10-22-13).

R

R-Zone - A zone classification under this Chapter which contains the letter "R" in its abbreviation, excluding overlay zones.

Reclamation - The combined process of land treatment that minimizes water degradation, air pollution, damage to aquatic or wildlife habitat, flooding, erosion, and other adverse effects from surface mining operations, including adverse surface effects incidental to underground mines, so that mined lands are reclaimed to a usable condition which is readily adaptable for alternate land uses and create no danger to public health or safety. The process may require the removal of mining related structures, equipment and improvements, backfilling, grading, resoiling, revegetation, soil compaction, slope stabilization, erosion control or other measures which may also extend into adjacent lands surrounding mined lands. (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Recreational Vehicle - A vehicle of any size which (a) is self-propelled or is towed by another vehicle, (b) is not designed to be used as a permanent dwelling, and (c) has self-contained plumbing, heating and electrical systems which may be operated without connection to outside utilities. Recreational vehicles do not fall within the definition of mobilehomes. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Recreational Vehicle Park - Any area of land developed primarily for temporary use by recreational vehicles for which utility connections (sewer, water, electricity) are provided. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Recyclable Materials - Materials which have been retrieved or diverted from disposal, that can be collected, sorted, cleaned, reconstituted and returned to the economic mainstream in the form of raw material for new, reused, or reconstituted products which meet the quality standards necessary to be used in the marketplace. (ADD. ORD. 4214 -

10/24/00)

Recyclables Collection Center - An indoor or outdoor facility such as a buy-back center, a drop-off center, or a mobile unit, that occupies less than 500 square feet, and has a capacity of no more than 80 cubic yards, and that receives separated, nonhazardous, nonputrescible, recyclable or reusable materials—containing less than 10 percent unrecyclable residuals that must be disposed in a waste disposal facility—generated off-site and which may aggregate or sort these materials for the purpose of shipment off-site. This definition does not apply to reverse vending machines that occupy less than fifty square feet per principal use. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Recyclables Collection and Processing Facility - A facility that receives separated, nonhazardous, nonputrescible, recyclable or reusable materials, or receives unseparated loads, for the purpose of preparation for shipment off-site. Loads received contain less than 10 percent unrecyclable residuals that must be disposed in a waste disposal facility. Processing may include separation, baling, crushing, cleaning, sorting, shredding, or chopping. This definition includes facilities for recycling construction and demolition debris. This definition does not include automobile wrecking yards. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Residential Care Facility - A facility providing nonmedical care on a 24-hour basis to people who are mentally ill, mentally handicapped, physically disabled, or elderly, or are dependent or neglected children, wards of the Juvenile Court, or other persons in need of personal services, supervision, or assistance essential for sustaining the activities of everyday living or for protection of the individual. Included within this definition are "intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-nursing" and "intermediate care facilities/developmentally disabled-habilitative" with six or fewer beds, and congregate living health facilities, pursuant to the Health and Safety Code. A facility is considered nonmedical if the only medication given or provided is the kind that can normally be self-administered. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Resource Recovery - The reclamation or salvage of discards for reuse, conversion to energy, or recycling. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Rest Home - A licensed facility where lodging, meals, nursing, dietary and other personal services are rendered for nonpsychiatric convalescents, invalids, and aged persons for compensation. Excludes cases of contagious or communicable diseases, and surgery or primary treatments such as are customarily provided in sanitariums and hospitals.

Retail Trade - Businesses such as auto supply stores, book and stationery stores, camera shops, clothing and fabric stores, department and variety stores, drug stores, florists, food stores, furniture stores, gift and novelty shops, hardware and paint stores, home furnishings stores, household appliance stores, jewelry stores, liquor stores, music stores, newsstands, pet stores, shoe stores, sporting goods stores, toy and hobby shops and used merchandise stores. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Retreat - A facility which (a) provides opportunities for small groups of people to congregate temporarily on a site for such purposes as education, enlightenment, contemplation, renewal or solitude; and (b) by its nature, needs to be located in a quiet, sparsely-populated, natural environment. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Reuse Salvage Facility - A facility or yard that accepts, salvages, and sells or distributes a variety of separated, nonhazardous discards including building materials, household fixtures, and furniture, and which requires some outdoor storage and which may conduct minor repair or upgrading of the materials. This definition does not apply to automobile salvage operations. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Roof Structures - Structures for the housing of elevators, stairways, tanks, ventilating

fans and similar equipment required to operate and maintain the building; fire or parapet walls, skylights, towers, flagpoles, chimneys, smokestacks, solar collectors, wireless masts, T.V. antennas and similar structures. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

S

Sales and Display Areas - Indoor or outdoor areas that are accessible to customers and used for the sale, rental, lease, or display of inventory, but does not include indoor or outdoor storage areas that customers cannot access. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Schools, Boarding or Nonboarding - Educational facilities for pre-college levels of instruction; specifically limited to elementary, middle school and high schools offering full curricula as required by State law. Boarding schools are those which provide lodging and meals for the pupils. (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Setback - The minimum distance by which structures are to be separated from the boundary lines of the lot on which they are located, in order to provide an open yard area which is unoccupied and unobstructed from the ground upward.

Setback, Front - An open yard area extending between side lot lines across the front of a lot, the depth of which is the required minimum horizontal distance between the front lot line and a line parallel thereto on the lot.

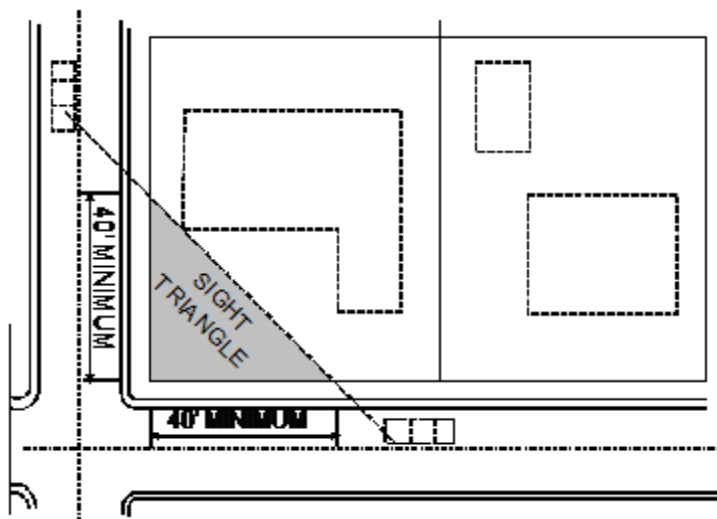
Setback, Rear - An open yard area extending across the rear of the lot between the inner site lot lines which is the required minimum horizontal distance between the rear lot line and a line parallel thereto on the lot.

Setback, Side - An open yard area extending from the front yard, or the front lot line where no front yard is required, to the rear yard; the width of the required side yard shall be measured horizontally from the nearest part of the side lot line.

Shall and May - "Shall" is mandatory; "May" is permissive.

Shared Parking - Shared parking is a tool through which adjacent property owners share their parking areas and thereby reduce the number of parking spaces that each would provide on their individual properties. Shared parking is commonly applied when land uses have different parking demand patterns and are able to use the same parking spaces/areas throughout the day. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sight Triangle - A triangular area on a corner lot, two of the sides of such triangle being formed by extending two imaginary lines from the corner of the lot adjacent to the street intersection at least 40 feet back to two points along the sides of the lot parallel to the two intersecting streets, the third side then being formed by the connection of such points. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)



Signs - For sign definitions, see Article 10.

Single Room Occupancy (SRO) - Housing units that are restricted to occupancy by no more than two persons and may include a kitchen and/or a bathroom, in addition to a bed. These units are typically comprised of one or two rooms. (ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Site - One or more lots planned and developed as a unit under one permit.

Site of Merit - A designation applied to sites and structures pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance. (ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Small Utility Structures - Electrical boxes, traffic signal controllers, ventilation columns, transformers, valve apparatus, and telephone and cable TV vaults and boxes, that have no covered floor area for human occupancy. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

SMARA - The Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (Public Resources Code § 2710 et seq.) (ADD. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Soil Amendment Operation - An operation engaged in the resale and/or blending of various soil amendment and mulch products. Soil amendments are soil additives (such as gypsum, sand, rice hulls, peat moss, or compost) that stabilize the soil, improve resistance to erosion, increase permeability to air and water, ease cultivation, improve texture and resistance of the surface to crusting, or otherwise improve soil quality. This definition does not include organics processing operations. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Stabilized Compost - The finished product of the composting process. Stabilized compost is no longer undergoing significant biological decomposition. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Stockpiling of Construction Related Debris and/or Fill Material for Non-Agricultural Operations - The depositing of inert materials from off-site onto land for temporary storage in non-agricultural operations until such time as it can be removed to another site. Such materials include soil, sand, rock, and broken concrete removed from construction sites, debris basins, landslides and the like.

Store - An enclosed building housing an establishment offering a specified line of goods or services for retail sale direct to walk-in customers.

Stormwater Management Landscaping - Landscape features that make use of vegetation, land forms, soil or filtering media to provide retention, treatment, evapotranspiration, or infiltration of stormwater. Examples include bioretention areas, rain gardens, vegetated drainage swales, vegetated buffer strips, tree box filters, infiltration trenches, and dry swales. (ADD. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Structural Alteration - Any change in roof lines or exterior walls, or in the supporting members of a building such as foundations, bearing walls, columns, beams, girders, floor joists, roof joists, or rafters. This includes any physical change which could affect the integrity of a wall, including partial or total removal, moving a wall to another location or expanding the wall in terms of height or length. Minor actions such as adding a doorway, walkway, passage or window, or attaching architectural features or adornments, are not considered to be structural alterations.

Structure - Anything constructed or erected on the ground, or that requires location on the ground, or is attached to something having a location on or in the ground. "Structure" does not include fences, or walls used as fences, less than six feet in height, or plant materials. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Supportive Housing - A *residential care facility* with no limit on length of stay that is occupied by the target population as defined in California Health and Safety Code Sec. 50675.14 and that is linked to onsite or offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live and, when possible, work in the community. (ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Swap Meet - A market operating on weekends and holidays for the sale or exchange of merchandise at retail by a number of sellers. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

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Tandem Parking - The placement of parking spaces one behind the other, such that one parking space must be driven across in order to access the other space. (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Temporary - A period of thirty (30) calendar days or less, unless otherwise specifically defined in this Chapter or in the conditions of a permit issued pursuant to this Chapter. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Temporary Collection Activity - An activity of short duration (not exceeding seven consecutive days and not occurring more frequently than twice in any 30-day period, and seven times per year at the same location) where mixed solid wastes, hazardous wastes, or recyclables are collected from the public at a central point and transported for recycling, processing, transformation, or disposal. This definition does not include individual refuse bins sited for the temporary collection of seasonal recyclables, such as Christmas trees and telephone books. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Through Lot - See Lot, Through.

Timber - Trees of any species maintained for eventual harvest for forest product purposes, whether planted or of a natural growth, standing or down, on privately or publicly owned land, including Christmas trees but excluding nursery stock.

Townhouse Development - A subdivision consisting of attached dwelling units in conjunction with a separate lot or lots of common ownership, wherein each dwelling unit has at least one vertical wall extending from ground to roof dividing it from adjoining units, and each unit is separately owned, with the owner of such unit having title to the land on which it sits.

Transitional Housing - Dwellings utilized as rental housing used to facilitate the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing. A homeless person(s) may live in a transitional dwelling for up to two years. Transitional housing can include single or multifamily dwellings, residential care facilities, or boarding houses. Any dwelling used for transitional housing is subject to the zone and use standards applicable to the zone in which it is located. (ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

Transportation Services - Establishments primarily engaged in undertaking the transportation of goods and people for compensation, and which may in turn make use of other transportation establishments in effecting delivery. This definition includes parking areas for overnight truck storage, and such establishments as commercial distribution services, freight forwarding services and freight agencies. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

U-V

Use - The purpose for which land or a building or structure is arranged, designed or intended to be used, or for which it is or may be used, occupied or maintained.

Vector - Any insect, rodent, or other animal capable of transmitting pathogens (disease-causing agents, especially microorganisms) from one host to another. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Vehicle, Commercial - A vehicle, and any equipment accessory thereto, used to transport products or raw materials, or to provide services of a commercial nature. The vehicle may or may not have markings indicating its association with commercial activities. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Vehicle, Inoperative - A vehicle which is not licensed, not currently registered, or is not capable of meeting vehicle codes for operating legally on a public right-of-way or navigable waterway; or nonfunctional motorized equipment such as tractors and similar farm vehicles not intended for use on a public right-of-way. Vehicles with Certificates of Nonoperation issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles are not considered registered pursuant to this Chapter and are therefore inoperative vehicles. (ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Vehicle, Food Service - (DELETE ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Vending Machine - A commercial mechanical or electric machine for the dispensing of objects usually in exchange for the deposit of money or tokens, or which dispenses money or tokens in exchange for objects. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Vermicomposting Operation - An organics processing operation that uses live worms, with or without thermophilic composting, to transform organic materials into a biologically degraded and stabilized material. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Vermiculture - A form of animal husbandry involving the raising of worms of the taxonomic phylum Annelida (segmented worms). Vermiculture is not included in Organic Processing Operations. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

W

Waste Collection and Processing Activities to Mitigate an Emergency - Any waste collection, sorting, storage, handling, or processing activity that must be established promptly in response to an emergency—as determined by the Planning Director—to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services, and to maximize recovery of recyclable and reusable materials. Such activities

must often be established in zones where they are not typically allowed. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Waste Handling, Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities - A category of facilities that receives, processes, salvages, transforms (e.g., burns), landfills, or transfers mixed solid wastes, recyclables, reusables, hazardous wastes, or household hazardous wastes. This category includes but is not limited to recyclables collection centers; recyclables collection and processing facilities; temporary collection activities; recyclable household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities; household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities; hazardous waste collection, treatment and storage facilities; reuse salvage facilities; waste processing facilities; waste transfer stations; solid waste disposal facilities; oilfield waste disposal facilities; hazardous waste disposal facilities; and waste collection and processing activities to mitigate an emergency. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Waste Hauling Yard - A transportation services operation that specializes in transporting mixed solid waste, and may also transport recyclables, reusables, and other discards. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Waste Processing Facility - A facility that receives, stores, transfers, and processes mixed solid waste, or recyclable, reusable or discarded materials, other than hazardous waste, for the purpose of preparation for shipment off-site, and which generates more than 10 percent unrecyclable residuals that must be disposed in a waste disposal facility. Processing may include separation, baling, crushing, cleaning, sorting, shredding, or chopping. Included in this category are mixed solid waste composting operations, which are facilities that specialize in the composting of mixed solid waste. This category does not include organics processing operations. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Waste Transfer Station - A facility used to transfer mixed solid wastes from one vehicle to another, often smaller to larger vehicles, such as transfer vehicles, truck trailers, railroad cars, or barges, for transport elsewhere. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Waste Treatment and Disposal - (DELETE ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Wet Bar - An area within a dwelling or habitable accessory structure thereto, distinct from a kitchen and not within a bedroom, which is not used for the preparation and cooking of food, and has no: a) cooking appliance or other food heating appliance, b) garbage disposal, c) dishwasher, d) electrical outlets in excess of 110 volts, e) gas stub-outs, f) bar sink with interior dimensions greater than 12" wide by 12" long and 9" deep, and g) plumbing greater than 1 and ¼ inches in diameter connected to the bar sink drain. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Wholesale Nurseries for Propagation - Wholesale operations where plants, seedlings, trees and other horticultural materials are raised on site to a point in their development where they would customarily be sold to a wholesale distributor or to a retail outlet for resale to the public. (ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

ARTICLE 3:

ESTABLISHMENT OF ZONES, BOUNDARIES AND MAPS

Sec. 8103-0 - Purpose and Establishment of Zones and Minimum Lot Areas

In order to classify, regulate, restrict, and segregate uses of land and buildings; to regulate the height and size of buildings; to regulate the area of yards and other open spaces around buildings; and to regulate the density of population, the following classes of use zones are established along with their abbreviations and minimum lot areas. Alternative minimum lot areas may be established pursuant to Section 8103-1 et seq. Minimum lot area requirements are expressed in "gross" area for land uses and structures. The minimum lot area for subdivision purposes is expressed in "net" area for parcels of less than 10 acres, and "gross" area for parcels of 10 acres or more.

Zoning District Base Zones	Abbreviation	Minimum Lot Area*
Open Space	OS	10 Acres
Agricultural Exclusive.....	AE.....	40 Acres
Rural Agricultural	RA	1 Acre
Rural Exclusive	RE	10,000 sq.ft.
Single-Family Estate	RO	20,000 sq.ft.
Single-Family Residential	R1	6,000 sq.ft.
Two-Family Residential	R2	7,000 sq.ft.
Residential Planned Development	RPD	As Specified by Permit
Residential High Density.....	RHD.....	0.80 acre (1)
Commercial Office	CO	No Requirement
Neighborhood Commercial	C1	No Requirement
Commercial Planned Development	CPD	No Requirement
Industrial Park	M1	10,000 sq.ft.
Limited Industrial	M2	10,000 sq.ft.
General Industrial	M3	10,000 sq.ft.
Timberland Preserve	TP.....	160 Acres
Specific Plan	SP	Established by Plan

Overlay Zones

Scenic Resource Protection.....	/SRP	Not Applicable
Mineral Resource Protection.....	/MRP	Not Applicable
Community Business District	/CBD	Not Applicable

**See Sections 8103-1.1, 8103-1.2, and 8103-2 for exceptions.*

(AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85)

(AM. ORD. 3797 - 12/09/86)

(AM. ORD. 4018 - 12/15/92)

(AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

(AM. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97)

(AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05)

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

(AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/9/08)

(1)(ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Sec. 8103-1 - Establishment of Alternative Minimum Lot Area by Suffix

Sec. 8103-1.1 - Lot Area Suffix

The minimum area of lots created in each of the OS, AE, RA, RE, RO, R1, and R2 base zones may be determined by a suffix number following the base zone designation on a given zoning map. The application of said suffixes shall be consistent with the General Plan and Article 6 of this Chapter. All other requirements of the base zone contained in this Chapter shall apply to the respective zone designated by a suffix. The suffix numbers shall only be assigned in 1,000 square foot increments for lots of less than one acre in area (i.e., RE-20 means: Rural Exclusive, 20,000 square foot minimum lot size), and in increments of one acre for lots of one acre or larger area (i.e., OS-160 means: Open Space, one-hundred-sixty acre minimum lot size). Unless designated as acres, suffix numbers from 1 through 43 are assumed to be in thousands of square feet. The application of suffix numbers shall not create lot areas less than the minimum area specified for the various base zones established by Sec. 8103-0. Where no suffix number appears, it is understood that the minimum lot area specified in Sec. 8103-0 for that zone shall apply.

Sec. 8103-1.2 - Average Minimum Lot Area

The suffix "av" may be added to any of the base zone designations (example: RA-10 ac av). When added to a given zone designated by a specified suffix, the additional "av" suffix converts the minimum lot area zone suffix indicator to an average area designation. When land is subdivided which has the "av" suffix, lots may be created which are no smaller in area than 80 percent of the applicable minimum area zone designated by the suffix number, provided the collective average area of the lots created is not smaller than that required by the applicable lot area zone suffix designator (example: RA-10 ac av x 80 percent = 8ac as the smallest lot that can be created). In computing the collective average area of newly created lots, only those lots which are no larger than 1.9 times the minimum area zone designated by the suffix number may be counted (example: RA-10 ac av x 1.9 = 19ac as the area of the largest lots that can be counted). Legal lots in an "av" suffix designated zone, not smaller than 80 percent of the applicable designated zone suffix number, are deemed to be conforming as to lot area.

Sec. 8103-1.3 - Suffix Designators and Maximum Density for the RPD Zone

Minimum lot areas for the RPD Zone shall be established by a suffix designation. The requirements for the RPD Zone shall apply to the respective suffix designated RPD zones except that the suffix for the RPD designation shall be the maximum number of dwelling units per acre followed by the letter "U" (example: RPD-25U). The suffix designated zones for the RPD Zone may be any number between RPD-1U and RPD-30U provided the maximum allowable density specified in the RPD Zone is not exceeded. RPD without a suffix designator shall allow a maximum of 30 dwelling units per acre.

(AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8103-2 - Exceptions to Minimum Lot Area

The following are exceptions to the minimum lot area regulations stated in Sec. 8103-0, Sec. 8103-1, and 8106-1:

Sec. 8103-2.1 – Agricultural Water Well Sites

A water well site or sites, each no more than 1,200 square feet, may be created on a lot for the sole purpose of transferring, by lease or sale, possession of the well and so much of the land around the well as may be necessary for its operation. Such wells shall be for agricultural purposes only.

Sec. 8103-2.2 - Public Safety Facilities and Minor Public Facilities

There shall be no minimum area for a lot: 1) during the period of time the lot is held by a public entity for present or future use as a fire or police station or is dedicated to a public entity for such use; and 2) for minor public facilities owned or operated by a public agency in connection with the provision of water, sewer, communication services (e.g.: sewer pump stations, communication booster stations, etc.) or other public health and safety facilities, during the period of time that the lot is held by the public entity for present or future use, or is dedicated to a public entity for such use. Any lot which is held by a public entity may not be used for any purpose other than as a site for such types of public facilities by the public entity or its successors in interest.

Sec. 8103-2.3 – DELETED

(DEL. ORD. 4455 – 10-22-13)

Sec. 8103-2.4 – Cultural Heritage Sites

Parcels designated Cultural Heritage Sites may be granted a reduction from the minimum parcel size requirements in accordance with Sec. 8107-37.

Sec. 8103-2.5 - Parcel Map Waiver/Conservation Subdivision.

Parcels created through the Parcel Map Waiver/Conservation Subdivision process set forth in the Subdivision Ordinance, Section 8202-3 (f).

Sec. 8103-2.6 - Park and Recreational Facilities

Any lot area reductions granted to subdividers before the effective date of this Chapter under the Community Park and Recreation Facilities provisions of the previous Zoning Ordinance and recorded with the final map shall remain in effect in accordance with Section 8113-10 of this Chapter.

Sec. 8103-2.7 – Parcels for Farmworker Housing Complexes

Parcels of less than the prescribed minimum lot area may be allowed for Farmworker Housing Complexes on land zoned AE within or adjacent to a city Sphere of Influence, provided the remaining non-farmworker housing complex parcel is a minimum of 10 acres. (ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

(AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05)

Sec. 8103-3 - Adoption and Validity of the Official Zoning Data

Prior to the enactment of this ordinance, a zone classification has been established on all land in the unincorporated area of the County of Ventura. Said comprehensive zoning was effected by ordinance adopting zoning maps which were contained in the previous Zoning Ordinance, Section 8118. The designations, locations, and boundaries therein are set forth and indicated in the Official Zoning Data. Said Data, and all information shown therein for all land in the unincorporated areas of the County of Ventura, is hereby made a part of this Chapter at Article 18, Section 8118, or may be made a part of this Chapter by the progressive amendment thereto. The Board hereby declares that adoption of the

Official Zoning Data does not change the zone classification of any land. Official Zoning Data displays can be generated only by the GIS Department of the Resource Management Agency. In the event that a court of competent jurisdiction should decree or adjudge that the adoption of the zoning maps as provided in this section is invalid, the old Official Zoning Data which existed prior to the adoption of this section are hereby reinstated as the official zoning maps of the County of Ventura. (AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8103-4 - Uncertainty of Zone Boundaries

Where uncertainty exists as to the boundaries of any zone indicated in the Official Zoning Data the following rules of construction shall apply:

- a. Boundaries Following Lot Lines - Where such boundaries are indicated as approximately following street and alley lines or lot lines, such lines shall be construed to be such boundaries.
- b. Boundary By GIS Technology - In the case of unsubdivided property and where a zone boundary divides a lot, the locations of such boundaries, unless the same are indicated by dimensions, shall be determined by the use of GIS tools and/or datasets.
- c. Boundary Upon Street Abandonment - Where a public street or alley is officially vacated or abandoned the zoning regulations applicable to abutting property on each side of the center line shall apply up to the center line of such vacated or abandoned street or alley on each respective side thereof.
- d. Determination of Uncertainties - In cases where the precise location on the ground of lines or boundaries depicted in the Official Zoning Data is still uncertain after application of the above rules, the Planning Director is hereby authorized to resolve the uncertainty.

(AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8103-5 - Establishment and Changes of Zone Classifications

The establishment and changes of the zone classification on land in the unincorporated area of the County of Ventura, excluding the Coastal Zone, shall be effected by ordinance adopting zoning data in the manner set forth in Article 15 of this Code. (AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05)

Sec. 8103-6 - Absence of Zoning

In the event a parcel of land has no zoning designation assigned to it, or the assigned zoning is from a jurisdiction other than the County of Ventura, regulation of land uses on the parcel shall be governed by the General Plan land use designation and related policies until an action is taken by the County to assign a new zoning designation. (ADD. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94, (AM. ORD. 4333 - 12/06/05)

ARTICLE 4: PURPOSES OF ZONES

Sec. 8104-0 - Purpose

The categories and purposes of land use zones in Ventura County are established as follows:

Sec. 8104-1 - Open Space/Agricultural Zones

Sec. 8104-1.1 - Open Space (OS) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for any of the following on parcels or areas of land or water that are essentially unimproved:

- a. The preservation of natural resources including, but not limited to: areas required for the preservation of plant and animal life, including habitat for fish and wildlife species; areas required for ecologic and other scientific study purposes; rivers, streams, bays and estuaries; and, coastal beaches, lakeshores, banks of rivers and streams, and watershed lands.
- b. The managed production of resources, including but not limited to: forest lands, rangeland, agricultural lands and areas of economic importance for the production of food or fiber; areas required for recharge of groundwater basins; bays, estuaries, marshes, rivers and streams which are important for the management of commercial fisheries; and, areas containing major mineral deposits, including those in short supply.
- c. Outdoor recreation, including but not limited to: areas of outstanding scenic, historic and cultural value; areas particularly suited for park and recreation purposes, including access to lakeshores, beaches, and rivers and streams; and, areas which serve as links between major recreation and open-space reservations, including utility easements, banks of rivers and streams, trails, and scenic highway corridors.
- d. The public health and safety, including, but not limited to areas which require special management or regulation because of hazardous or special conditions such as earthquake fault zones, unstable soil areas, flood plains, watersheds, areas presenting high fire risks, areas required for the protection of water quality and water reservoirs and areas required for the protection and enhancement of air quality.
- e. The formation and continuation of cohesive communities by defining the boundaries and by helping to prevent urban sprawl.
- f. The promotion of efficient municipal services and facilities by confining urban development to defined development areas.
- g. Support of the mission of military installations that comprises areas adjacent to military installations, military training routes, and underlying restricted airspace that can provide additional buffer zones to military activities and complement the resource values of the military lands.
- h. The protection of places, features, and objects described in Sections 5097.9 and 5097.993 of the Public Resources Code.

(AM. ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)

Sec. 8104-1.2 - Agricultural Exclusive (AE) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to preserve and protect commercial agricultural lands as a limited and irreplaceable resource, to preserve and maintain agriculture as a major industry in Ventura County and to protect these areas from the encroachment of nonrelated uses which, by their nature, would have detrimental effects upon the agriculture industry.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-2 - Rural Residential Zones

Sec. 8104-2.1 - Rural Agricultural (RA) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain a rural setting where a wide range of agricultural uses are permitted while surrounding residential land uses are protected.

Sec. 8104-2.2 - Rural Exclusive (RE) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain rural residential areas in conjunction with horticultural activities, and to provide for a limited range of service and institutional uses which are compatible with and complementary to rural residential communities.

Sec. 8104-2.3 - Single-Family Estate (RO) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide areas exclusively for single-family residential estates where a rural atmosphere is maintained by the allowing of a range of horticultural activities as well as animals for recreational purposes.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-3 - Urban Residential Zones

Sec. 8104-3.1 - Single-Family Residential (R1) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain areas which are appropriate for single-family dwellings on individual lots.

Sec. 8104-3.2 - Two-Family Residential (R2) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide for and maintain residential areas allowing two single-family dwelling units or a two-family dwelling unit on lots which meet the minimum area requirements of this zone.

Sec. 8104-3.3 - Residential Planned Development (RPD) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide areas for communities which will be developed utilizing modern land planning and unified design techniques; this zone provides a flexible regulatory procedure in order to encourage:

- a. Coordinated neighborhood design and compatibility with existing or potential development of surrounding areas;
- b. An efficient use of land particularly through the clustering of dwelling units and the preservation of the natural features of sites;
- c. Variety and innovation in site design, density and housing unit options, including garden apartments, townhouses and single-family dwellings;
- d. Lower housing costs through the reduction of street and utility networks; and

- e. A more varied, attractive and energy-efficient living environment as well as greater opportunities for recreation than would be possible under other zone classifications.

Sec. 8104-3.4 – Residential High Density (RHD) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to make available parcels that are appropriate for multi-family residential projects at densities considered by state law to be affordable by design to lower-income households. (ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-4 - Commercial Zones

Sec. 8104-4.1 - Commercial Office (CO) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide suitable locations for offices and services of a professional, clerical or administrative nature.

Sec. 8104-4.2 - Neighborhood Commercial (C1) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide areas for retail convenience shopping and personal services to meet the daily needs of neighborhood residents.

Sec. 8104-4.3 - Commercial Planned Development (CPD) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to encourage the development of coordinated, innovative and efficient commercial sites and to provide areas for a wide range of commercial retail and business uses, including stores, shops and offices supplying commodities or performing services for the surrounding community.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-5 - Industrial Zones

Sec. 8104-5.1 - Industrial Park (M1) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide suitable areas for the exclusive development of light industrial, service, technical research and related business office uses in an industrial park context, in conjunction with stringent standards of building design, noise, landscaping and performance.

Sec. 8104-5.2 - Limited Industrial (M2) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide suitable areas for the development of a broad range of industrial and quasi-industrial activities of a light manufacturing, processing or fabrication nature, while providing appropriate safeguards for adjoining industrial sites, nearby nonindustrial properties and the surrounding community.

Sec. 8104-5.3 - General Industrial (M3) Zone

The purpose of this zone is to provide suitable areas for the development of a broad range of general manufacturing, processing and fabrication activities. The M3 Zone is intended for uses which do not require highly restrictive performance standards on the part of adjoining uses. The M3 Zone, as the heaviest manufacturing zone, is intended to provide for uses involving the kinds of processes, activities and elements which are specifically excluded from the M1 Zone.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-6 - Special Purpose Zones

Sec. 8104-6.1 - Specific Plan (SP) Zone

The purposes of the SP Zone are:

- a. To provide for the unified planning and diversified urban communities which reflect modern site design standards and concepts and incorporate a variety of uses, while providing for the separation of incompatible uses;
- b. To encourage the provision of a broad range of community facilities, including recreational and commercial; and
- c. To provide for flexibility in the design and development of such communities.

(AM. ORD. 4018 - 12/15/92)

Sec. 8104-6.2 - Timberland Preserve (TP) Zone

The purposes of the TP zone are:

- a. To maintain the optimum amount of the limited supply of timberland so as to ensure its current and continued availability for the growing and harvesting of timber, and compatible uses;
- b. To discourage premature or unnecessary conversion of timberland to urban and other uses;
- c. To discourage the expansion of urban services into timberland; and
- d. To encourage investment in timberlands based on reasonable expectation of harvest.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8104-7 - Overlay Zones

The purpose of overlay zones is to superimpose particular zones on existing base zones, thus establishing additional regulations and either reducing or extending permitted uses.

Sec. 8104-7.1 - Scenic Resource Protection (SRP) Overlay Zone

The purposes of this zone are:

- a. To preserve and protect the visual quality within the viewshed of selected County lakes, along the County's adopted scenic highways, and at other locations as determined by an Area Plan.
- b. To minimize development that conflicts with the value of scenic resources.
- c. To provide notice to landowners and the general public of the location and value of scenic resources which are of significance in the County.

(AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/09/08)

Sec. 8104-7.2 - Mineral Resources Protection (MRP) Overlay Zone

The purposes of this zone are:

- a. To safeguard future access to an important resource.
- b. To facilitate a long term supply of mineral resources within the County.
- c. To minimize land use conflicts.

- d. To provide notice to landowners and the general public of the presence of the resource.
- e. The purpose is not to obligate the County to approve use permits for the development of the resources subject to the MRP Overlay Zone.

(ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85; AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8104-7.3 - Deleted

(DEL. ORD. 4390 - 9/09/08)

Sec. 8104-7.4 - Community Business District (CBD) Overlay Zone

The purposes of this zone are to:

- a. Identity community business districts with unique historic character which justify special permit requirements and standards so as to preserve or re-create the historic character of the district;
- b. Preserve the historic character of buildings and structures within the district; and
- c. Allow deviations of certain development standards, parking standards, landscape standards, and sign standards of the zoning ordinance to permit the alteration or construction of buildings and structures, consistent with the design guidelines adopted under the applicable Area Plan or Specific Plan, so as to preserve or re-create the historic character of the district.

(ADD. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97)

- a. Encourage *mixed-use development* projects as a means to revitalize a community business district, encourage pedestrian circulation, maximize site development potential, create an active environment while promoting a traditional village-style mix of retail, restaurants, offices, civic uses, multi-family housing and other compatible land uses. (ADD. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08)

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ARTICLE 5:

USES AND STRUCTURES BY ZONE

(AM ORD. 4317 - 03-15-05)











Sec. 8105-0 - Purpose

Section 8105-4 and 8105-5 list in matrix form the land uses and structures that are allowed in each zone, under this Chapter, and indicate the type of land use entitlement required to establish a particular use in that zone. Land uses permitted herein may also require additional licensing/permitting from other Ventura County, State of California, or United States government agencies. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8105-1 - Use of Matrices

Sec. 8105-1.1 - Key To Matrices

Except as otherwise provided in Section 8111-1.2.1.6, (specific to the RPD zone), the following symbols indicate the type of permit required for uses allowed in each zone: (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

	= Not Allowed
	= Allowed, but exempt from obtaining a Zoning Clearance.
	= Zoning Clearance, or other ministerially approved permit unless specifically exempted.
	= Zoning Clearance or other ministerially approved permit with signed waivers.
	= Planning Director-approved Planned Development Permit
	= Planning Commission-approved Planned Development Permit
	= Board of Supervisors-approved Planned Development Permit
	= Planning Director-approved Conditional Use Permit
	= Planning Commission-approved Conditional Use Permit
	= Board of Supervisors-approved Conditional Use Permit

(ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8105-1.2

Italicized notes appearing in this Zoning Ordinance are editorial in nature and are not a part of the Ordinance or its regulatory scheme. (AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99 - grammar)

Sec. 8105-1.3

No use or structure is allowed unless expressly identified in Section 8105-4 and 8105-5 (Matrices) or determined to be equivalent in accordance with Section 8105-2 or Section 8101-4.10. Furthermore, prior to the commencement of any use listed in the matrices, the entitlement identified as required for the use shall be obtained. Each use is subject to all of the provisions of this chapter even if it is exempt from a Zoning Clearance. (AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8105-1.4

For the purposes of this Article, changing type style indicates where language is indented. Any use listed in matrix form which is indented shall be construed as a subheading of the heading under which it is indented.

Sec. 8105-1.5

Any use requested as an accessory use which is listed in the matrix at Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5 as a principal use shall be processed in accordance with the indicated requirements of the principal use. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8105-1.6

The abbreviations used in Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5 are to be interpreted as follows:

agric. - agriculture

CCR - California Code of Regulation

GFA - gross floor area

H.&S.C. - California Health and Safety Code

prelim. - preliminary

sq.ft. - square feet

W.&I.C. - California Welfare and Institutions Code

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Sec. 8105-1.7

The following list of specifically prohibited uses is provided for informational purposes, and is not intended to be comprehensive:

- a. Nuclear power plants;
- b. Public polo events
- c. Racetracks for horses or motorized vehicles, except motocross/OHV parks otherwise permitted:
- d. Stadiums;
- e. The parking of motor vehicles on vacant land containing no principal use;
- f. Retail sales from wheeled vehicles, except as permitted pursuant to Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5.
- g. Retail sales in the OS, AE, RA, RE, RO, R1, R2, RPD, and TP zones, except as expressly permitted by this Ordinance or as an accessory use as expressly allowed in the discretionary permit conditions. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87 AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8105-2 - Equivalent Uses Not Listed

Where a proposed land use is not identified in this Article, the Planning Director shall review the proposed use when requested to do so by letter and, based upon the characteristics of the use, determine which of the uses listed in this Article, if any, is equivalent to that proposed. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8105-2.1

Upon a written determination by the Planning Director that a proposed unlisted use is equivalent in its nature and intensity to a listed use, the proposed use shall be treated in the same manner as the listed use in determining where it is allowed, what permits are required and what standards affect its establishment.

Sec. 8105-2.2

Determinations that specific unlisted uses are equivalent to listed uses shall be recorded by the Planning Department, and shall be considered for incorporation into the Zoning Ordinance in the next scheduled ordinance amendment.

(ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8105-3 - Allowed Uses Exempt From Planning Entitlements

Exempted uses do not require a Planning Division issued entitlement if the uses meet and are maintained in accordance with the requirements of Section 8111-1.1.1b and all other provisions of this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8105-4 - Permitted Uses in Open Space, Agricultural, Residential and Special Purpose Zones

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
AGRICULTURE AND AGRICULTURAL OPERATIONS										
Animal Husbandry										
Domestic Animals Per Art. 7	E	E	E	E	E					
more animals than are permitted by Art. 7 (3, 19)	□	□	□	□	□					
Reduced Animal Setbacks Per Table 2 (Sec. 8107-2.5.1) (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲					
Apiculture * (2, 15)	△	△	△							△
Aquaculture/Aquiculture (15)	□	□	□	□						
Insectaries for Pest Control (3, 6, 15)	See Principal Structures Related to Agriculture									
Vermiculture * (16)										
up to 5,000 sq. ft. of open beds	△	△	△	△	△					△
over 5,000 sq. ft. of open beds	□	□	□	□						
Wild Animals, Not Inherently Dangerous * (16, 19)	□	□	□	☒	☒					
Inherently Dangerous Animals (16)	☒	☒								
Agricultural Contractors' Service And Storage Yards And Buildings (15, 19)	□	□	□							
Crop and Orchard Production (6, 12, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Packing, Storage Or Preliminary Processing Involving No Structures	E	E	E	E						E
Timber Growing And Harvesting, And Compatible Uses										
protected trees	Pursuant to Articles 7 and 9									
other trees	E	E	E	E						E
Principal Structures Related To Agriculture (Greenhouses, Hot Houses, Structures for Prelim. Packing, Storage and Preservation of Produce & Similar Structures; Cumulative GFA Per Lot) Except Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures * (See Sec. 8106-6.4 & 8107-20) (15)										
Up to 1,000 sq. ft. (6)	△	△	△	△						△
Over 1,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (15)	△	△	□							
Over 20,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft.	□	□	☒							
Over 100,000 sq. ft. (6)	☒	☒								
Wineries (Including Processing, Bottling & Storage)(2, 15)										
Up to 2,000 sq. ft. structure	△	△	△							
Over 2,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. structure	□	□	☒							
Over 20,000 sq. ft. structure	☒	☒	☒							
With public tours or tasting rooms	☒	☒	☒							

*There are specific regulations for this use; see Article 7.

Italicized numbers refer to amendment history at end of use matrices.

Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
ACCESSORY USES AND STRUCTURES * (15)										
Accessory Structures Related to Agriculture and Animal Husbandry/Keeping * (e.g. Barns, Storage Buildings, Sheds; Cumulative GFA Per Lot) (15, 25)										
up to 2,000 sq. ft. (15, 25)	△	△	△	△	△	△		△		△
over 2,000 sq. ft. to 5,000 sq. ft. (15, 25)	△	△	□	□	□	□		□		□
over 5,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	⊗							
over 20,000 sq. ft. to 100,000 sq. ft. (25)	□	□								
over 100,000 sq. ft. (25)	⊗	⊗								
exceeding height limits (25)	□	□	□							
Offices * (7, 19, 25)	See Article 7									
Accessory bathrooms * (See Sec. 8107-1.9) (25)	△	△	△							
Agricultural Sales Facilities * (16, 19)										
Small facilities: up to 500 sq. ft., meeting standards established by Section 8107-6.2 (25)	△	△	△							△
Meeting standards of Sections 8107-6.2.1, 8107-6.2.2, and 8107-6.3.4 (25)	□	□	□							
Large facilities: over 500 to 2,000 sq. ft. (25)	□	□	⊗							
Large facilities: over 2,000 to 5,000 sq. ft. (25)	⊗	⊗	⊗							
Wholesale nurseries for propagation: with sales facilities up to 500 sq. ft. (26, 34)	△	△	△							
with sales facilities of over 500 to 2,000 sq. ft. (26, 34)	□	□	⊗							
with sales facilities of over 2,000 to 5,000 sq. ft. (26, 34)	⊗	⊗	⊗							
with sales of non-agricultural items or materials not propagated on site. (26, 34)	⊗	⊗	⊗							
Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures * (16, 25, 34)										
up to 1,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	△	△						△
over 1,000 sq. ft. to 20,000 sq. ft. (25)	△	△	△	□						
over 20,000 sq. ft. or 15% of lot area (whichever is greater) (25)	△	△	□							
over 15% of lot area (25)	□	□								
Animal Shade Structures (26)										
Up to 500 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	△						△
Over 500 sq. ft. to 1,000 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	□						□

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
Over 1,000 sq. ft. to 10,000 sq. ft. (26)	△	△	△	□						
Over 10,000 sq. ft. or up to 7.5% of lot area (whichever is greater) (26)	△	△	□	□						
Over 20,000 sq. ft. or up to 15% of lot area (whichever is greater), Permeable Structures only (26)	□	□	□							
Over 15% of lot area, Permeable Structures only (26)	□	□								
Over 7.5% of lot area, Impermeable Structures only (26)	□	□	□	□						□
Farmworker Dwelling Units * (15, 25)	△	△	△							△
not meeting standards established by Sec. 8107-26.1 & 2 (25, 32)	□	□	□							□
Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units (26)	△	△	△							△
not meeting standards established by Sec. 8107-26.1 & 2 (26, 32)	□	□	□							□
Open Storage Per Art. 7 (6, 15, 25)	E	E	E	E						E
Fuel Storage (6, 25)	△	△	△							△
Underground Fuel Storage Permitted By Other County Agencies (25)	E	E	E	E						E
Agricultural Promotional Uses (26)	☒	☒	☒							☒
ANIMAL KEEPING, NON-HUSBANDRY * (6, 2, 15)										
Domestic Animals Per Art. 7	E	E	E	E	E	□		E		E
More Animals Than Are Permitted By Art. 7 (15)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□		□
Horses And Other Equines Per Art. 7 (15)	E	E	E	E	E	□		E		E
More Animals Than Are Permitted By Art. 7 (15)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□		□
Kennels/Catteries (2, 15, 19)	□	□	□	□						
Equestrian Centers (16, 19)	□		□	□	☒					
Wild Animals, Not Inherently Dangerous (15, 19)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□		□
Inherently Dangerous Animals (16)	☒	☒	☒							
Reduced Animal Setbacks Per Table 2 (Sec.8107-2.5.1) (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
Accessory Structures		See Accessory Structures Related to Agriculture and Animal Husbandry/Keeping; Animal Shade Structures; Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units (32)								
AIRFIELDS AND LANDING PADS AND STRIPS, PRIVATE	☒	☒	☒	☒						
ASSEMBLY USES (39)			☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
BOARDING HOUSES AND BED-AND-BREAKFAST INNS* (2) (35)	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒		

*There are specific regulations for this use; see Article 7.

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
On Designated Cultural Heritage Sites (29, 34)	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒	☒	☒		
CARE FACILITIES (SEE ALSO H. & S. C. AND W. & I. C.)										
Day Care Centers (19)			☐	☐		☒	☒	☒		
Family Day Care Home (28, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	
Intermediate: Care Of 7 Or More Persons (2, 42)			☒	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒	
Residential: Care Of 6 Or Fewer Persons (42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	⊗	⊗	
Care Of 7 Or More Persons (7)			☒	☒		☒	☒	☒		
CEMETERIES * (SEE SEC. 8107-27) (15)	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Accessory Crematories, Columbaria And Mausoleums	☒		☒	☒						
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES * (SEE SEC. 8107-28) (15)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
CULTURAL/HISTORIC USES (29)										
Cultural Heritage Sites with Ordinance Deviations (29)		Pursuant to Article 7 and principal or accessory uses								
Historic Repository (29) (40)			☒	☒						
Interpretive Centers (29)	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		☒		
DWELLINGS (43)										
Dwellings, Single-Family * (Mobilehomes - See Sec. 8107-1.3)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	⊗		△
Mobilehome, Continuing Nonconforming (15)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐		☐
Dwellings, Two-Family, Or Two Single-Family Dwellings							△	⊗		
Dwellings, Multi-Family (42)(43)(44)								⊗	△	
Farmworker Housing Complex (31)	⊗	⊗								
Dwellings, Accessory Structures To										
Buildings For Human Habitation: (3, 19)										
temporary buildings during construction * (19, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
second dwelling unit * (2, 11, 15, 33)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△		△
Buildings Not For Human Habitation Or Agricultural And Animal Husbandry/Keeping Purposes (E.G. Garage, Storage Building): (3, 15, 19, 27)										
up to 2,000 sq. ft. GFA per lot (3, 6, 19, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
over 2,000 sq. ft. GFA per lot (3, 6, 15, 19, 42)	○	○	○	○	○	⊗	⊗	⊗	△	
exceeding height limits of main structure (18, 42)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	⊗	⊗	□
accessory bathrooms * (18, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Other Structures (18)										
freestanding light fixtures <i>per sec. 8106-8.6</i>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
nonmotorized wheeled conveyances, within standards * (19,42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
which exceed standards (42)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Antennas, Ground-Mounted (Noncommercial) *										
up to 40 ft. in height (16, 19, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
above 40 ft. in height (6, 42)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□
Patios, Paving And Decks Not More Than 30" Above Finished Grade, Per Art. 6 (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Play Structures, Outdoor Furniture, Mailboxes And Similar Structures Exempt From Setback Requirements Of Art. 6 (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Swimming, wading and ornamental pools less than 18" depth capacity (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Soil and geologic testing for water wells, foundations, septic systems and similar construction (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Dwellings, Accessory Uses To										
Keeping Of Animals; Nonhusbandry *										
equines and other domestic animals per art. 7 (19)	E	E	E	E	E	□		E		E
more animals than are permitted <i>by art. 7 (3, 15)</i>	□	□	□	□	□	□		□		□
pet animals in accordance with standards of art. 7 (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
more animals than are permitted <i>by art. 7 (3, 15)</i>	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□
wild animals as pets (<i>sec. 8107-2.3.1 (15)</i>)	△	△	△	△	△	△		△		△
more wild animals than are permitted (16)	□	□	□	□	□	□		□		□
inherently dangerous animals		Not permitted								
youth projects * (16)	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲		▲		▲
Commercial uses, minor, for project residents (<i>See sec. 8109-1.2.5 (4)</i>)								⊗		
Garage/yard sales (<i>See definition</i>)(42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Home occupations * (3, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Open storage, per art. 7 * (19, 42) (<i>See Section 8107-15</i>)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
EDUCATION AND TRAINING										
Colleges and universities (40)			☒							
Schools, elementary and secondary (boarding and nonboarding)			☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES (3)	☒	☒	☒							
FENCES AND WALLS 6' HIGH OR LESS PER ART. 6 (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Over 6' High Per Art. 6 (18, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
FESTIVALS, ANIMAL SHOWS, AND SIMILAR EVENTS, TEMPORARY OUTDOOR (35)	☐	☐	☐							
FILMING ACTIVITIES * (2, 15)										
Permanent		Not permitted								
Temporary	☐	☐	☐	☐						
Occasional For Current News Programs/ Noncommercial Personal Use (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Occasional Per Sec. 8107-11.1 (42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
Occasional With Waivers Per Sec. 8107-11.2	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲				
Occasional, Not Meeting Standards (18)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐				
FIREWOOD OPERATIONS (3, 12)	☐	☐	☐							
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS (2) (40)		☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Correctional Institutions	☒		☒							
Fire Stations	☐	☐	☐	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Law Enforcement Facilities	☐		☐	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Public Works Projects Not Otherwise Listed As Uses In This Section Constructed By The County Or Its Contractors	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E
GRADING (A PWA GRADING PERMIT MAY STILL APPLY) (7, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Within An Overlay Zone		Pursuant to Article 9								
HOSPITALS								☒		
LIBRARIES			☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
MAINTENANCE, ROUTINE/MINOR REPAIRS TO BUILDINGS, NO STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT * (1)	☒	☒	☒							
Mining And Accessory Uses * (1)	☒	☒	☒							
Less Than 1 Year In Duration (1, 22)	☐	☐	☐	☐						
Public Works Maintenance (1,22,36)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E
Reclamation Plan (22)		Following a public hearing where a reclamation plan is required per SMARA in conjunction with a land use entitlement								
Mining, Agricultural Site * (22)	▲	▲								
Oil And Gas Exploration And Production (7)	☐	☐	☐	☐						
Drilling, Temporary Geologic (Testing Only)	☐	☐	☐	☐						☐
MOBILE FOOD FACILITIES * (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
MOBILEHOME PARKS *			☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
MODEL HOMES/LOT SALES: 2 YEARS * (42)			△	△	△	△	△	△	△	
More Than 2 Years (42)			☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	
ORGANICS PROCESSING OPERATIONS (COMPOSTING, VERMICOMPOSTING, CHIPPING AND GRINDING) (24)										
Biosolids Composting Operations * (24)	☒									
Commercial Organics Processing Operations * (24)										
Small-Scale (up to 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	△	☐	△	☐						△
Medium-Scale (over 200 cubic yards to 1,000 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	☐	☐	☐							☐
Large-Scale (over 1,000 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	☒	☒	☒							☒
PIPELINES/TRANSMISSION LINES, ABOVEGROUND * (42)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
PUBLIC SERVICE/UTILITY FACILITIES (27)										

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
Small Utility Structures (17)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E		E
Excluding Office And Service Yards (28)	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Public Service/Utility Offices And Service Yards, When Located On Lots Containing The Majority Of The Agency's Facilities (28)	☒			☒						
RECREATIONAL, SPORT AND ATHLETIC FACILITIES (40)										
Botanic Gardens and Arboreta* (35)	☒									
Camps * (8) (35)	☒		☒	☒						
Campgrounds * (8)	☒		☒	☒						
Fields, athletic, without buildings, With Or Without Night Lighting (7, 19, 27)				□	□	□	□	□		
Without Night Lighting (18, 27)	□									
Geothermal Spas with or without accessory commercial eating facilities (7)	☒									
Golf Courses And/Or Driving Ranges, Except Miniature Golf (15)	☒		☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒		
Motocross/Off-Highway Vehicle Parks *(17)	☒									
Parks (6)	△	□	△	△	△	△	△	⊗		
With Buildings	□	☒	□	□	□	□	□	☒		
Periodic Outdoor Sporting Events (7)	□									
Recreational Vehicle Parks *	☒		☒	☒						
Recreation Projects, County-Initiated (5)	■	■	■	■	■	■	■	■		
Caretaker Recreational Vehicle, Accessory * (5)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△		
Retreats, Without Sleeping Facilities * (8)	□		□	□						
With Sleeping Facilities (8)	☒		□	□						
Shooting Ranges And Outdoor Gun Clubs (4)	■									
SIGNS PER ARTICLE 10 UNLESS EXEMPT FROM ZONING CLEARANCE PER SEC. 8110-3 (7, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
SOIL AMENDMENT OPERATIONS (16)	□	□	□							
STORAGE OF BUILDING MATERIALS, TEMPORARY * (3, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
TREES AND NATIVE VEGETATION: REMOVAL, RELOCATION OR PRUNING (7, 12)										

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
Protected Trees, And Vegetation In Overlay Zone*		Pursuant to Articles 7 and 9								
Other Trees And Vegetation (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
USES AND STRUCTURES, ACCESSORY (OTHER THAN TO AGRICULTURE, ANIMALS OR DWELLINGS) (42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	□
Freestanding Light Fixtures <i>Per Sec. 8106-8.6</i>	○	○	○	○	○	○	○	○		○
Organics Processing Operations * (24)										
On-Site Composting Operations (not related to normal farming activities) * (24)										
Small-scale (up to 10 cubic yards on-site) * (24, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Medium-scale (over 10 cubic yards to 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	△	△	△	△	△			□		△
Large-scale (over 200 cubic yards on-site) * (24)	□	□	□	□				□		
Waste Handling, Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities (24)										
Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities And Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment and Storage Facilities * (24)	☒									
Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities * (24)	E									
Not meeting standards established by Section 8107-36.3.7 * (24)	□									
Soil And Geologic Testing For Water Wells Foundations, Septic Systems And Similar Construction (19, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Stockpiling Of Construction Related Debris and/or Fill Material for Non-agricultural Operations (28)										
Less Than 1,000 Cu. Yds. (28)	△		△	△						
1,000 Cu. Yds Or More (28)	□		□	□						

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
Swimming, Wading, And Ornamental Pools Less Than 18" Depth Capacity (19, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Patios, Paving And Decks Not More Than 30" Above Finished Grade, Per Art. 6 (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Play Structures, Outdoor Furniture And Similar Structures Exempt From Setback Requirements Of Art. 6 (18, 42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Open Storage Per Art. 7 * (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Parking/Storage of Large Vehicles (38)		Pursuant to Article 8 Sec. 8108-3.4								
To A Use Requiring A PD Permit Or CUP (2)		Pursuant to Article 11 Sec. 8111-6.1								
Dwelling, Caretaker										
VETERINARY HOSPITALS FOR LARGE ANIMALS *	☒	☒								
WASTE HANDLING, WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES (24)										
Disposal Facilities, Hazardous Waste * (24)	■									
Disposal Facilities, Oilfield Waste * (24)	☒									
Disposal Facilities, Solid Waste * (24)	■									
Recyclables Collection And Processing Facilities *(24)	☒									
Recyclables Collection Centers * (24)	△		△	△	△	△	△	△		
Temporary Collection Activities *(24, 42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	
Waste Collection And Processing Activities To Mitigate An Emergency *(24)		Pursuant to Sec. 8107-36.3.12								
Waste Processing Facilities And Transfer Stations * (24)	☒									
WASTEWATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES										

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	OS	AE	RA	RE	RO	R1	R2	RPD	RHD	TP
Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (42)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△
On-Site Wastewater Treatment Facilities (19, 42)	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	
Community Wastewater Treatment Facilities (19)	■	■	■	■				■		
WATER PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, & DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES: (6)										
4 Or Fewer Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated)	△	△	△	△	△	△	△	△		△
5 Or More Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated)	□	□	□	□	□	□	□	□		□
For Agricultural Purposes (Privately Operated)	△	△	△							
Well Drilling For Use Only On Lot Of Well Location (42)	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E

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Sec. 8105-5 - Permitted Uses in Commercial and Industrial Zones

	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
AIRFIELDS AND LANDING PADS AND STRIPS, PRIVATE				☒	☒	☒
AIRPORTS						☒
AMUSEMENT AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (SEE DEFINITIONS)			○			
Amusement Parks And Carnivals			☒			
Arcades			□			
Batting Cages And Golf Driving Ranges, Indoor (3, 15)				□		
Bicycle Racing Tracks, Outdoor (3)				☒		
Gymnasiums (See Definitions) (3, 15)			○	□		
Motion Picture Theaters, Outdoor (Drive-In)			☒			
Racetracks (For Motorized Vehicles), Outdoor Shooting Ranges And Stadiums	Prohibited					
Shooting Ranges, Indoor				■	■	■
ASSEMBLY USES (39)	□	□	□	□	□	
ART GALLERIES, MUSEUMS AND BOTANICAL GARDENS			○			
AUTOMOBILE SERVICE STATIONS		○	○			
BANKS AND RELATED FINANCIAL OFFICES AND INSTITUTIONS	○	○	○			
BARS, TAVERNS AND NIGHTCLUBS *			□			
CARE FACILITIES: (SEE ALSO H. & S.C. AND W. & I. C.) (6)						
Day Care Center (2, 15, 27)	□	□	□	□		
Intermediate And Residential, Care Of 7 Or More Persons (6)	☒		☒			
Emergency Shelter (42)			△			
CAR WASHES, SELF-SERVICE OR AUTOMATIC (2, 15)			☒		□	□
CEMETERIES, COLUMBARIA AND MAUSOLEUMS				□	□	
Crematories, Accessory				☒	☒	
CLUB PROJECTS, TEMPORARY OUTDOOR		□	□			
COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES	□	☒	□	□	□	□

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
Radio And Television Broadcasting Stations			<input type="checkbox"/>	○	○	○
CONFERENCE CENTER/CONVENTION CENTER (9)			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
CONTRACTORS' SERVICE AND STORAGE YARDS AND BUILDINGS					○	○
CROP PRODUCTION (12)	E	E	E	E	E	E
USES AND STRUCTURES, ACCESSORY				△	△	△
Dwelling, Farm Worker (Maximum One Per Lot)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fuel Storage				△	△	△
Underground Fuel Storage Permitted By Other County Agencies				E	E	E
Offices				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Packing, Preliminary Processing Or Storage Of Crops; Without Structures				△	△	△
Agricultural Sales Facility; Small Up To 500 Sq. Ft. * (15)		△	△	△	△	△
not meeting standards established by Section 8107-6.2		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
CULTURAL/HISTORIC USES (29)(40)						
Cultural Heritage Sites with Ordinance Deviations (29)	Pursuant to Article 7 and principal or accessory uses					
Historic Repository (29)			<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Interpretive Centers (29)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Museums		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
DOG AND CAT GROOMING			○			
EDUCATION AND TRAINING (41)						
COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		○			
SCHOOLS; ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY (NONBOARDING ONLY)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		○			
Professional and Vocational	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	○	○	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Art, Craft, and Self-Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	○	○		
ENERGY PRODUCTION FROM RENEWABLE SOURCES (3)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
FENCES AND WALLS 6' HIGH OR LESS PER ART. 6	E	E	E	E	E	E
Over 6' High Per Art. 6 (18)	△	△	△	△	△	△
FESTIVALS, ANIMAL SHOWS, AND SIMILAR EVENTS, TEMPORARY OUTDOOR (3) (35)			<input type="checkbox"/>			

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
FILMING ACTIVITIES * (2, 15)						
Permanent		○	○	○	□	□
Temporary	□	□	□	□	□	□
Occasional For Current News Programs/Noncommercial Personal Use	E	E	E	E	E	E
Occasional Per Sec. 8107-11.1	△	△	△	△	△	△
Occasional With Waivers <i>Per Sec. 8107-11.2</i>	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲	▲
Occasional, Not Meeting Standards (18)	□	□	□	□	□	□
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS, EXCLUDING CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS (2)	○	○	○	○		
Correctional Institutions * (30)					☒	
Public Works Projects Not Otherwise Listed As Uses In This Section Constructed By The County Or Its Contractors	E	E	E	E	E	E
Fire Stations (15)	○	○	○	○	○	○
GRADING (A PWA GRADING PERMIT MAY STILL APPLY) (3)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Within An Overlay Zone	Pursuant to Article 9					
HEALTH SERVICES SUCH AS PROFESSIONAL OFFICES AND OUT-PATIENT CLINICS	○	○	○			
Ambulance Services	☒		○	○		
Hospitals	☒		☒			
Pharmacy, Accessory Retail, For Prescription Pharmaceuticals Only	○	○	○			
HOTELS, MOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES			○			
KENNELS/CATTERIES (15)						□
LABORATORIES; RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC				○	○	○
Medical And Dental	○		○	○	○	
LIBRARIES AND INFORMATION CENTERS	○	○	○			
MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES						
Apparel And Related Products				○	○	○
Dressmaking And Tailor Shops		○	○			
Chemicals (<i>See Definitions</i>), Gases And Related Products Excluding Nerve Gas						☒
Drugs, Pharmaceuticals, Perfumes, Cosmetics And The Like				○	○	○
Soaps, Detergents And Cleaners						○

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
Electrical And Electronic Machinery, Equipment And Supplies				○	○	○
Batteries					☒	○
Household Appliances				☒	○	○
Transmission And Distribution Equipment, And Industrial Apparatus (15)				□	○	○
Food And Related Products				☒	○	○
Alcoholic Beverages						○
Bakery Products				○	○	○
Meat, Seafood And Poultry Packing Plants					☒	☒
Slaughtering; Refining And Rendering Of Animal Fats And Oils						☒
Sugar Refining						☒
Furniture And Related Fixtures					○	○
Instruments; Measuring, Analyzing And Controlling				○	○	○
Jewelry, Silverware, And Plated Ware				○	○	○
Leather And Leather Products				○	○	○
Tanning, Curing And Finishing Of Hides And Skins						☒
Lumber And Wood Products And Processes					○	○
Cabinet Work				○	○	○
Firewood Operations (3, 12)				□	□	□
Plywood, Particleboard And Veneer Manufacture; Wood Preserving						○
Sawmills And Planing Mills						○
Machinery, Except Electrical					○	○
Office, Computing And Accounting Machines				○	○	○
Metal Industries, Primary						☒
Rolling, Drawing And Extruding					□	○
Metal Products, Fabricated					○	○
Ammunition						☒
Machine Shops (3)				○	○	○
Plating, Polishing, Anodizing, Engraving And Related Operations				□	○	○
Musical Instruments, Including Pianos And Organs				○	○	○
Paper And Related Products						☒
Products From Paper And Paperboard, Including Containers				○	○	○
Pens, Pencils And Other Office And Artists' Materials				○	○	○
Personal Goods				○	○	○
Petroleum Refining And Related Industries						☒
Photographic, Medical And Optical Goods, And Watches And Clocks				○	○	○
Printing, Publishing And Related Industries				○	○	○
Print Shops (Up To 1,500 Sq. Ft. Of GFA) (3)			○			

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
Rubber And Plastics Products (2)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tire Retreading And Recapping					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Signs And Advertising Displays				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Soil Amendment Operations (16)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stone, Clay And Glass Products (4)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asbestos Products						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Cement, Concrete, Gypsum And Plaster, And Products Fabricated Therefrom (2)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass And Glassware, Pressed And Blown, Including Flat Glass						<input type="checkbox"/>
Glass Product, Made Of Purchased Glass				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rock Crushing And Sandblasting Plants						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Textile Mill Products						<input type="checkbox"/>
Tobacco Products					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Toys And Amusement, Sporting And Athletic Goods				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transportation Equipment (15)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Motorcycles, Bicycles And Related Parts					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MINERAL RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (1)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Mining And Accessory Uses * (1, 19)						<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Less Than 1 Year In Duration (1, 22)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Public Works Maintenance (1,22,36)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Reclamation Plan (22)	Following a public hearing where a reclamation plan is required per SMARA in conjunction with a land use entitlement					
Oil And Gas Exploration And Production				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drilling, Temporary Geologic (Testing Only)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MIXED USE DEVELOPMENT WITHIN THE CBD OVERLAY ZONE PER SECTION 8109-4.5.5 (37)			<input type="checkbox"/>			
OFFICE; BUSINESS, PROFESSIONAL & ADMINISTRATIVE, EXCEPT HEALTH & VETERINARY (6, 15)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Telemarketing Offices (21)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
ORGANICS PROCESSING OPERATIONS (COMPOSTING, VERMICOMPOSTING, CHIPPING AND GRINDING) (24)						
Biosolids Composting Operations (24)					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Commercial Organics Processing Operations (All Types) (24)					<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PARKING FACILITIES (38)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
PIPELINES/TRANSMISSION LINES, ABOVEGROUND (19)	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
PROPULSION (ENGINE) TESTING						☒
PUBLIC UTILITY FACILITIES	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒	☒
Small Utility Structures (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Offices Only	○	○	○	○	○	○
Service Yards					○	○
RECORDING STUDIOS (3, 15)			○	□		
RENTAL AND LEASING OF DURABLE GOODS (6, 15, 19)			☒	□	□	□
Bicycle Rental			○			
REPAIR AND RECONDITIONING SERVICES (2)			□	□	○	○
Automobile Bodywork And Painting					○	○
Automobile Repair, Including Component Repair (15)			□	□	○	○
Electrical And Electronic Machinery And Equipment (3, 6, 15)				○	○	○
Heavy Machinery Repair, Including Trucks, Tractors And Buses					○	○
Instruments, Including Musical Instruments (3, 6)				○	○	
Office, Computing And Accounting Machines (3, 6)				○	○	
Photographic And Optical Goods (3, 6)				○	○	
Repair Of Personal Goods Such As Jewelry, Shoes And Saddlery		○	○			
RETAIL TRADE (SEE DEFINITIONS) (2, 19)		○	○			
Christmas Tree Sales * (3)		△	△			
Eating Establishments * (18)		○	○	□	□	
Feed Stores			□			
Lumber And Building Materials Sales Yards (6, 15)			☒		□	
Mail Order Houses (Nonstore)			○	○		
Mobile Food Facilities * (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E
More Than 30 Minutes In One Location (18)	△	△	△	△	△	△
Motor Vehicle, Mobilehome, Recreational Vehicle And Boat Dealers			□			
Nurseries			□			
Uses And Structures, Accessory						
Outdoor Sales And Services, Temporary (See Definitions) * (2)		△	△			
Repair Of Products Retailed		△	△			

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
SALES/LEASING OF COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL OFFICE SPACE IN EXISTING BUILDING ON SAME SITE AS UNIT/UNITS BEING SOLD/LEASED (18)	E	E	E	E	E	E
SALVAGE YARDS, INCLUDING AUTOMOBILE WRECKING YARDS WITH ANCILLARY RETAIL SALES OF SALVAGED MATERIALS						☒
SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS						
Business (See Definitions)	○		○	○		
Auction Halls, Not Involving Livestock (2)			☐	☐	○	
Disinfecting And Exterminating Services (6)			☒	☒	☐	☐
Exhibits, Building Of				○	○	○
Industrial Laundries And Dry Cleaning Plants					○	○
Sign Painting And Lettering Shops			○	○	○	
Personal		○	○			
SIGNS PER REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE 10 UNLESS EXEMPT FROM ZONING CLEARANCE PER SEC. 8110-3 (7, 15)	△	△	△	△	△	△
Freestanding Off-Site Advertising Signs					☐	☐
SWAP MEETS (15)			☒	☐	☐	☐
TAXIDERMY			○			
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES (SEE DEFINITIONS)				☐	○	○
Bus And Train Terminals			☒			
Stockyard, Not Primarily For Fattening Or Selling Livestock						☒
Truck Storage, Overnight, And Waste Hauling Yards (7, 23)					○	○
TREES AND NATIVE VEGETATION: REMOVAL, RELOCATION OR DAMAGE (7, 12)						
Protected Trees, And Vegetation In Overlay Zone *	See Articles 7 and 9					
Other Trees And Vegetation	E	E	E	E	E	E
USES AND STRUCTURES, ACCESSORY, OTHER THAN LISTED ABOVE (19)						
Animals, Security, Per Art. 7 (See Sec. 8107-2.4.4)	E	E	E	E	E	E
More Animals Than Permitted	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
Dwelling, For Superintendent Or Owner (2, 6)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dwelling, Caretaker (3, 6)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Game Machines; Three Or Fewer		△	△			
Organics Processing Operations (24)						
On-Site Composting Operations (24)						
Small-Scale (up to 10 cubic yards on-site) (24)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Medium-Scale (over 10 cubic yards to 200 cubic yards on-site) (24)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	△	△	△
Large-Scale (over 200 cubic yards on-site) (24)				<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Waste Handling, Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities (24)						
Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities(24)		E	E	E	E	E
not meeting standards established by Sec. 8107-36.3.7 (24)		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patios, Paving, And Decks Not More Than 30" Above Finished Grade Per Article 6 (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Recreational Facilities, Restaurants And Cafes; For Employees Only				○	○	○
Retail Sale Of Products Manufactured On-Site				△	△	△
Soil And Geologic Testing For Water Wells, Foundations, Septic Systems, And Similar Construction	E	E	E	E	E	E
Swimming, Wading, And Ornamental Pools Less Than 18" Depth Capacity (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E
Temporary Buildings During Construction * (2)			△	△	△	△
Vaccination Clinics, Temporary, For Pet Animals * (5)		△	△			
Play Structures, Outdoor Furniture, Similar Structures Exempt From Setback Requirements Of Article 6	E	E	E	E	E	E
Ordinary Maintenance/Minor Repairs To Buildings; No Structural Alterations	E	E	E	E	E	E
Vending Machines Not Displacing Required Parking Or Landscaping, Nor Blocking Pedestrian Access (19)	E	E	E	E	E	E
VETERINARY CLINICS, PET ANIMALS ONLY * (2, 15)		☒	○	○	○	○
WAREHOUSING AND STORAGE, INCLUDING MINISTORAGE ETC.				○	○	○

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	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
Automobile Impound Yards; Dead Storage Of Trucks, Buses And The Like (2, 4)						☒
Building Materials, Movers' Equipment And The Like; Indoor (1, 8)				○	○	○
Outdoor (2)						☒
Ministorage, with or without RV Storage * (27)			□		○	○
Fertilizer And Manure						☒
Hazardous Materials, Including Pesticides And Herbicides (7)						☒
Petroleum And Gas (Butane, Propane, Lpg, Etc.); Explosives And Fireworks						☒
Recreational Vehicle					○	○
Storage Of Building Materials, Temporary * (3)	△	△	△	△	△	△
WASTE HANDLING, WASTE DISPOSAL AND RECYCLING FACILITIES (24)						
Disposal Facilities, Oilfield Waste (24)						☒
Disposal Facilities, Solid Waste (24)						■
Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities And Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment And Storage Facilities (24)					☒	☒
Recyclables Collection And Processing Facilities (24)				☒	□	□
Recyclables Collection Centers (24)	△	△	△	△	△	△
Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities (24)					□	□
Reuse Salvage Facilities (Indoor Or Outdoor) (24)			□	□	□	□
Temporary Collection Activities, Outdoor (24)	△	△	△	△	△	△
Waste Collection And Processing Activities To Mitigate An Emergency (24)	△	△	△	△	△	△
Waste Processing Facilities And Transfer Stations (24)					■	■

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

	CO	C1	CPD	M1	M2	M3
WASTEWATER/SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITIES						
Individual Sewage Disposal Systems	△	△	△	△	△	△
On-Site Wastewater Treatment Facility			☒	☒	☒	☒
Community Wastewater Treatment Facility					■	■
WATER PRODUCTION, STORAGE, TRANSMISSION, & DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES:						
4 Or Fewer Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated) (6, 15)	△	△	△	△	△	△
5 Or More Domestic Service Connections (Privately Operated)	□	□	□	△	△	△
Well Drilling For Use Only On Lot Of Well Location (Privately Operated)	E	E	E	E	E	E
WHOLESALE TRADE				○	○	○
ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, ANIMAL EXHIBITS AND COMMERCIAL AQUARIUMS			☒			

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Legend: see Section 8105-1.1

- (1) ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85
- (2) AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85
- (3) ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85
- (4) AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85
- (5) ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85
- (6) AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87
- (7) ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87
- (8) AM. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88
- (9) ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88
- (10) ADD. ORD. 3895 - 4/25/89
- (11) AM. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89
- (12) AM. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92
- (13) AM. ORD. 3995 - 3/24/92
- (14) ADD. ORD. 3995 - 3/24/92
- (15) AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95
- (16) ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95
- (17) ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96
- (18) ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96
- (19) AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96
- (20) AM. ORD. 4166 - 4/14/98
- (21) AM. ORD. 4175 - 10/6/98
- (22) AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99
- (23) AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00
- (24) ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00
- (25) AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00
- (26) ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00
- (27) AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00
- (28) ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00
- (29) ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00
- (30) ADD. ORD. 4227- 1/9/01
- (31) ADD. ORD. 4281 -5/6/03
- (32) AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03
- (33) AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03
- (34) AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03
- (35) AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05
- (36) AM. ORD. 4389 - 9/16/08
- (37) ADD. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08
- (38) AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09
- (39) ADD. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10
- (40) AM. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10
- (41) AM. ORD. 4417 - 10/05/10
- (42) ADD. ORD. 4436 - 06/28/11
- (43) AM. ORD. 4455 - 10/22/13
- (44) AM. ORD. 4461 - 3/18/14

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ARTICLE 6:

LOT AREA AND COVERAGE, SETBACKS, HEIGHT AND RELATED PROVISIONS

Sec. 8106-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to set forth specific development standards which are applicable to the zones specified, and to delineate certain instances where exceptions to the requirements are allowed. Sec. 8106-1 lists in matrix form specific development standards applicable to specific zones.

Sec. 8106-1 - Schedules of Specific Development Standards by Zone and Exceptions Thereto

The following tables indicate the lot area, setback, height and building coverage standards which apply to individual lots in the zones specified. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/86; AM. ORD. 3995 - 3/24/92; AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4455 - 10/22/13)

Sec. 8106-1.1 - Development Standards for Uses and Structures in OS, AE, and R Zones

(ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Zone	Minimum Lot Area(a)	Maximum Percentage of Building Coverage	Required Minimum Setbacks(b)				Maximum Structure Height		
			Front	Side		Rear	Principal Structure	Exceptions (Principal Structure)	Accessory Structure (c)
				Interior & Corner Lots, Except Reverse Corner	Reverse Corner Lots: Street Side				
OS	10 acres	As Determined by the General Plan or Applicable Area Plan	20'	10'	20'	15'	25'	Height may be increased above 25' (to maximum 35') if each side yard is at least 15' or as specified by permit	15', except as noted in Section 8106-7.4
AE	40 acres								
RA	One acre			5'	10'				
RE	10,000 sq. ft.								
RO	20,000 sq. ft.								
R1	6,000 sq. ft.		20'(d)						
R2	7,000 sq. ft. (1)								
RHD	0.80 acre (3)		From adjacent street	Interior Side Yard	Rear Lot Line	35'	35'		
		10'	5'	10'					
RPD	As specified by permit (2)		See Section 8109-1.2.2				35'	As specified by permit	

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08; ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

REGULATORY NOTES:

- (1) Minimum lot area per dwelling unit: 3,500 square feet.
- (2) Minimum density; one dwelling unit per acre; maximum density; 30 dwelling units per acre.
- (3) Section 65583.2(h) of the California Planning and Zoning Laws prescribes a minimum 16 units per site.

EDITORIAL NOTES:

(a) Zone suffix (Sec. 8103-1) may require greater minimum lot area. See Sec. 8106-2 for other exceptions.

(b) See Sections 8106-5, 8106-6, and 8107-20 for exceptions. See Sec. 8106-4.3 for flag lot setbacks.

(c) See Sections 8106-5, 8106-7, and 8106-8 for exceptions.

(d) See Sec. 8106-5.11 for "swing driveway" exception.

Sec. 8106-1.2 - Development Standards for Uses and Structures in Commercial, Industrial and Special Purpose Zones

(ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85) (AM. ORD. 4018 - 12/15/92)

Zone	Minimum Lot Area (Gross)	Maximum Percentage of Building Coverage	Required Minimum Setbacks (a)		Maximum Structure Height		
			From Street	Each Interior Yard	Main Structure	Exceptions (Main Structure)	Accessory Structure
CO	No requirement	See General Plan	Front: 20' Side: 5'	None required, but if provided, or if any side is adjacent to R-zoned property then 10 feet on that side	25'	Height may be increased (to maximum 60') with Planning Commission C.U.P.	As specified by permit
C1			5 feet on Corner Lots (d)	5 feet if adjacent to an R-zone; otherwise as specified by permit (d)	35'		
CPD				As specified by permit	25'		
TP	160 acres (b)		20' (c)	5 feet if adjacent to an R-zone; otherwise as specified by permit (c, d)	30'	May be increased to 60' with Planning Director approval	
M1	15' (c)		As specified by permit		Maximum 60' when located within 100' of R-zoned property		
M2	10' (c)						
M3	10,000 sq. ft.						
SP	As established by Specific Plan (See Sec. 8109-4.2)						

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

(a) See Sec. 8106-5 for exceptions. See Sec. 8106-4.3 for flag lot setbacks.

(b) See Sec. 8109-4.3.6.

(c) A 30-foot setback, in conjunction with appropriate opaque screening, may be required (1) when the industrial site is adjacent to or across the street from an R-zone; (2) to maintain uniformity with existing adjacent development; or (3) on the basis of the configuration of the industrial site.

(d) AM. ORD. 3810-5/5/87

Sec. 8106-1.3 - Measurement of Building Heights

The heights of buildings and structures shall be measured in accordance with the following subsections and as illustrated in Figure 1 that follows.

Sec. 8106-1.3.1 - Building Heights on Flat Grades

The height of any building located on a flat grade is the vertical distance from the grade to the highest point of the roof; this includes A-frame buildings, Quonset huts, geodesic domes and other such buildings that have the roof and walls forming a continuous architectural unit. In the case of a pitched roof, height is measured to the "averaged midpoint" of the roof. This "averaged midpoint" is arrived at by identifying two points ("midpoints") along the finished roof which are midway between the peak of the highest finished ridge line(s) and the intersection of the outermost portion of the finished roof with the upward extensions of the two exterior finished walls running parallel to the same ridge line(s), measuring the distance from these two points to the grade, adding

together the two vertical heights from grade to the midpoints, and dividing the result by two. For purposes of determining the "finished roof", "finished roof" shall mean the roof with the roof sheeting in place, but not the other roofing materials.

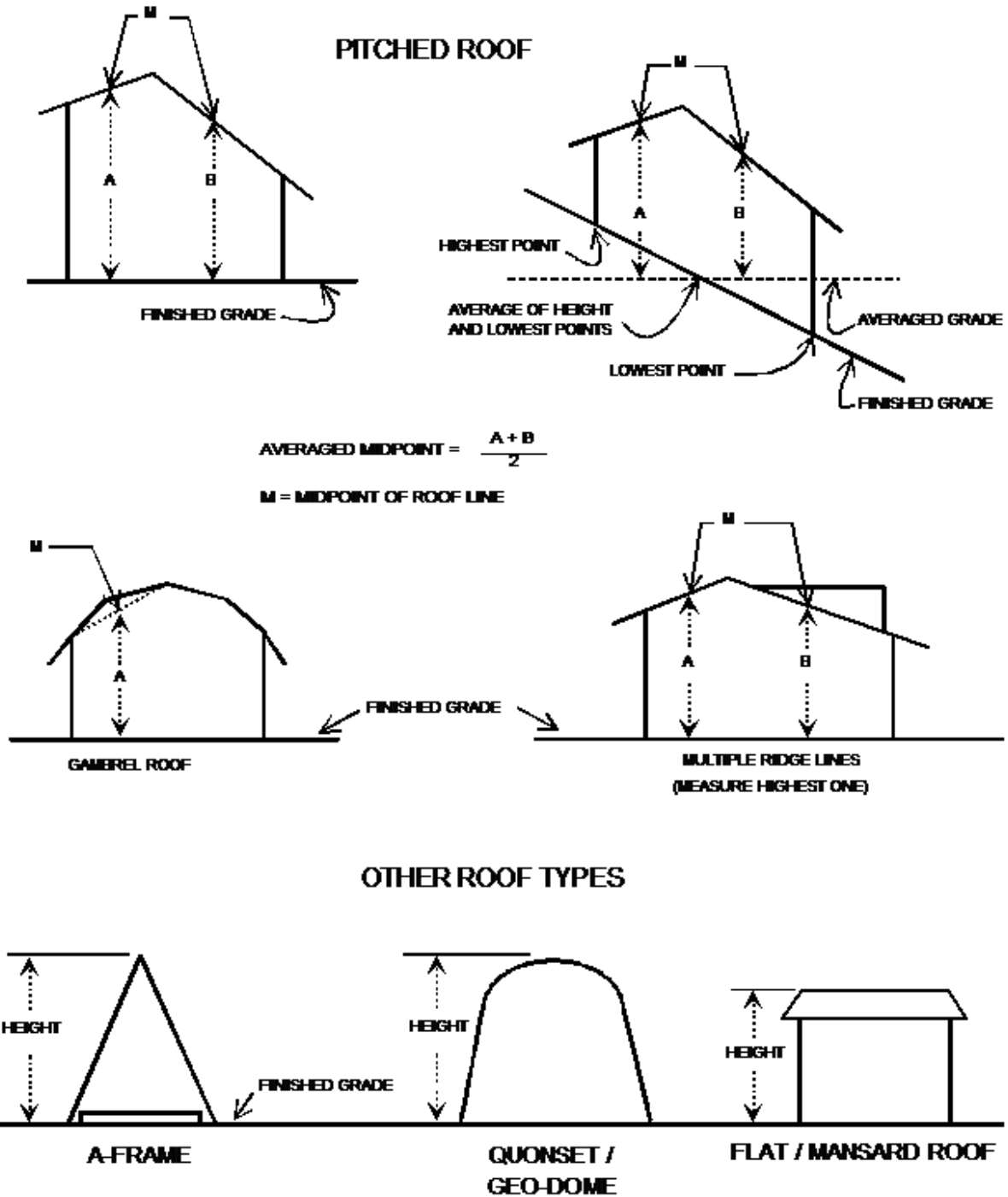
(ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8106-1.3.2 - Building Heights on Sloping Grades

The height of any building located on a sloping grade is the vertical distance from the "averaged grade," which is arrived at by finding the midpoint of the lowest and highest grade at each building elevation (meaning side view or face of the structure), to the highest point of the roof or (in the case of a pitched roof) to the "averaged midpoint," as described in Sec. 8106-1.3.1 and illustrated in Figure 1 (Sec 8106-1.3). These sums are then divided by the number of elevations. If the site has compound grades, height should be measured at each building face. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

FIGURE 1
(Sec. 8106-1.3)

(ADD ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)



Sec. 8106-2 – (Reserved for Future Use)(See Sec. 8103-2) (Del. ORD 4333 – 12/06/05)

Sec. 8106-2 – (Reserved for Future Use)

Sec. 8106-3 - Purpose and Use of Setbacks

The setback regulations are intended to prevent the overcrowding of land, provide privacy, preclude narrow, unusable spaces between buildings and provide clear areas for fire safety purposes, both to retard the spread of fire and to enable emergency personnel to reach side and rear areas of buildings. The setback regulations are intended to apply to buildings with foundations, and other structures such as those for parking and storage, whether or not they have foundations, and to open storage. No required setback shall be used for parking or storage of any vehicles, nor for open storage or garages or any other structures except as allowed by Section 8106-8.6 and Section 8106-5.3, or specifically provided for in this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Sec. 8106-4 - Measurement of Setbacks

Sec. 8106-4.1 - Measurement of Rear Setback from an Alley

In computing the depth of a rear setback for any lot abutting an alley, the setback may be measured from the midpoint of the rear alley.

Sec. 8106-4.2 - Setbacks from Easements

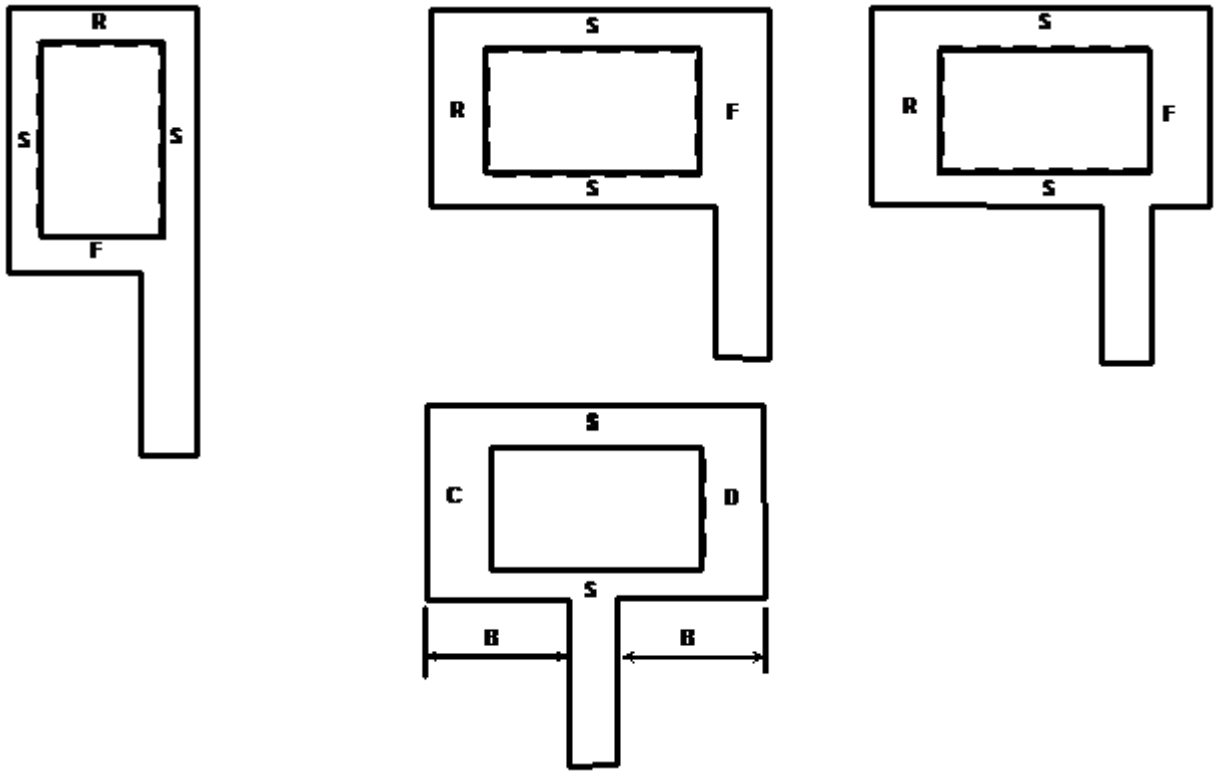
If the only means of access to one or more lots is by way of an easement, the easement shall be considered as a street for purposes of determining setbacks on lots over which the easement passes. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8106-4.3 - Determination of Setbacks for Flag Lots and Irregularly Shaped Lots

In the case of "flag lots" and "irregularly shaped lots", the setbacks shall be measured from the applicable front (F), rear (R) and side (S) of the lot as designated in the following diagrams.

- a. In cases involving flag lots or irregularly shaped lots of a type not represented in any of the following diagrams, the Planning Director shall determine the minimum setbacks utilizing good planning practices.
- b. Any portion of a flag lot or irregularly shaped lot that is adjacent to a street is a "required setback adjacent to a street" for purposes of fence regulations.
(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

**Illustration of Setbacks for Flag Lots
(Section. 8106-4.3)**

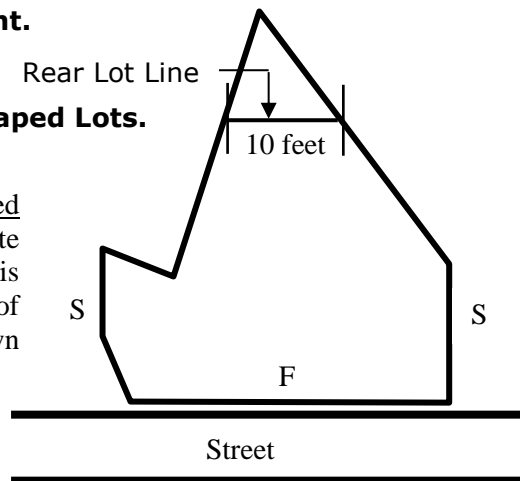


If $a=b$, applicant designates C or D as front.

Illustration of setbacks for Irregularly Shaped Lots.

Rear lot lines for triangular and irregularly shaped lots – A line ten feet long within the lot, opposite and most distant from the front lot line, which is parallel to the front lot line or parallel to the chord of a curved front lot line, where such chord is drawn perpendicular to the mean direction of lot depth.

(AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)



Sec. 8106-4.4 - Determination of Setbacks for Through Lots

- a. If the area of a through lot is less than twice the minimum lot area for the zone, one street frontage shall be designated as the front, and the other frontage shall be the rear.
- b. If the lot area is two or more times the minimum area for the zone, each street frontage shall be considered a front for purposes of determining setbacks.

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-5 - Exceptions to Required Setbacks and Height

The following are exceptions to the standards given in Sec. 8106-1:

Sec. 8106-5.1 - Accessory Structures in Certain Setback Areas

Detached accessory structures not used for human habitation may be constructed to within three feet of interior and rear lot lines, provided that:

- a. In no case shall any such accessory structure(s) occupy more than 40 percent of the rear setback area which is measured by multiplying the required minimum rear setback set forth in Section 8106-1 by the particular lot width; and
- b. Setbacks for the street side of the lot shall be maintained as set forth in Section 8106-1.

Sec. 8106-5.2 - Accessory Structures in Front Setbacks on Through Lots

An accessory structure not used for human habitation and not exceeding 15 feet in height may be located in one of the required front setbacks on a large through lot, as described in Sec. 8106-4.4b, provided that every portion of such accessory structure is at least ten feet from the nearest front line. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-5.3 - Parking in Setbacks

- a. Vehicles shall not be parked within any front or street-side setback, except that fully operative, licensed and registered motorized vehicles may be parked in the driveway access to the required parking. Said vehicles and operative non-motorized vehicles may park on a paved area (no wider than 10 feet) adjacent to the driveway, as an accessory use to a dwelling, and except as provided elsewhere in this Chapter.
- b. No required setback may be used for the provision of required parking spaces, except as specifically provided in this Chapter.
- c. In the M1 and M2 zones, required setbacks from streets may be used for required off-street parking spaces, provided that such spaces are located behind required landscaping and screening and any other required amenities such as sidewalks. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- d. On interior lots, a minimum three-foot-wide area adjacent to one side lot line must be kept free of operative vehicles and open storage. (See Sec. 8107-1.6) (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85)

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-5.4 - Architectural Features

Eaves, cornices, canopies, belt courses, sills, buttresses and other similar architectural features that do not create additional floor area or living space, may

project a maximum of 2½ feet into required front setbacks, two feet into side setbacks and four feet into rear setbacks, and may not be closer than two feet from any side or rear property line. Such features shall not be closer than two feet to a line midway between the exterior walls of buildings located on the same lot. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-5.5 - Heating and Cooling Equipment and the Like

Accessory equipment such as heating, cooling, filtering and circulation pumps and other necessary appurtenances may be located to within three feet of any side or rear lot line. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8106-5.6 - Balconies, Fire Escapes and Stairways

Open, unenclosed stairways or balconies not covered by roofs or canopies may extend into required rear setbacks not more than four feet, and into required front setbacks not more than two and one-half feet. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87) (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8106-5.7 - Chimneys and Fireplaces

Masonry chimneys and fireplaces may project into required setbacks or required common open space not more than two feet provided that such chimneys or fireplaces shall not be closer than three feet to any side property line of the lot. Where more than one building is located on the same lot, such chimneys or fireplaces shall not be closer than three feet to a line midway between the main walls of such buildings.

Sec. 8106-5.8 - Depressed Ramps

Open-work fences, hedges, guard railings or other landscaping or architectural devices for safety protection around depressed ramps may be located in required setbacks or required common open space, provided that such devices are not more than three and one-half feet in height.

Sec. 8106-5.9 - Uncovered, Unenclosed Landings and Porches

Uncovered porches, platforms or landings which do not extend above the level of the first floor of the building may extend into required front setbacks not more than six feet, and into required side and rear setbacks no closer than three feet to the property line. An open-work railing not more than three feet high may be installed or constructed on such porch, platform or landing.

Sec. 8106-5.10 - Decks

When constructed at or below the level of the first floor of the building, a deck may extend into required side or rear setbacks, but may not occupy more than 40 percent of a required rear setback, nor be located closer than three feet to a side or rear property line. This does not apply to hardscape directly on grade and/or to decks on grade adjacent to swimming pools. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8106-5.11 - Front Setback with "Swing" Driveways

In the R1 and R2 zones, dwellings constructed with carports or garages having a curved or "swing" driveway, with the entrances to the carports or garages facing the side property line, may have a minimum front setback of 15 feet. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8106-5.12 - Temporary Dwellings During Construction

A temporary structure which is used as a temporary dwelling during construction shall be set back at least five feet from the property lines of the lot on which it is placed. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8106-5.13 - Swimming Pools and Spas

Swimming pools, spas, hot tubs and similar structures may be constructed to within three feet of rear and interior side lot lines, provided that they do not intrude into any front or street-side setback. Pools designed to hold less than 18 inches of water depth are exempt from setback requirements. (ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-5.14 - Miscellaneous Exceptions

These regulations are not intended to apply to trees or other natural vegetation, nor to construction that does not extend above grade level, nor to such things as outdoor furniture or unenclosed play structures for children (except if designed for use by non-motorized wheeled conveyances of any kind), provided that such items are placed so as not to hinder setback objectives (as described in Article 6).

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8106-5.15 - Building Additions

Horizontal or vertical additions to legally existing principal buildings that do not meet current side yard setback requirements may be constructed with the same side setbacks as the existing construction, provided that:

- a. The existing side yard setback is at least three feet on the side of the expansion; and
- b. The linear front-to-rear dimension of any such forward or rearward expansion, or combination thereof, does not exceed 75 percent of the existing linear front-to-rear dimension of the nonconformity; and
- c. New construction that is directly adjacent to existing conforming construction complies with current setback requirements; and

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

- d. No new setback nonconformity is created in a side yard that does not have an existing setback nonconformity; and
- e. Except for architectural features and similar setback intrusions that have no floor area and are allowed elsewhere in this Article, new construction over ten feet in height shall conform to current setback requirements.

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8106-5.16 - Mailboxes

Structures that support mailboxes in areas of the County with curbside mail delivery may be placed in the front setback, provided that they do not exceed a height of fifty (50) inches, and are not larger than 24 inches on each side. (ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8106-6 - Miscellaneous Setback Regulations**Sec. 8106-6.1 - Distance Between Structures on the Same Lot**

The minimum distance between structures on the same lot shall be six feet, except that no detached dwelling shall be placed closer than ten feet to any other detached

dwelling. These requirements refer to minimum distances between exterior walls or other supports. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-6.2 - Garages and Carports

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, garages and carports shall be set back sufficiently from streets from which they take access to provide for 20 linear feet of driveway apron, as measured along the centerline of the driveway from the property line to the garage or carport. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8106-6.3 - Setbacks from Existing Oil/Gas Well Sites

No dwelling should be constructed within 800 feet of an existing oil/gas well site unless it is unavoidable. No dwelling shall be built within 500 feet of an existing well site unless the owner records with the title to the property a statement, acceptable to the County Counsel, acknowledging the presence of the well site and the fact that operations associated therewith, including well drilling and redrilling, may disturb the occupants, even though said operations are being conducted in accordance with specific permit conditions, the best accepted practices incident to the exploration of oil and gas, and the provisions of this Chapter. If such an acknowledgement is recorded, the dwelling may be located less than 500 feet from an existing oil well site, but in no case less than 100 feet from said well site. For purposes of this section, "well site" means the area around a well, which may contain production facilities. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-6.4 - Buildings for the Growing of Crops

Greenhouses, hothouses, shade structures and similar structures shall be set back at least 20 feet from all property lines. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8106-7 - Exceptions to Height Limits

The following are exceptions to the height limits stated in Section 8106-1:

Sec. 8106-7.1 - Antennas, Ground-Mounted

Ground-mounted citizens' band and amateur radio transmitting and receiving antennas, intended for private, noncommercial use accessory to a dwelling, may be erected up to a maximum height of 40 feet. Ground-mounted antennas may be erected above the height limit of 40 feet, under the permit prescribed by this Chapter, provided that no antenna or mast shall exceed 75 feet in height, and the design of such antennas shall be in accordance with Section 8107-1.1. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-7.2 - Roof Structures

Roof structures may be erected above the height limits prescribed in this Chapter, provide that no additional floor space is thereby created.

Sec. 8106-7.3 - Airport Height Limits

Height limits as set forth in Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) regulations shall be adhered to within the approach and turning areas of any Ventura County airport.

Sec. 8106-7.4 - Accessory Structures

Provided that an accessory structure is set back 20 feet from all property lines, it may exceed 15 feet in height, but it shall not exceed the maximum allowed height of the principal structure unless a discretionary permit is issued pursuant to Article 5. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8106-8 - Miscellaneous Regulations

Sec. 8106-8.1 - Fences, Walls and Hedges

Sec. 8106-8.1.1

No fences over three feet high may be placed in a required sight triangle, in a required setback adjacent to a street, or in a ten-foot by ten-foot right triangle on each side of a driveway on a side property line. (See Sec. 8106-8.4) A maximum seven-foot-high fence may be located in other areas of a lot. Exceptions:

- a. A see-through fence of up to 5 feet in height may be placed in a front or street-side setback. A see-through fence of up to 7 feet in height may be located anywhere on a lot of 20,000 square feet or more. The location of these fences and/or gates shall be set back at least 20 feet from the front or street-side property line where they cross the access leading to a garage or carport. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)
- b. A seven-foot-high fence may be placed in the street-side setback of a corner lot other than a reverse corner lot.
- c. A maximum eight-foot-high fence may be located:
 - (1) On a vacant or developed lot zoned OS, AE, or RA, or on any vacant or developed lot in a commercial or industrial zone, anywhere except within a required sight triangle or setback adjacent to a street; or
 - (2) On any vacant or developed lot zoned RE, RO, R1, R2 or RPD that abuts or is across the street from a lot in a commercial or industrial zone or a lot zoned OS, AE or RA, provided that such fence is located at or near the boundary line separating such lots, but not in a required sight triangle or setback adjacent to a street.(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- d. Pilasters, columns, and support structures and the decorative elements thereon associated with a fence or gate located on or within required setbacks may exceed the height limit provided that they meet the following criteria:
 - (1) They do not exceed 8' in height, and
 - (2) They are not located closer than 16 feet on center, and
 - (3) The fencing materials do not cumulatively exceed the see-through fence standard, and
 - (4) They do not interfere with the sight triangle associated with any driveway or intersections with no traffic controls.(ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)
- e. A maximum twelve-foot-high see-through fence may be located around a tennis court anywhere on a lot, except in a required setback adjacent to a street.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8106-8.1.2

Except as otherwise provided herein, fences over six feet in height require a Zoning Clearance and will require a Building Permit. (See also Sec. 8105-3)

Sec. 8106-8.1.3

No barbed wire, razor-edge, electric or similar type of fencing is permitted in Urban Residential Zones or Commercial Zones (See Art. 4), or on properties in Industrial Zones which abut or are across the street from Urban Residential Zoned properties, if such fencing would be visible from the Urban Residential Zoned property or properties.

Sec. 8106-8.1.4

If there is a difference in grade levels on the two sides of a fence, the height shall be measured from the higher grade, provided that the distance from the lower grade to the top of the fence shall not exceed ten feet, and further provided that in a required setback adjacent to a street, fence height shall be measured from adjacent grade of the street side of the fence. "Grade" shall be the lowest level parallel to and within 5 feet of the fence in question. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8106-8.1.5

The provisions of this Section shall not apply to a fence necessary as required by any law or regulation of the State of California or any agency thereof.

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8106-8.1.6

The provisions of Section 8106-8.1 et seq. shall not apply to Protected Trees as defined in Article 7. (ADD. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92)

Sec. 8106-8.2 - Accessory Parking and Storage of Large Vehicles

(AM. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00; DELETE ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8106-8.3 - Connection of Structures

An accessory structure will be considered to be attached to the principal structure if:

- a. The distance between the principal structure and the accessory structure is no greater than fifteen (15) feet and the roof connecting the two structures complies with all of the following:
 - (1) It is essentially a continuation of the roof of the main structure;
 - (2) It resembles the roof of the nearest enclosed, habitable area of the main structure in terms of pitch, materials, architectural design, etc.; and
 - (3) It is imperforate; or
- b. The space between such structures is completely enclosed by walls attached to each structure and constitutes "internal access" and the ratio of this access-way width to length is no greater than 1:3. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-8.4 - Sight Triangle

Where there are no traffic controls (stop signs or signals) on either street at an intersection, a sight triangle (see Definitions) must be provided on each corner adjacent to the intersection. No structures or landscaping over three feet in height which could block the view of approaching traffic on either street shall be located or constructed within any required sight triangle. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8106-8.5 - Sight Distance

Adequate sight distance shall be provided at intersections. In cases where the minimum setback requirements of Sec. 8106-1 do not provide such sight distance, particularly where streets intersect at less than 90 degrees and traffic is controlled (e.g., by stop signs) on only one of the streets (the "minor street"), setbacks for discretionary projects must be adjusted to provide adequate sight distance in accordance with the following table. The sight distance shall be measured from a point in the center of the minor street eight feet behind the designated stopping point for vehicles on such street, or behind a continuation of the intersecting curb line, to the center of the nearest (curbside) driving lane on the intersecting ("major") street. No structures or landscaping over three feet in height which could block the view of approaching traffic on the major street shall be constructed or located on the street side of the line connecting the two points. Curb cuts on discretionary projects should be considered minor streets for purposes of this section.

<u>Speed Limit On Major Street (mph)</u>	<u>Sight Distance Required (ft.)</u>
25	165
30	190
35	225
40	260
45	300
50	350
55	400

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8106-8.6 - Light Fixtures

The following regulations apply to light fixtures over two feet in height:

- a. Maximum height of freestanding light fixture is 20 feet with a Zoning Clearance; over 20 feet up to 35 feet may be permitted with a Planning Director-approved Planned Development Permit. For commercial and industrial uses, such heights shall be specified by the principal use permit.
- b. Such fixtures shall not be placed in side setbacks.
- c. Lights in excess of 150 watts shall not result in direct illumination of adjacent properties.

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8106-8.7 - Recycling Areas

All commercial, industrial, institutional, or residential buildings having five or more living units, shall provide availability for, and access to, recycling storage areas in accordance with the County of Ventura's most recently adopted "Space Allocation for Recycling and Refuse Collection Design Criteria and Specifications Guidelines" in effect at the time of the development approval. (ADD. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

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ARTICLE 7:

STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC USES

Sec. 8107-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to set forth standards and regulations which apply to proposed uses as listed.

Sec. 8107-1 - Standards Relating to Dwellings

Sec. 8107-1.1 - Antennas, Ground-Mounted

No antenna or mast shall exceed 75 feet in height. The crank-up variety of ham radio antennas should be used. All units are encouraged to be color-coordinated to harmonize with predominant structural background material, so as to reduce visual impacts. Where feasible, support structures shall be screened from public view. The most unobtrusive locations for the antennas are generally in the rear yard, behind trees and adjacent to main or accessory buildings in order to provide background screening for the support structure. The height, nature, texture and color of all materials to be used for the installation, including landscape materials, shall be submitted with the permit application. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-1.2 - Home Occupations

On property containing a residential use, no commercial activity shall be construed as a valid accessory use to the residential use unless the activity falls within the definition and regulations of a home occupation, or the activity is authorized by a discretionary permit allowing commercial operations. Home occupations are permitted in accordance with the following standards:

Sec. 8107-1.2.1

No merchandise, produce or other materials or equipment shall be displayed for advertising purposes.

Sec. 8107-1.2.2

No pedestrian, vehicular customer, or delivery traffic shall be generated by the home occupation that exceeds normal levels for uses allowed by Zoning Clearance in a residential neighborhood, and shall not disrupt traffic patterns in the vicinity of the dwelling. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-1.2.3

No signs naming or advertising the home occupation are permitted on or off the premises. Advertising for the home occupation in a telephone book, newspaper or other printed material or on equipment or vehicles associated with the occupation, shall not divulge the dwelling's location. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-1.2.4

The use of electrical or mechanical equipment that would create visible or audible interference in radio or television receivers is prohibited. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8107-1.2.5

A home occupation shall be conducted only by members of the household occupying the dwelling, with no other persons employed at the residence. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-1.2.6

Home occupations shall not occupy space required for other purposes (off-street parking, interior setbacks, etc.).

Sec. 8107-1.2.7

For each dwelling unit, there shall be no more than one commercial vehicle (self-propelled

and/or a towable trailer with equipment) parked on the property or the public right-of-way related to the home occupation except as noted below. Said commercial vehicle or combination of vehicles shall not have a rated gross vehicle weight (GVW) capacity in excess of 10,000 lbs. A vehicle with external lettering or other script pertaining to the home occupation is considered to be a commercial vehicle. Such lettering or script shall not divulge the dwelling's location. (See Sec. 8108-3.4 for additional parking requirements) (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-1.2.8

The existence of a home occupation shall not be evident beyond the boundaries of the property on which it is conducted. There shall be no internal or external alterations to the dwelling which are not customarily found in such structures. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8107-1.2.9

Home occupations involving the on-site use or storage of highly toxic materials, as defined in the Uniform Fire Code, are not permitted. Highly toxic materials are those which on short exposure could cause death or serious temporary or residual injury. The on-site use or storage of flammable or other hazardous materials must comply with the requirements of the Ventura County Fire Protection District, pursuant to the Uniform Fire Code, the Health and Safety Code and the Vehicle Code. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.10

Hours of operation for clients shall be limited to 9:00 am to 5:00 pm Monday through Friday. Business may continue beyond these hours if clients are not present. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.11

The maximum number of clients per day shall be six (6), with no overlap in clients. All clients must be by appointment to allow for control of client overlap. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.12

Off-site client parking shall be limited to one vehicle at a time, parked as close as possible in front of the residence with the home occupation. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.13

On-site parking for clients is allowed, providing that all of the following conditions are met:

- a. It is not in violation of any other ordinance; and
- b. It does not displace required on-site parking.

(ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.14

Business related deliveries are limited to a maximum of two per week. United States Mail and commercial parcel carriers' deliveries are exempted from this limitation. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-1.2.15

The following exemptions from the above standards are allowed providing that the operator obtains a waiver signed by all of the owners or residents of the three closest occupied houses in both directions on the same side of the street, and the seven closest occupied houses on the opposite side of the street. The waiver requirement may be modified by the Planning Director if unique circumstances warrant the action.

- a. The number of clients allowed per day may be increased to a maximum of ten (10).
- b. More than one client may be allowed on-site at one time.
- c. Clients may be allowed on the premises until 9:00 pm.
- d. Clients may be allowed on the premises on Saturdays.

(ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-1.3 - Mobilehomes and Manufactured Housing**Sec. 8107-1.3.1 - Construction**

Mobilehomes and manufactured housing may be used as single-family dwellings if the unit was constructed on or after June 15, 1976, or certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) as meeting September 15, 1971, or later, California construction standards. Units used as second dwellings are subject to this date limitation, but mobilehomes used as caretaker or farmworker dwellings are not. (AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Sec. 8107-1.3.2 - Foundation System

Nonconforming units continuing under a Conditional Use Permit shall be in compliance with the applicable provisions of Chapter 2, Article 7, of Title 25 of the California Code of Regulations. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-1.3.3 - Exterior Siding

Exterior siding of a single-family dwelling shall extend to the ground level, or to the top of the deck or structural platform where the dwelling is supported on an exposed pile foundation complying with the requirements of Sections 2908 and 2909 of the Uniform Building Code, or to the top of a perimeter foundation. For mobilehomes used as caretaker or farmworker dwellings, manufactured mobilehome skirting shall completely enclose the mobilehome, including the tongue, with a color or material that will be compatible with the mobilehome. For any mobilehomes located more than 150 feet from all property lines, and more than 200 feet from a public road, no skirting is required. (AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Sec. 8107-1.4 - (Reserved for Future Use)

(See Sec. 8107-14.2) (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-1.5 - Model Homes/Lot Sales

Model homes, or a temporary office, for the limited purpose of conducting sale only of lots or dwellings in the subdivision, or dwellings of similar design in another subdivision in the vicinity may be permitted, subject to the following provisions:

Sec. 8107-1.5.1

The model homes or lots sales are part of an approved tentative map.

Sec. 8107-1.5.2

Road Plans shall be submitted to the Public Works Department for approval.

Sec. 8107-1.6 - Open Storage**Sec. 8107-1.6.1**

There shall be no open storage in any front or street-side setback, or in an area three feet wide along one side lot line.

Sec. 8107-1.6.2

On lots of 20,000 square feet or smaller, open storage shall not exceed an aggregate area of 200 square feet. On lots greater in area than 20,000 square feet, the aggregate area shall not exceed one percent of the total lot area, up to a maximum of 1,000 square feet. Lots of 40 acres or more in the OS and AE zones are permitted a maximum of 2,000 square feet of open storage, provided that all open storage exceeding 1,000 square feet is screened from view from all public rights-of-way within 300 feet of such additional storage area. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-1.6.3

With the exception of boats, and unstacked automotive vehicles, the materials shall be limited to a height of six feet.

Sec. 8107-1.6.4

Open storage must be accessory to the principal use of the property, and not related to any off-site commercial business or activity. Open storage of motor vehicles, boats and trailers is permitted only if they are owned by the resident(s) of the property on which they are stored. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-1.6.5

The following are not considered open storage, and are therefore exempt from the above open storage regulations: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. Materials or equipment kept on any lot for use in construction of any building or room addition on said lot for which a Zoning Clearance and necessary building permits are obtained and in force, provided that such storage is neat and orderly, and does not exceed an area equal to the gross floor area of the building or addition under construction. Stored materials shall be installed within 180 days of their placement on the lot; however, the Planning Director may grant a time extension for good cause, based on a written request from the applicant.
- b. Items used periodically or continuously on the property by the resident(s) thereof, such as outdoor furniture, trash or recycling cans or barrels, equipment for maintenance of the property and the uses thereon, outdoor cooking equipment, and recreational equipment, accessory to the principal use. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- c. Operative vehicles and the items placed on them, provided that such vehicles are accessory to the principal use and are owned by the resident(s) of the property on which they are parked. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- d. One cord (128 cubic feet) of firewood, if stored in a neat and orderly manner in one location on the lot. Two cords of wood may be kept on properties within the National Forest boundaries. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-1.7 - Second Dwelling Units

No second dwelling unit may be constructed or installed without the permits required by this Chapter. A second dwelling unit shall be allowed, subject to the provisions of this Chapter, on a parcel that contains an existing single-family detached residence and no other dwellings, other than an authorized farmworker or animal caretaker dwelling unit subject to Section 8105-4, and all of the following:

- a. The number of bedrooms and size of the second dwelling unit shall be restricted by parcel size and location. Parcels located outside of the groundwater quality and traffic impact areas listed in Table 0.5 below that are a minimum of 10,000 square feet, but less than five acres in area, are eligible for a second dwelling unit with up to two bedrooms and a gross floor area of 900 square feet. Parcels located outside the groundwater quality and traffic impact areas listed in Table 0.5 below that are five acres or more in area are eligible for a second dwelling unit with up to three bedrooms and a gross floor area of 1,200 square feet. Parcels located outside the groundwater quality and traffic impact areas listed in Table 0.5 below that are 40 acres or more in area are eligible for a second dwelling unit with up to four bedrooms and a gross floor area of 1,800 square feet.

Parcels located in the groundwater quality impact area as shown on Map 1, below, and in the traffic impact area, as shown on Map 2, below, shall not exceed the maximum number of bedrooms and maximum unit size and shall meet minimum parcel size standards set forth in Table 0.5. If a parcel is partially within the traffic impact area, but the location of the proposed second dwelling unit is outside of the traffic impact area, then the parcel shall be considered entirely outside the impact area. If a parcel is partially within the groundwater quality impact area, but the septic system servicing the proposed second dwelling is or is proposed to be located outside the impact area, then the parcel shall be considered outside the impact area.

(AM. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

TABLE 0.5

Impact Area	Maximum Number of Bedrooms and Maximum Size of Second Dwelling Units and Minimum Parcel Size
Arroyo Santa Rosa/Tierra Rejada Groundwater Quality Impact Area (See Map 1)	One bedroom/700 sq. ft. total floor area on parcels of 4.32 acres or more in area. Two bedrooms/900 sq. ft. total floor area on parcels of 5.06 acres or more in area. Three bedrooms/1,200 sq. ft. total floor area on parcels of 5.82 acres or more in area.
Ojai Traffic Impact Area (See Map 2)	One bedroom/700 sq. ft. total floor area on parcels of one acre or more in area.

(ADD. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

- b. For the purposes of this Section 8107-1.7 and Table 0.5, the Arroyo Santa Rosa/Tierra Rejada Groundwater Quality Impact Area shall mean those portions of the unincorporated area of Ventura County depicted on Map 1, below, and

accessible in the GIS Department of the Resource Management Agency. For the purposes of Section 8107-1.7 and Table 0.5, the Ojai Traffic Impact Area shall mean those portions of the unincorporated area of Ventura County depicted on Map 2, below, and accessible in the GIS Department of the Resource Management Agency. The most current adopted GIS map shall apply. (AM. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

- c. An existing principal dwelling unit that meets the development standards for a second dwelling unit may be designated the second dwelling unit and a separate principal dwelling unit may be permitted on the site. In such cases, both the new principal dwelling unit and the second dwelling unit shall meet all provisions of this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03; AM. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)
 - d. Gross floor area shall be calculated by including all floors and levels of the second dwelling unit, based on exterior measurements. For the limited purpose of Section 8107-1.7, the computation of total floor area shall not include any attached patio cover, deck, garage or any bay window that does not extend to the floor or protrude more than 18 inches from the adjoining exterior wall. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03; AM. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89; AM. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)
 - e. One uncovered parking space for a second dwelling unit may encroach into a required front and/or interior side setback, provided that all of the following conditions are met (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09):
 - (1) The space is not closer than ten feet to any front lot line;
 - (2) The long dimension of the space is parallel to the centerline of the nearest driveway on the lot; (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
 - (3) The space is not located in the driveway access to the required parking for the principal dwelling. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)
 - (4) On interior lots, a minimum three-foot wide area adjacent to one side lot line remains unobstructed by vehicles.
 - f. The second dwelling unit may be attached to or detached from an existing single family residence. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- (AM. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
- g. No more than one second dwelling unit is allowed on each parcel. (ADD. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
 - h. No second dwelling unit shall be permitted if the parcel in question already contains a detached habitable accessory structure containing a full or half bathroom, or a wet bar. No other accessory building shall be combined with a detached second dwelling unit, except: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
 - (1) a second dwelling unit may be located adjacent to or above a garage if there is no means of internal access between the two, except internal access is permitted when the combined total area of the garage and the second dwelling unit does not exceed the allowable size of the second dwelling unit;
 - (2) a second dwelling unit may be attached to or located above a garage or carport that is itself attached to another accessory use such as a workshop or

storage room, provided that there is no common wall or floor between the second dwelling unit and the other accessory use.

- i. Mobilehomes and manufactured homes may be used as second dwelling units, in accordance with Section 8107-1.3. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
- j. The applicant for a second dwelling unit shall be the owner of record and shall reside in the principal dwelling unit on the parcel. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)
- k. With the exception of deviations granted in accordance with Sec. 8107-37.3 and Sec. 8111-9, no variance to the requirements of this Chapter may be approved for second dwelling units. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03; AM. ORD. 6/28/11)
- l. The second dwelling unit shall meet zoning provisions and permit requirements, as well as County Building and Fire Code requirements and other public service requirements that apply to single-family dwellings. A second dwelling unit will not be allowed in areas where adequate water supply and sewage disposal cannot be demonstrated. If the existing single-family detached residence is served by a public sewer system or a public water system, the second dwelling unit shall be served by the same system or systems. (ADD ORD. 3920 - 12/19/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

(AM. ORD. 3920 - 12/19/89)

- m. If the proposed water supply is to be provided by any means other than an individual well on the lot, the applicant shall submit a water supply certificate on a form provided by the County Building and Safety Division and signed by the proposed water supplier, certifying that:

- (1) Either of the following is true: (i) the owner of the lot and the water supplier have entered into a binding agreement, enforceable by the owner and the owner's successors in interest to the lot, providing for the connection of the water supplier's system to the second dwelling unit on substantially the same terms as those given to the water supplier's customers generally; or (ii) the second dwelling unit will be served through an existing connection provided by the water supplier to the lot; and
- (2) Both of the following are true: (i) the water supplier's system complies with the quality and quantity standards set forth in Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations and the connection of the proposed second dwelling unit to the system will not cause any failure of such compliance; and (ii) the facilities of the water supplier's system meet or exceed the requirements set forth in the applicable Ventura County Improvement Standards and Specifications.

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

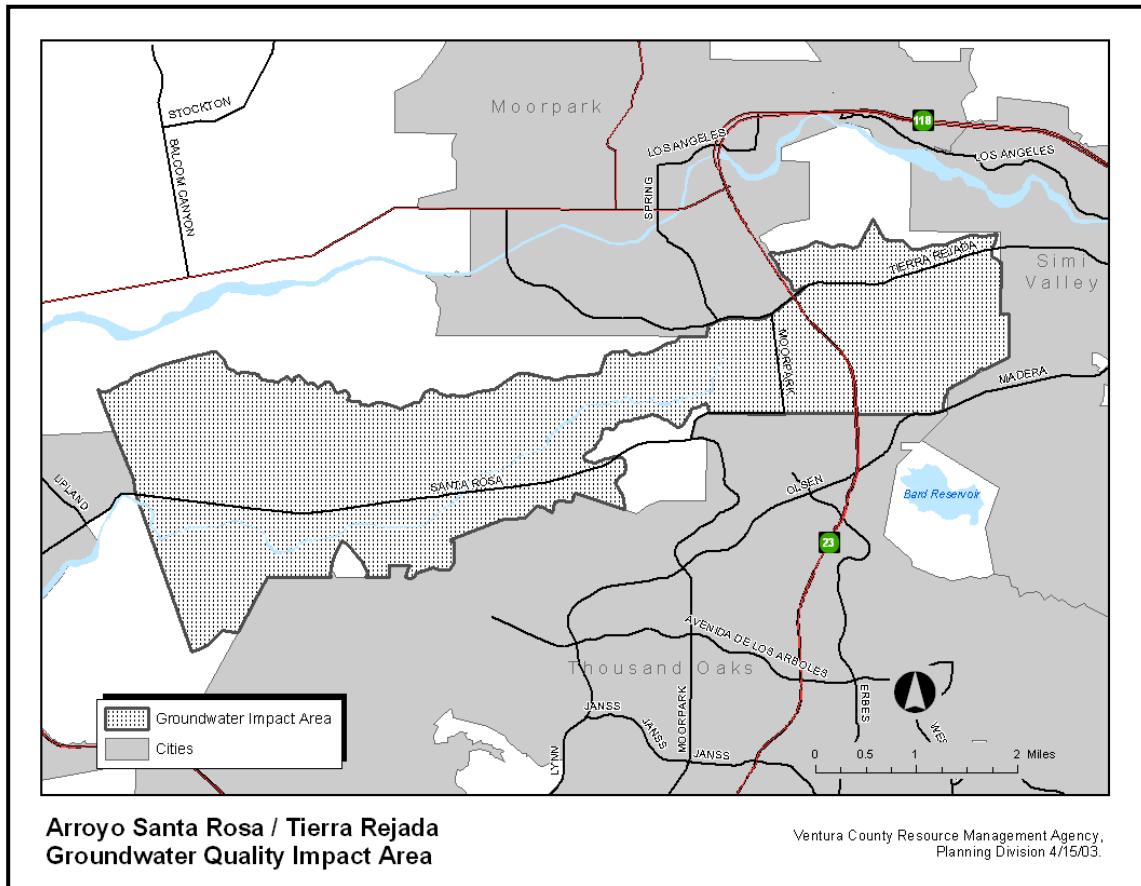
- n. If the proposed method of sewage disposal is by a public sewer system, the applicant shall submit a sewer service certificate, signed by the public sewer entity, certifying that either:

- (1) The owner of the lot and the public sewer entity have entered into a binding agreement, enforceable by the owner and the owner's successors in interest to the lot, providing for the connection of the public sewer entity's system to the second dwelling unit on substantially the same terms as those given to the public sewer entity's customers generally; or

(2) The second dwelling unit will be served through an existing connection provided by the public sewer entity to the lot.

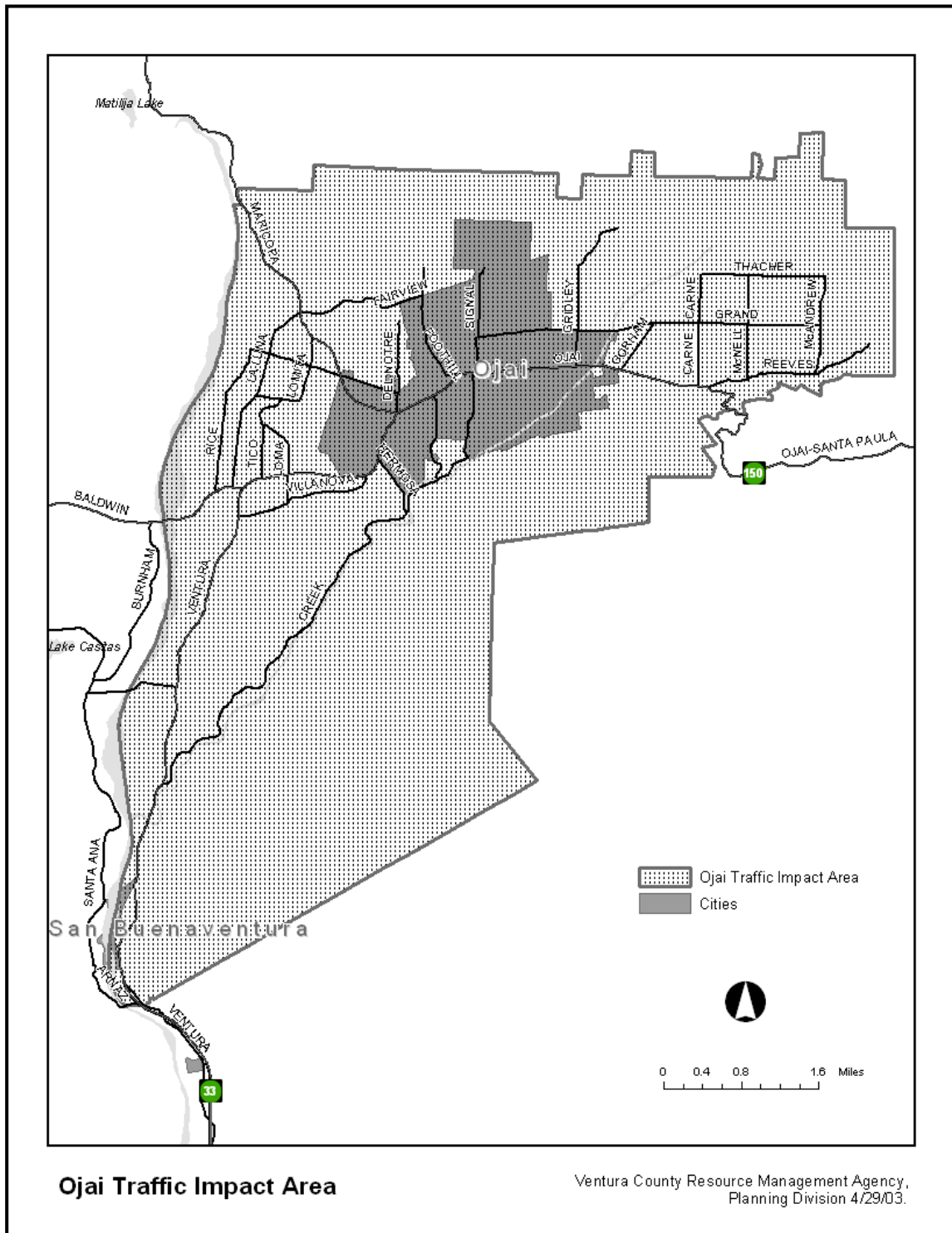
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MAP 2



(ADD. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Sec. 8107-1.8 - Use of Structures for Human Habitation

Structures may not be used for human habitation except as specifically permitted in this Chapter. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/95; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Sec. 8107-1.9 - Accessory Bathrooms

Bathrooms (full or half) are allowed pursuant to Article 5, and the following standards:

- a. Any bathroom may be a freestanding detached structure;
- b. A full bathroom shall not be attached to or incorporated within a detached enclosed accessory building except a permitted dwelling;
- c. More than one bathroom may be established, i.e. for men and women;
- d. Individual bathrooms shall not exceed 70 sq. ft. in area, and individual bathrooms in combination with a changing room shall not exceed 100 sq. ft.;
- e. Any full bathroom or combination full bathroom-changing room shall be accessible only by way of a door leading directly outside the structure and may not have internal access to an enclosed accessory structure;
- f. Any bathroom shall be counted toward the cumulative gross floor area allowed for accessory structures as specified in Article 5.
- g. Half bathrooms (i.e., without bathing facilities) may be allowed in accessory structures provided that the bathroom:
 - (1) does not exceed 36 sq. ft. except where the need for a handicapped bathroom can be demonstrated, the bathroom may not exceed 8 ft. by 8 ft. with a clear 5 ft. turning area;
 - (2) is not adjacent to a closet; and
 - (3) is not plumbed to allow for a future shower or tub.

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00; AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Sec. 8107-2 - Standards Relating to Animal Keeping

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-2.1 - Purpose

The keeping of animals as a principal use (animal husbandry/keeping) or accessory use (pet animals) shall be permitted in accordance with this section and the requirements of other pertinent sections of this Chapter, particularly Articles 5 and 6. The purpose of this section is to establish animal density standards to regulate the keeping of animals for such purposes as "animal husbandry", "animal keeping" and as "pets" in a manner which will not endanger the health, peace, and safety of citizens and environment of Ventura County, and which will assure that animals are kept in safe and sanitary conditions.

Sec. 8107-2.2 - General Standards

The following health and safety standards shall apply to all animal keeping activities:

Sec. 8107-2.2.1 - Containment

All animals shall be fenced, corralled, caged, cooped, penned, or otherwise prevented from exiting the property upon which they are located as indicated in Tables 1 and 2, except during exercise and the movement of animals onto and off of the property.

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-2.2.2 - Setbacks/Location

Except for movement onto and off of the property, animals shall not be kept, maintained or used in any other way, inside or outside of any structure within the distance set forth in Table 2 in relationship to portions of a principal residential structure used for human habitation, other than the residence of the owner or keeper of such animals.

Sec. 8107-2.3 - Additional Standards

The following additional standards apply:

Sec. 8107-2.3.1 - Animal Equivalencies

Where a species of animal is not listed explicitly for animal keeping, the Planning Director, in consultation with appropriate experts, shall make a species equivalency determination. Similarly, the Planning Director shall have the power to assign the appropriate "animal unit factor" and "the maximum number allowed" to the species in question, based upon such criteria as height, weight, noise, odor, waste production, potential for escape, and impacts upon other animals and humans, etc.

Sec. 8107-2.3.2 - Weanable Age

The offspring of animals are allowed and shall not be counted as animal units until they are of weanable or self-sufficient age. For dogs and cats, this age shall be four (4) months. For equines, this age shall be one year. For all other animals, the weanable ages for offspring shall be those ages determined by the Planning Director in consultation with appropriate experts.

Sec. 8107-2.3.3 - Keeping Multiple Species

Different species of animals may be combined on a given lot not to exceed the total number of animal units allowed on that lot.

Sec. 8107-2.3.4 - Applicability of Lot Area Requirements

Contiguous lots under unified control, either through ownership or by means of a lease, may be combined in order to meet minimum area requirements for animal keeping, but only for the duration of the common ownership or lease, and only in zones which allow the keeping of animals as a principal use. The keeper of the animals must provide written proof to the satisfaction of the Planning Director, that he/she has unified control of the affected parcels and that the animals utilize all of the lots in question.

Sec. 8107-2.3.5 - Wild Animals

In addition to the requirements of this Chapter, the keeping of wild animals as pets, for animal husbandry/keeping purposes, or for rehabilitation/recovery projects, shall be subject to approvals by any, and all, other County, State, and Federal regulatory agencies as applicable to the species in question. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Sec. 8107-2.3.6 - Cross Breeds

Any animal that is the offspring of wild and domestic parents shall be regarded as a wild animal, unless otherwise determined by the Planning Director in consultation with appropriate experts.

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-2.4 - Pet Animal Standards

Pet animals shall be kept in accordance with the following standards and other applicable standards of this Chapter.

Sec. 8107-2.4.1 - Pet Animals in Addition to Other Animal Keeping

The keeping of pet animals is permitted in all base zones, and is allowed in addition to other forms of animal keeping, such as animal husbandry. (*Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.3.1*)

Sec. 8107-2.4.2 - Pet Animals and Assigned Animal Unit Factors

The range of pet animal species that may be kept is listed in Table 1, "Pet Animals" (see below), but may be expanded by the Planning Director through the equivalency determination process.

Sec. 8107-2.4.3 - Allowed Number of Pet Animal Units

Except as provided in Article 5, no more than a total of 3.00 pet animal units are allowed per principal dwelling unit including all its accessory uses. Occupied spaces in mobile home parks, and multi-family dwellings (two or more units) are allowed no more than 1.00 pet animal unit.

Sec. 8107-2.4.4 - Allowed Number of Security and Utility Animals

For security, no more than 1.0 animal unit is allowed per commercial/industrial zoned lot. The animals that are allowed are listed on Table 1 "Pet Animals". Calculating the number allowed should be done in accordance with Sec. 8107-2.4.5. Utility animals such as seeing-eye dogs and similar animals may be kept in addition to the maximum allowed number of animal units.

Sec. 8107-2.4.5 - Calculating the Allowed Number of Pet Animals

The sum of the individual animal units for a given dwelling unit shall not exceed the total number of animal units allowed pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.4.3. This is demonstrated by the following example:

EXAMPLE

If 3.00 pet animal units are allowed per dwelling unit, the three pet animal units could be composed of four dogs (1.00 unit), four cats (1.00 unit), four rabbits (0.20 unit), 2 chickens (0.20 unit), 2 ducks (0.20 unit), 1 large bird (0.10 unit) and 20 small birds (0.30 unit). This combination would equate to 3.00 pet animal units, while allowing 37 actual animals. If an additional cat (0.25 pet animal unit) were desired, the total number of pet animal units would rise to 3.25. This would exceed the allowable number of 3.00 pet animal units per dwelling unit.

Sec. 8107-2.4.6 - Keeping of Additional Pet Animals

Additional pet animals beyond those permitted pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.4.3 may be kept in accordance with the following standards:

- a. Pet animals in addition to those permitted as pets pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.4.3 may only be kept on lots meeting the "Minimum Lot Area Required" standard set forth on Table 3 (Sec. 8107-2.5.2).
- b. The total number of additional pet animals that may be kept shall be no more than two times the "Maximum No. Allowed" identified in Table 1 for a given animal. For example, 4 dogs are allowed as pets. Up to 8 additional dogs would be allowed pursuant to this section.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- c. The first increment of additional pet animals may only be allowed when the lot in question meets the "Minimum Lot Area Required" standard for the zone in question as noted on Table 3. The second increment of pet animals may only be allowed when the size of the lot in question is three times its "Minimum Lot Area Required". For example, the "Minimum Lot Area Required" in the RE zone is 10,000 sq. ft.. An individual would be allowed 4 dogs as pets and an additional 4 dogs on a lot of 10,000 sq. ft. or more. An additional 4 dogs would be allowed on a lot of 30,000 sq. ft. or more. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
- d. All animals required to be licensed by other agencies shall be licensed. All dogs and cats authorized by this section shall be licensed and spayed or neutered pursuant to Ventura County Animal Regulation Department.
- e. A Zoning Clearance shall be obtained by the owner of the animals prior to their being allowed on the property.
- f. The "Animal Unit Factor" for a given animal shall be counted against the total number of allowed animal units permitted for the lot in question pursuant to Table 3. For example, a lot of 20,000 sq. ft. to 24,999 sq. ft. zoned RO is allowed 3 animals units for Animal Husbandry/Animal Keeping pursuant to Table 3. If a person wished to keep 4 dogs as pets they do not count against this allotment. Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.4.6, 4 additional pet dogs (each with a .25 animal unit factor) could be allowed but they would count as 1 animal unit against the total allotment of 3 Animal Husbandry/Keeping units. (AM. ORD.)

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Table 1
(See Section 8107-2.4.2)

Pet Animals

ANIMAL TYPES	ANIMAL UNIT FACTOR	MAXIMUM NO. ALLOWED		METHOD OF CONTAINMENT
		WITHIN PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE	OUTSIDE PRINCIPAL RESIDENCE	
CATS	0.25	4		Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.2.1
DOGS	0.25	4		
MINIATURE LIVESTOCK				
Small Equines	0.30	2		
Pygmy Goats	0.25	3		
BIRDS				
Chickens (hens only; no roosters)	0.10	5		
Birds, Small ¹	0.015	40		
Birds, Medium ¹	0.03	20		
Birds, Large ¹	0.10	8		
Ducks	0.10	5		
Geese, Turkeys	0.16	2		
Pigeons/Squab	0.10	10		
Pigeons - Homing/Racing	0.03	50		
FISH/AMPHIBIANS	N/A	UNLIMITED		
RODENTS/FUR BEARERS				
Guinea Pigs	0.02	UNLIMITED	20	
Mice, Hamsters, Gerbils	0.01		20	
Rabbits	0.05		10	
Rats	0.02		20	
REPTILES				
Lizards	0.05	UNLIMITED	20	
Snakes	0.05		15	
Tortoises/Turtles	0.05		20	
INSECTS/SPIDERS	N/A	UNLIMITED	100	
WILD ANIMALS	Accessory to Dwelling - Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.3.1			

REGULATORY NOTES:

1. This listing of small, medium and large birds excludes bird types listed elsewhere in Tables 1 and 2 of this Article.

"Birds, small" means birds generally weighing less than one-half pound, such as perching birds (e.g., canaries and finches), small parrots (e.g., cockatiels, small hookbills, parakeets, lovebirds and budgerigars) and domestic songbirds.

"Birds, medium" means birds generally weighing between one-half pound and one pound, such as cockatoos, (e.g., Bare-eyed, Citron, Gang Gang, Leadbeater, Medium Sulphur-crested, Red-vented and Rose-breasted species), other parrots (e.g., Mexican Red-headed, African Grey, Blue-fronted Amazon and Grand Eclectus), the Queen of Bavaria Conure, the Ariel Toucan and the Keel-bill Toucan, but excluding macaws.

"Birds, large" means birds generally weighing over one pound, such as macaws (all species), large cockatoos (e.g., Great Sulphur-crested, Moluccan, Slender-billed, Triton and Umbrella species), large hookbills, other large parrots (e.g., Blue-crowned Amazon, Yellow-naped Amazon and Double Yellow-headed Amazon) and the Toco Toucan.

EDITORIAL NOTES:

- a. *Inherently Dangerous Animals may not be kept as pets.*
- b. *See Sec. 8107-2.4.6 for the number of additional pet animals allowed as a part of Animal Husbandry/Keeping.*

Sec. 8107-2.5 - Animal Husbandry/Keeping Standards

Animals, other than those being kept as pets, such as for animal husbandry and animal keeping projects, shall be kept in accordance with the following standards and other applicable standards of this Chapter.

Sec. 8107-2.5.1 - Animal Husbandry/Keeping Unit Factors

The range of animals allowed for keeping or for husbandry purposes is listed in Table 2, "Animal Husbandry/Keeping" (see below), with additional specialty animal husbandry listed in Article 5 (e.g., apiculture). This range of allowed animals and their attendant animal unit factors may be expanded through the equivalency determination process. (*Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.3.1*)

Sec. 8107-2.5.2 - Allowed Number of Animal Husbandry/Keeping Units

The maximum number of animal units allowed on a given lot(s) is set forth in Table 3, "Allowed Number of Animal Husbandry/Keeping Units". Up to two units of equines may be kept on RO, RE, and RA zoned lots of 10,000 to 20,000 sq. ft. if a waiver is obtained pursuant to Sec. 8111-1.1.2. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-2.5.3 - Calculating the Allowed Number of Animal Husbandry/Keeping Units

The first animal unit is only allowed if the lot in question meets the minimum lot area set forth in Table 3. Additional units may be added based on the size of the lot and the formulas set forth in Table 3. Animal unit and lot size calculations shall be rounded to the nearest one-hundredth. For example, if the one-thousandth value is 5 (.125) or greater, round up the one-hundredth value by 1 (.125 becomes .13). Fractions of animal units may be applied towards the total number of allowed animals on a lot, but they may not be rounded up to whole numbers. This is illustrated in the following two examples.

Example 1

A 3.2 acre lot, zoned RA, contains 139,392 sq. ft. (3.2 ac. x 43,560 sq. ft./ac.). The allowed number of animal units is calculated by dividing the sq. ft. of the lot by the animal accrual rate (139,392 sq. ft. ÷ 1 unit/10,000 sq. ft. = 13.9392 units) and rounding to the nearest one-hundredth. Therefore, 13.94 animal units are allowed on the lot. These units could allow for example 7 horses and 6 cows (13 units), 1 pig (0.5 unit), and 2 sheep (0.40 unit). Since there are no animal units in Table 2 equaling .04 unit, pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.4.5, pet animals from Table 1 could be added since the subject lot exceeds the minimum lot size. Therefore, 1 medium bird (0.03 unit) and 1 mouse (0.01 unit) could be added, totaling 13.94 units. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Example 2

A 1.29 acre lot, zoned RE, contains 56,192 sq. ft. (1.29 ac x 43,560 sq. ft./ac.). The allowed number of animal units is calculated by subtracting 25,000 sq. ft. from the lot area, (31,192 sq. ft.), then dividing by the animal unit accrual rate (31,192 sq. ft. ÷ 1/25,000 sq. ft. = 1.23768 units) and then adding 3 units for a total of 4.24768 units. Rounding to the nearest one-hundredth, there would be 4.25 animal units allowed on the lot. These units could allow for example, 2 horses (2.0 units), 2 ostriches (1.0 unit), 1 cow (1.0 unit), and 1 sheep (0.20 unit) totaling 4.20 units. The remaining

0.05 unit is less than any animal listed in Table 2, so pet animals from Table 1 could be added since the lot exceeds the minimum required lot size. Therefore, the remaining 0.05 animal unit could be allowed for 1 medium bird (0.03 unit) and 1 rat (0.02 unit). (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Table 2
(See Section 8107-2.5.1)

Animal Husbandry/Keeping

ANIMAL TYPES	ANIMAL UNIT FACTOR	METHOD OF CONTAINMENT	SETBACK REQUIREMENTS (Sec. 8107-2.2.2)
Alpacas	0.50	Pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.2.1	40'
Bison, Buffalos, Beefalos	1.00		
Bovines (cows, bulls, oxen)	1.00		
Chickens: Hens, Roosters	0.10		
Deer	0.50		
Ducks	0.10		
Emus	0.30		
Adult Equines:			
Small - (under 36 inches at the withers)	0.30		
Medium (over 36-58 inches at the withers)	0.50		
Large - (over 58 inches at the withers and including Donkeys and Burros)	1.00		
Goats	0.20		
Geese	0.16		
Guinea fowl	0.50		
Hogs/Swine	0.50		
Llamas	1.00		
Ostriches, Rheas	0.50		
Peafowl	0.50		
Pheasants	0.16		
Pigeons/Squabs/Quail	0.10		
Rabbits, or other fur-bearing animal of similar size at maturity	0.05		
Sheep	0.20		
Turkeys	0.16		

**Table 3
(Section 8107-2.5.2)**

Allowed Number of Animal Husbandry/Keeping Units

Zone	Minimum Lot Area Required	10,000 to 19,999 sq. ft.	20,000 to 24,999 sq. ft.	25,000 to 29,999 sq. ft.	30,000 to 34,999 sq. ft.	35,000 to 39,999 sq. ft.	40,000 to 43,559 sq. ft.	Lots Equal to or Greater than 1 acre (43,560 sq. ft.)	
OS	10,000 sq. ft.	2	2.5	3	3.5	4	4.36	SQ. FT. OF LOT ÷ 10,000 sq. ft. = TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS ALLOWED	OVER 10 ACRES:
AE									UNLIMITED
RA									
RO	20,000 sq. ft.	0	3	3	4.17	4.33	4.46	Animals of 1.0 unit or greater: [(SQ. FT. OF LOT - 30,000 sq. ft.) ÷ 30,000 sq. ft.] + 4 = TOTAL ANIMALS UNITS ALLOWED Animals of less than 1.0 unit: SQ. FT. OF LOT ÷ 10,000 sq. ft. = TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS ALLOWED	
RE	10,000 sq. ft.	2	2	3.2	3.4	3.6	3.74	[(SQ. FT. OF LOT - 25,000 sq. ft.) ÷ 25,000] + 3 = TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS ALLOWED	
TP									
RPD	1 ac.	0	0	0	0	0	0	SQ. FT. OF LOT ÷ 20,000 sq. ft. = TOTAL ANIMAL UNITS ALLOWED	
R1	PERMITTED PURSUANT TO SECTION 8105-4								
R2	NO ANIMAL KEEPING OR HUSBANDRY ALLOWED								

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

REGULATORY NOTES:

1. Only animals of less than 1.0 animal unit may be allowed on lots less than 20,000 sq. ft. in the RA, RO and RE Zones unless a waiver is obtained pursuant to Sec. 8107-2.5.2. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
2. No roosters, peafowl, guinea fowl or the like are permitted in the R1 Zones, or on lots less than 20,000 sq. ft. in other zones.
3. No more than 2 peafowl are permitted on lots less than one acre; however, up to 4 peafowl may be permitted with a waiver pursuant to Sec. 8111-1.1.2. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

EDITORIAL NOTES:

- a. See Sec. 8107-2.4.6 for the number of pet animals allowed as a part of Animal Husbandry/Keeping.
- b. See Sec. 8105-4 for permits required for various animals in respective zones.
- c. See Sec. 8105-2.5.3 for example on how to calculate the allowed number of animal husbandry/keeping units.

Sec. 8107-2.5.4 - Youth Projects

Livestock and fowl identified in Table 2 (Sec. 8107-2.5.1) may be kept in accordance with a waiver pursuant to Section 8111-1.1.2 for a limited period of time on lots where they would not otherwise be allowed because the lot does not meet minimum size requirements or the project would lead to animals in excess of the numbers otherwise allowed; or where a discretionary permit would otherwise be required; provided such animals are kept for youth oriented projects sanctioned by such organizations as 4-H or Future Farmers of America (FFA) and provided all of the following criteria are met:

- a. The animals shall be kept for no more than one year from the date of approval for keeping unless otherwise specifically set forth in the waiver.
- b. Written concurrence is provided by all abutting residents and abutting landowners surrounding the lot where the animal is to be kept. Said concurrence must be in a form acceptable to the Planning Director.
- c. The setbacks for the keeping of animals may be waived with the written concurrence of the neighbors possibly impacted by the setback intrusion.
- d. Animals shall be kept in a manner consistent with Sec. 8107-2.2 et seq. "General Standards".

Sec. 8107-2.6 - Apiculture

The following standards apply to the keeping of bees.

Sec. 8107-2.6.1

An occupied apiary shall be located or maintained a safe distance from an urbanized area. For the purpose of this section, an urbanized area is defined as an area containing three or more dwelling units per acre. A "safe distance" shall be determined after investigation by the Agricultural Commissioner and shall be consistent with Sec. 8107-2.6.2. Decisions of the Agricultural Commissioner may be appealed pursuant to Sec. 8111-7.2.c. of this Chapter.

Sec. 8107-2.6.2

Unless otherwise authorized by the Agricultural Commissioner, no occupied apiary shall be located or maintained within:

- a. 400 feet of any dwelling on adjacent property,
- b. 50 feet of any property line common to other property except that it may be adjoining the property line when such other property contains an apiary, or upon mutual agreement for such location with the adjoining property owner, and
- c. 150 feet of any public road, street or highway.

Sec. 8107-2.6.3

Adequate available and suitable water supplies shall be maintained on the property near the apiary at all times.

Sec. 8107-2.7 - Vermiculture

The following standards apply to vermiculture operations:

- a. Vermiculture operations shall only be allowed on lots of 20,000 square feet or larger.
- b. No worm beds, feedstock, bedding material, worm castings or similar related materials associated with the operation shall be located within 100 feet of a residence on a neighboring property.

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- c. The area used for worm beds, feedstock, bedding material, castings, and related materials shall not, in the aggregate, exceed six feet in height. If a discretionary permit is issued pursuant to Sec. 8105-4, these standards may be exceeded. The standards set forth in Section 8107-36.4.1 shall apply to all such vermiculture operations in excess of 5,000 square feet of open beds. (AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)
- d. The volume of raw or composted feedstock and the bedding materials shall not exceed that which is reasonably necessary to the production of the worms raised on the site.
- e. Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Clearance of the use, a "stockpile management plan" shall have been approved by the Environmental Health Division. The operations shall only be conducted in conformance with the approved plan and the limitations set forth in this section.

(REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-3 - Auto, Boat, and Trailer Sales Lots

New and used automobile, motorhome, trailer and boat sales yards are subject to the following conditions:

Sec. 8107-3.1

No repair or reconditioning of automobiles, trailers or boats shall be permitted unless such work is accessory to the principal retail use and is done entirely within an enclosed building;

Sec. 8107-3.2

Except for required landscaping, the entire open area of the premises shall be surfaced pursuant to Sec. 8108-5.9.

(AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-4 - Mobilehome Parks

Sec. 8107-4.1

Mobilehome parks shall be developed in accordance with all applicable standards, including density standards (number of dwellings per unit of lot area), of the zone in which the mobilehome park is located.

Sec. 8107-4.2

A mobilehome park may include, as part of an approved permit, recreational and clubhouse facilities and other accessory uses.

Sec. 8107-4.3

The minimum distance between structures in a mobilehome park shall be ten feet, except that the minimum distance between accessory structures shall be six feet.

Sec. 8107-5 - Oil and Gas Exploration and Production

Sec. 8107-5.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this section is to establish reasonable and uniform limitations, safeguards and controls for oil and gas exploration and production facilities and operations within the County which will allow for the reasonable use of an important County resource. These regulations shall also ensure that development activities will be conducted in harmony with other uses of land within the County and that the rights of surface and mineral owners are balanced.

Sec. 8107-5.2 - Application

Unless otherwise indicated herein, the purposes and provisions of Section 8107-5 et seq. shall be and are hereby automatically imposed on and made a part of any permit for oil or gas exploration and development issued by Ventura County on or after March 24, 1983. Such provisions shall be imposed in the form of permit conditions when permits are issued for new development or for existing wells/facilities without permits, or when existing permits are modified. These conditions may be modified at the discretion of the Planning Director, pursuant to Sec. 8111-5.2 (*Incorrect reference; see Sec. 8111-4.2*). Furthermore, said provisions shall apply to any oil and gas exploration and development operation initiated on or after March 24, 1983, upon Federally owned lands for which no land use permit is required by Ventura County. No permit is required by the County of Ventura for oil and gas exploration and production operations conducted on Federally owned lands pursuant to the provisions of the Mineral Lands Leasing Act of 1920 (30 U.S.C. Section 181 et seq.). (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-5.3 - Definitions

Unless otherwise defined herein, or unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, the definition of petroleum-related terms shall be that used by the State Division of Oil and Gas.

Sec. 8107-5.4 - Required Permits

No oil or gas exploration or production related use may commence without or be inconsistent with a Conditional Use Permit approved pursuant to this Chapter. Furthermore, a Zoning Clearance must be obtained by the permittee to confirm consistency with the Zoning Ordinance and/or Conditional Use Permit prior to drilling every well, commencing site preparation for such well(s), or installing related appurtenances, as defined by the Planning Director. However, a single Zoning Clearance may be issued for more than one well or drill site or structure. Possession of an approved Conditional Use Permit shall not relieve the operator of the responsibility of securing and complying with any other permit which may be required by other County Ordinances, or State or Federal laws. No condition of a Conditional Use Permit for uses allowed by this Chapter shall be interpreted as permitting or requiring any violation of law, or any lawful rules or regulations or orders of an authorized governmental agency. When more than one set of rules apply, the stricter one shall take precedence. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.5 - Oil Development Guidelines

The general guidelines that follow shall be used in the development of conditions which will help ensure that oil development projects generate minimal negative impacts on the environment. The guidelines shall be applied whenever physically and economically feasible and practicable, unless the strict application of a particular guideline(s) would otherwise defeat the intent of other guidelines. An applicant should use the guidelines in the design of the project and anticipate their use as permit conditions, unless the applicant can demonstrate that they are not feasible or practicable.

Sec. 8107-5.5.1

Permit areas and drill sites should generally coincide and should only be as large as necessary to accommodate typical drilling and production equipment.

Sec. 8107-5.5.2

The number of drill sites in an area should be minimized by using centralized drill sites, directional drilling and other techniques.

Sec. 8107-5.5.3

Drill sites and production facilities should be located so that they are not readily seen.

Sec. 8107-5.5.4

Permittees and operators should share facilities such as, but not limited to, permit areas, drill sites, access roads, storage, production and processing facilities and pipelines.

Sec. 8107-5.5.5

The following guidelines shall apply to the installation and use of oil and gas pipelines:

- a. Pipelines should be used to transport petroleum products off-site to promote traffic safety and air quality.
- b. The use of a pipeline for transporting crude oil may be a condition of approval for expansion of existing processing facilities or construction of new processing facilities.
- c. New pipeline corridors should be consolidated with existing pipeline or electrical transmission corridors where feasible, unless there are overriding technical constraints or significant social, aesthetic, environmental or economic reasons not to do so.
- d. When feasible, pipelines shall be routed to avoid important resource areas, such as recreation, sensitive habitat, geological hazard and archaeological areas. Unavoidable routing through such areas shall be done in a manner that minimizes the impacts of potential spills by considering spill volumes, durations, and projected paths. New pipeline segments shall be equipped with automatic shutoff valves, or suitable alternatives approved by the Planning Director, so that each segment will be isolated in the event of a break.
- e. Upon completion of pipeline construction, the site shall be restored to the approximate previous grade and condition. All sites previously covered with native vegetation shall be reseeded with the same or recovered with the previously removed vegetative materials, and shall include other measures as deemed necessary to prevent erosion until the vegetation can become established, and to promote visual and environmental quality.

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.5.6

Cuts or fills associated with access roads and drill sites should be kept to a minimum to avoid erosion and visual impacts. They should be located in inconspicuous areas, and generally not exceed ten vertical feet. Cuts or fills should be restored to their original grade once the use has been discontinued.

Sec. 8107-5.5.7

Gas from wells should be piped to centralized collection and processing facilities, rather than being flared, to preserve energy resources and air quality, and to reduce fire hazards and light sources. Oil should also be piped to centralized collection and processing facilities, in order to minimize land use conflicts and environmental degradation, and to promote visual quality. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-5.5.8

Wells should be located a minimum of 800 feet from occupied sensitive uses. Private access roads to drill sites should be located a minimum of 300 feet from occupied sensitive uses, unless this requirement is waived by the occupant.

Sec. 8107-5.5.9

Oversized vehicles should be preceded by lead vehicles, where necessary for traffic safety.

Sec. 8107-5.5.10

Lighting should be kept to a minimum to approximate normal nighttime light levels.

Sec. 8107-5.5.11

In the design of new or modified oil and gas production facilities, best accepted practices in drilling and production methods should be utilized, if capable of reducing factors of nuisance and annoyance. (REP. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6 - Oil Development Standards

The following are minimum standards and requirements which shall be applied pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.2. More restrictive requirements may be imposed on a project through the conditions of the permit. Measurements are taken from the outside perimeter of the noise receptors noted below: (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.1 - Setbacks

No well shall be drilled and no equipment or facilities shall be permanently located within:

- a. 100 feet of any dedicated public street, highway or nearest rail of a railway being used as such, unless the new well is located on an existing drill site and the new well would not present a safety or right-of-way problem. If aesthetics is a problem, then the permit must be conditioned to mitigate the problem.
- b. 500 feet of any building or dwelling not necessary to the operation of the well, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25, allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall the well be located less than 100 feet from said structures. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85);
- c. 500 feet of any institution, school or other building used as a place of public assemblage, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25, allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall any well be located less than 300 feet from said structures. (AM. ORD 3730 - 5/7/85);
- d. 300 feet from the edge of the existing banks of "Red Line" channels as established by the Ventura County Flood Control District (VCFCD), 100 feet from the existing banks of all other channels appearing on the most current United States Geologic Services (USGS) 2,000' scale topographic map as a blue line. These setbacks shall prevail unless the permittee can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Public Works Agency that the subject use can be safely located nearer the stream or channel in question without posing an undue risk of water pollution, and impairment of flood control interests. In no case shall setbacks from streams or channels be less than 50 feet. All drill sites located within the 100-year flood plain shall be protected from flooding in accordance with Flood Control District requirements.
- e. The applicable setbacks for accessory structures for the zone in which the use is located.

- f. 100 feet from any marsh, small wash, intermittent lake, intermittent stream, spring or perennial stream appearing on the most current USGS 2000' scale topographic map, unless a qualified biologist, approved by the County, determines that there are no significant biological resources present or that this standard setback should be adjusted.

(AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.2 - Obstruction of Drainage Courses

Drill sites and access roads shall not obstruct natural drainage courses. Diverting or channeling such drainage courses may be permitted only with the authorization of the Public Works Agency.

Sec. 8107-5.6.3 - Removal of Equipment

All equipment used for drilling, redrilling, and maintenance work on approved wells shall be removed from the site within 30 days of the completion of such work unless a time extension is approved by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8107-5.6.4 - Waste Handling and Containment of Contaminants

Oil, produced water, drilling fluids, cuttings and other contaminants associated with the drilling, production, storage and transport of oil shall be contained on the site unless properly transported off-site, injected into a well, treated or re-used in an approved manner on-site or if allowed, off-site. Appropriate permits, permit modifications or approvals must be secured when necessary, prior to treatment or re-use of oil field waste materials. The permittee shall furnish the Planning Director with a plan for controlling oil spillage and preventing saline or other polluting or contaminating substances from reaching surface or subsurface waters. The plan shall be consistent with requirements of County, State and Federal laws. (AM.ORD.3900-6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.5 - Securities

Prior to the commencement or continuance of drilling or other uses on an existing permit, the permittee shall file, in a form acceptable to the County Counsel and certified by the County Clerk, a bond or other security in the penal amount of not less than \$10,000.00 for each well that is drilled or to be drilled. Any operator may, in lieu of filing such a security for each well drilled, redrilled, produced or maintained, file a security in the penal amount of not less than \$10,000.00 to cover all operations conducted in the County of Ventura, a political subdivision of the State of California, conditioned upon the permittee well and truly obeying, fulfilling and performing each and every term and provision in the permit. In case of any failure by the permittee to perform or comply with any term or provision thereof, the Planning Commission may, after notice to the permittee and a public hearing, by resolution, determine the amount of the penalty and declare all or part of the security forfeited in accordance with its provisions. The sureties and principal will be jointly and severally obligated to pay forthwith the full amount of the forfeiture to the County of Ventura. The forfeiture of any security shall not insulate the permittee from liability in excess of the sum of the security for damages or injury, or expense or liability suffered by the County of Ventura from any breach by permittee of any term or condition of said permit or of any applicable ordinance or of this security. No security shall be exonerated until after all the applicable conditions of the permit have been met.

Sec. 8107-5.6.6 - Dust Prevention and Road Maintenance

The drill site and all roads or hauling routes located between the public right-of-way and the subject site shall be improved or otherwise treated as required by the County and maintained as necessary to prevent the emanation of dust.

Access roads shall be designed and maintained so as to minimize erosion, prevent the deterioration of vegetation and crops, and ensure adequate levels of safety. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.7 - Light Emanation

Light emanation shall be controlled so as not to produce excessive levels of glare or abnormal light levels directed at any neighboring uses. Lighting shall be kept to a minimum to maintain the normal night-time light levels in the area, but not inhibit adequate and safe working light levels. The location of all flood lights and an outline of the illuminated area shall be shown on the landscape plan, if required, or on the requisite plot plan. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.8 - Reporting of Accidents

The permittee shall immediately notify the Planning Director and Fire Department and all other applicable agencies in the event of fires, spills, or hazardous conditions not incidental to the normal operations at the permit site. Upon request of any County Agency, the permittee shall provide a written report of any incident within seven calendar days which shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the facts of the incident, the corrective measures used and the steps taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.

Sec. 8107-5.6.9 - Painting

All permanent facilities, structures, and aboveground pipelines on the site shall be colored so as to mask the facilities from the surrounding environment and uses in the area. Said colors shall also take into account such additional factors as heat buildup and designation of danger areas. Said colors shall be approved by the Planning Director prior to painting of facilities.

Sec. 8107-5.6.10 - Site Maintenance

The permit area shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner so as not to create any hazardous or unsightly conditions such as debris; pools of oil, water, or other liquids; weeds; brush; and trash. Equipment and materials may be stored on the site which are appurtenant to the operation and maintenance of the oil well located thereon. If the well has been suspended, idled or shut-in for 30 days, as determined by the Division of Oil and Gas, all such equipment and materials shall be removed within 90 days.

Sec. 8107-5.6.11 - Site Restoration

Within 90 days of revocation, expiration or surrender of any permit, or abandonment of the use, the permittee shall restore and revegetate the premises to as nearly its original condition as is practicable, unless otherwise requested by the landowner.

Sec. 8107-5.6.12 - Insurance

The permittee shall maintain, for the life of the permit, liability insurance of not less than \$500,000 for one person and \$1,000,000 for all persons and \$2,000,000 for property damage. This requirement does not preclude the permittee from being self-insured.

Sec. 8107-5.6.13 - Noise Standard

Unless herein exempted, drilling, production, and maintenance operations associated with an approved oil permit shall not produce noise, measured at a point outside of occupied sensitive uses such as residences, schools, health care facilities, or places of public assembly, that exceeds the following standard or any other more restrictive standard that may be established as a condition of a specific permit. Noise from the subject property shall be considered in excess of the standard when the average sound level, measured over one hour, is greater than the standard that follows. The determination of whether a violation has

occurred shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the permit in question.

Nomenclature and noise level descriptor definitions are in accordance with the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs and the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix. Measurement procedures shall be in accordance with the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix.

The maximum allowable average sound level is as follows:

One Hour Average Noise Levels (LEQ)

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Drilling and Maintenance Phase</u>	<u>Producing Phase</u>
Day (6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)	55 dB(A)	45 dB(A)
Evening (7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.)	50 dB(A)	40 dB(A)
Night (10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.)	45 dB(A)	40 dB(A)

For purposes of this section, a well is in the "producing phase" when hydrocarbons are being extracted or when the well is idled and not undergoing maintenance. It is presumed that a well is in the "drilling and maintenance phase" when not in the "producing phase."

(AM.ORD.3900-6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.14 - Exceptions to Noise Standard

The noise standard established pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.13 shall not be exceeded unless covered under any of the following provisions:

- a. Where the ambient noise levels (excluding the subject facility) exceed the applicable noise standards. In such cases, the maximum allowable noise levels shall not exceed the ambient noise levels plus 3 dB(A).
- b. Where the owners/occupants of sensitive uses have signed a waiver pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25 indicating that they are aware that drilling and production operations could exceed the allowable noise standard and that they are willing to experience such noise levels. The applicable noise levels shall apply at all locations where the owners/occupants did not sign such a waiver.

(AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.15 - Compliance with Noise Standard

When a permittee has been notified by the Planning Division that his operation is in violation of the applicable noise standard, the permittee shall correct the problem as soon as possible in coordination with the Planning Division. In the interim, operations may continue; however, the operator shall attempt to minimize the total noise generated at the site by limiting, whenever possible, such activities as the following:

- a. hammering on pipe;
- b. racking or making-up of pipe
- c. acceleration and deceleration of engines or motors;
- d. drilling assembly rotational speeds that cause more noise than necessary and could reasonably be reduced by use of a slower rotational speed;
- e. picking up or laying down drill pipe, casing, tubing or rods into or out of the drill hole.

If the noise problem has not been corrected by 7:00 p.m. of the following day, the offending operations, except for those deemed necessary for safety reasons by the Planning Director upon the advice of the Division of Oil and Gas, shall be suspended until the problem is corrected.

Sec. 8107-5.6.16 - Preventive Noise Insulation

If drilling, redrilling, or maintenance operations, such as pulling pipe or pumps, are located within 1,600 feet of an occupied sensitive use, the work platform, engine base and draw works, crown block, power sources, pipe rack and other probable noise sources associated with a drilling or maintenance operation shall be enclosed with soundproofing sufficient to ensure that expected noise levels do not exceed the noise limits applicable to the permit. Such soundproofing shall be installed prior to the commencement of drilling or maintenance activities, and shall include any or all of the following: acoustical blanket coverings, soundwalls, or other soundproofing materials or methods which ensure that operations meet the applicable noise standard. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.17 - Waiver of Preventive Noise Insulation

The applicant may have a noise study prepared by a qualified acoustical consultant, approved by the County. If the findings of the study conclude that the proposed project will meet the County Noise standards contained in Section 8107-5.6.13 and do not constitute a nuisance, then the soundproofing requirement may be waived. If the findings show that a noise level will be generated above and beyond the County standards, then soundproofing must be installed sufficient to meet the applicable noise standard. Where a waiver pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25 is signed, no preventive noise insulation will be required. (REP./REEN. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.18 - Soundproofing Material

All acoustical blankets or panels used for required soundproofing shall be of fireproof materials and shall comply with California Industrial Safety Standards and shall be approved by the Ventura County Fire Protection District prior to installation. (REP./REEN. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.19 - Hours of Well Maintenance

All nonemergency maintenance of a well, such as the pulling of pipe and replacement of pumps shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. of the same day if the well site is located within 3,000 feet of an occupied residence. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director if the permittee can demonstrate that the applicable noise standard can be met or that all applicable parties within the prescribed distance have signed a waiver pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25. (REP. as 8107-5.6.17 and REEN. by ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.20 - Limited Drilling Hours

All drilling activities shall be limited to the hours of 7:00 a.m. through 7:00 p.m. of the same day when they occur less than 800 feet from an occupied sensitive use. Nighttime drilling shall be permitted if it can be demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that the applicable noise standard can be met or that all applicable parties within the prescribed distance have signed a waiver pursuant to Section 8107-5.6.25. (REP. as 8107-5.6.18 and REEN. by ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.21 - Signs

In addition to the signage otherwise allowed by Sec. 8110, only signs required for directions, instructions, and warnings, identification of wells and facilities, or signs required by other County ordinances or State and Federal laws may be

placed in areas subject to an oil and gas Conditional Use Permit. Identification signs shall be a maximum four square feet in size and shall contain, at minimum, the following information:

1. Division of Oil and Gas well name and number.
2. Name of owner/operator.
3. Name of lease and name and/or number of the well.
4. Name and telephone number of person(s) on 24-hour emergency call.

The well identification sign(s) shall be maintained at the well site from the time drilling operations commence until the well is abandoned. (REP./REEN. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.22 - Fencing

All active well sites (except submersible pumps), sumps and/or drainage basins or any machinery in use or intended to be used at the well site or other associated facilities shall be securely fenced, if required, based on the Planning Director's determination that fencing is necessary due to the proximity of nearby businesses, residences, or other occupied sensitive uses. A single, adequate fence which is compatible with surrounding area, may be used to enclose more than one oil well or well site and appurtenances. Location of fences shall be shown on a submitted plot plan and/or landscape plan, if required. Fences must meet all Division of Oil and Gas regulations. (ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.23 - General Standards

Projects shall be located, designed, and operated so as to minimize their adverse impact on the physical and social environment. To this end, dust, noise, vibration, noxious odors, intrusive light, aesthetic impacts and other factors of nuisance and annoyance shall be reduced to a minimum or eliminated through the best accepted practices incident to the exploration and production of oil and gas. (REP. as Sec. 8107-5.6.19 and ADD. by ORD.3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.24 - Screening and Landscaping

All oil and gas production areas shall be landscaped so as to screen production equipment in a manner consistent with the natural character of the area, if required, based on the Planning Director's determination that landscaping is necessary. Required landscaping shall be implemented in accordance with a landscape and irrigation plan to be approved by the Planning Director or his/her designee after consultation with the property owner. The landscape plan shall be consistent with the Ventura County Guide to Landscape Plans and shall include measures for adequate screening of producing wells and permanent equipment from view of public roads or residential uses, revegetation of all cut and fill banks, and the restoration of disturbed areas of the site not directly related to oil and gas production. Low water usage landscaping and use of native plants shall be encouraged. (ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.25 - Waivers

Where provisions exist for the waiver of an ordinance requirement, the waiver must be signed by the owner and all adult occupants of a dwelling, or in the case of other sensitive uses, by the owner of the use in question. Once a waiver is granted, the permittee is exempt from affected ordinance requirements for the life of the waiver. Unless otherwise stated by the signatory, a waiver signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.14(b) shall also be considered a waiver applicable to Sections 8107-5.6.16, .17, .19 and .20. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; REP. as Sec. 8107-5.6.20 and ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.26 - Application of Sensitive Use Related Standards

The imposition of regulations on petroleum operations, which are based on distances from occupied sensitive uses, shall only apply to those occupied sensitive uses which were in existence at the time the permit for the subject oil operations were approved. (REP. as Sec. 8107-5.6.21 and ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-5.6.27 - Inspection, Enforcement and Compatibility Review

To ensure that adequate funds are available for the legitimate and anticipated costs incurred for monitoring and enforcement activities associated with new or modified oil and gas related Conditional Use Permits, the permittee shall deposit with the County funds, determined on a case-by-case basis, prior to the issuance of a Zoning Clearance. The funds shall also cover the costs for any other necessary inspections or the resolution of confirmed violations that may occur. One deposit may be made to cover all of the permittee's various permits. In addition, all new or modified Conditional Use Permits for oil and gas related uses shall, at the discretion of the Planning Director, be conditioned to require a compatibility review on a periodic basis. The purpose of the review is to determine whether the permit, as conditioned, has remained consistent with its findings for approval and if there are grounds for proceeding with public hearings concerning modification, suspension, or revocation of the permit. (ADD. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-6 - Agricultural Sales Facilities**Sec. 8107-6.1 - General Standards****Sec. 8107-6.1.1**

One agricultural sales facility per lot is allowed.

Sec. 8107-6.1.2

Wherever feasible, the facility shall be located on land that shall minimally compromise the agricultural production area.

Sec. 8107-6.1.3

Such facility shall not be located or maintained within 30 feet of any public right-of-way. This setback area shall be kept free to provide for off-street parking.

Sec. 8107-6.1.4

There shall be safe ingress and egress from the site as determined with review by the Ventura County Public Works Agency.

Sec. 8107-6.1.5

Off street parking shall be provided in accordance with the standards set forth in Article 8 under "Agricultural Uses" and shall not encroach upon the public right-of-way.

Sec. 8107-6.1.6

An agricultural sales facility may have one freestanding sign and one attached sign totaling 45 square feet for both signs in addition to the attached or freestanding sign allowed on the property pursuant to Sec. 8110-5.1 using the Open Space, Agricultural and R-Zone criteria. A sign for an agricultural sales facility may have a commercial message relating to products lawfully for sale at the facility.

Sec. 8107-6.1.7

Accessory structures to an agricultural sales facility, e.g. coolers and storage sheds, shall not cumulatively exceed the area of the sales structure itself.

Sec. 8107-6.1.8

Accessory structures to an agricultural sales facility shall not be attached to a sales facility structure, unless the total area of the sales structure and the attached accessory structure do not exceed the allowable square footage for the sales facility structure in question.

Sec. 8107-6.1.9

Such facilities will be required to meet all of the regulations of all other County agencies with regard to any proposed structures such as public occupancy, sanitary facilities, handicapped access, fire safety, security, etc.

Sec. 8107-6.1.10

Items sold at an agricultural sales facility may not be processed on site, except for rinsing and trimming. All sales of food products shall be in conformance with state laws.

(AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-6.2 - Small Facilities**Sec. 8107-6.2.1**

A small agricultural sales facility shall be allowed only if accessory to permitted raising of agricultural products on the same lot on which the facility is located, and only if at least 25 percent of the subject land area is devoted to agricultural production, and where there is a production area of one (1) acre or more.

Sec. 8107-6.2.2

The total area of such facilities that is devoted to sales and display which are open and accessible to the public shall not exceed 500 square feet. The sale and display area may be within and/or outside a structure.

Sec. 8107-6.2.3

Unless a Conditional Use Permit has been obtained under Section 8105-4 and the standards of Section 8107-6.3.4 are met, all of the inventory at the facility shall:

- a. Have been grown on the same site as the facility or are customarily grown within the County of Ventura as determined by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office and;
- b. Be raw and unprocessed, except that items that have been washed, dried, bagged, trimmed, cut, boxed, cooled or transplanted (e.g. nursery stock and flowers) may be allowed as determined by the Environmental Health Division. Honey in jars is expressly allowed.

(AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-6.3 - Large Facilities**Sec. 8107-6.3.1**

A large agricultural sales facility shall be allowed only if accessory to permitted raising of agricultural products on the same lot on which the facility is located, or on contiguous lots owned or leased by the same person who owns or leases the lot on which the facility is located, and only if at least 25 percent of the subject land area is devoted to crop production, and where there is a production area of ten acres or more.

Sec. 8107-6.3.2

The total area devoted to sales and display which are open and accessible to the public shall not exceed 5,000 square feet. The sales and display area may be within and/or outside a structure.

Sec. 8107-6.3.3

The facility shall have no more than one floor and be no more than twenty (20) feet high.

Sec. 8107-6.3.4

No more than 20% of the total sales inventory based on square feet of shelf space, sold at the facility shall be any combination of the following;

- a. Processed commodities, the ingredients of which are customarily grown in Ventura County, as determined by the Agricultural Commissioner's Office, such as dried fruit and beef jerky, or;
- b. Non-agricultural items, which are customarily accessory to the agricultural commodities sold and serve to advance the sale of agricultural products, educate the public about the agricultural industry in general, or the sales of products from the facility in particular, or;
- c. Agricultural commodities not customarily grown in the county.

(AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-6.4 - Wholesale Nurseries for Propagation**Sec. 8107-6.4.1**

The sales and display area shall be limited to that described in Sec. 8105-4 and may be within and/or outside a structure. The standards for lot size and production areas for different sized sales facilities shall be the same as those set forth in Sec. 8107-6.2.1 and 8107-6.3.1. While the public may roam throughout the site, only the designated sales and display area may contain priced merchandise or non-agricultural items for sale or display. (AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8107-6.4.2

The range of accessory and non-agricultural items that may be sold at the site pursuant to Sec. 8105-4 shall not exceed 20% of the inventory, based on the square footage of the sale and display area and shall be limited to any combination of the following:

- a. Items that are used to help propagate and grow plants, such as seeds, compost, manure, mulch, and soil amendments, or;
- b. Non-agricultural items which are customarily accessory to the agricultural commodities sold and serve to advance the sale of agricultural products, and/or educate the public about the agricultural industry in general, or the sale of products from the facility in particular. Such items shall be limited to such things as garden implements, pots, garden furniture, irrigation supplies, garden books, and the like.

(AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-7 - Recreational Vehicle Parks

Each application for the development of a recreational vehicle park, as defined in Title 25 of the California Administrative Code under "recreational trailer park," shall be subject to the following regulations.

Sec. 8107-7.1 - Development Standards:

Sec. 8107-7.1.1

Minimum lot area for a recreational vehicle park shall be three acres.

Sec. 8107-7.1.2

Minimum percentage of the net area of each recreational vehicle park which shall be left in its natural state or be landscaped shall be 60 percent.

Sec. 8107-7.1.3

The maximum size of a recreational vehicle occupying a space in the park shall be 220 square feet of living area. Living area does not include built-in equipment such as wardrobes, closets, cabinets, kitchen units or fixtures, or bath and toilet rooms.

Sec. 8107-7.1.4

Building height and setbacks shall be as prescribed in the applicable zone, except where Title 25 of the California Administrative Code is more restrictive.

Sec. 8107-7.1.5

No recreational vehicle or accessory building shall be located less than six feet from any other recreational vehicle or accessory building on an adjacent space.

Sec. 8107-7.1.6

The distance from any picnic table to a toilet should be not less than 100 feet nor more than 300 feet.

Sec. 8107-7.1.7

All setbacks from streets and other areas in a recreational vehicle park not used for driveways, parking, buildings or service areas shall be landscaped.

Sec. 8107-7.1.8

Trash collection areas shall be adequately distributed and enclosed by a six-foot-high landscape screen, solid wall or fence, which is accessible on one side.

Sec. 8107-7.1.9

The minimum size of each recreational campsite shall be 1,000 square feet, and the minimum width shall be 25 feet.

Sec. 8107-7.1.10

Any of the foregoing standards may be modified subject to the provisions of Title 25, if evidence presented to the decision-making authority establishes that such modification is necessary to ensure compatibility with the established environmental setting.

Sec. 8107-7.1.11

The maximum number of trailer spaces per net acre of land shall be 18, unless a lower maximum is specified in the Conditional Use Permit for the park. (ADD. ORD.3810-5/5/87)

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-7.2 - Site Design Criteria

Sec. 8107-7.2.1

Each space should have a level, landscaped front yard area with picnic table and a grill or campfire ring.

Sec. 8107-7.2.2

The office should be located near the entrance, which should also be the exit.

Sec. 8107-7.2.3

The site should be designed to accommodate both tent and vehicle campers (travel trailers, truck campers, camping trailers, motor homes) and shall be designed so as to minimize conflicts between vehicles and people.

Sec. 8107-7.2.4

Drive-through spaces should be provided for towed trailers.

Sec. 8107-7.2.5

Walls or landscaped earthen berms should be used to minimize noise from highway sources.

Sec. 8107-7.2.6

Utility conduits shall be installed underground in conformance with applicable State and local regulations. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-7.2.7

Intensity of development in Los Padres National Forest shall not exceed permissible standards of the United States Forest Service Manual, April, 1970, Title 2300 - Recreation Management, experience level three, as may be amended from time to time, unless evidence presented to the decision-making authority demonstrates a necessity and desirability to deviate from such standards, or unless otherwise specified in this ordinance.

Sec. 8107-7.2.8

Roadways and vehicle pads shall not be permitted in areas of natural slope inclinations greater than 15 percent or where grading would result in slope heights greater than ten feet and steeper than 2:1.

Sec. 8107-7.2.9

Where needed to enhance aesthetics or to ensure public safety, a fence, wall, landscape screen, earth mound or other screening approved by the Planning Director shall enclose the park.

Sec. 8107-7.2.10

Each site plan should also incorporate a recreational or utility building, laundry facilities and an entrance sign, made from natural materials, which blends with the landscape.

Sec. 8107-7.2.11

Each park shall be provided with sewer connections or dump stations, or a combination thereof, to serve the recreational vehicles. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-7.3 - Additional Provisions**Sec. 8107-7.3.1**

Each park may include a commercial establishment on-site, not exceeding 500 square feet of floor area, for the sole use of park residents.

Sec. 8107-7.3.2

Each park is permitted one on-site mobilehome to be used solely for the management and operation of the park, pursuant to Title 25 of the California Administrative Code.

Sec. 8107-7.3.3

No permanent building or cabana shall be installed or constructed on any trailer space; however, portable accessory structures and fixtures are permitted.

Sec. 8107-7.3.4

No travel trailers, trailer coaches, motor homes, campers or tents shall be offered for sale, lease or rent within a recreational vehicle park.

Sec. 8107-7.3.5

Off-road motor vehicle uses which might cause damage to vegetation or soil stability shall not be permitted.

Sec. 8107-7.3.6

The maximum time of occupancy for any family or recreational vehicle within any recreational vehicle park shall be 90 days within any 120-day period.

Sec. 8107-8 - Restaurants, Bars and Taverns

A maximum of two pool or billiard tables may be accessory to a Class I or Class II eating establishment, or to a bar or tavern. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-9 - Mining and Reclamation**Sec. 8107-9.1 - Purpose**

The purpose of this section is to establish reasonable and uniform limitations, safeguards and controls for mining and accessory uses which will allow for the reasonable use of an important County resource. These regulations shall also ensure that mining activities will be conducted in harmony with the environment and other uses of land within the County and that mineral sites will be appropriately reclaimed.

Sec. 8107-9.2 - Application

Unless otherwise indicated herein, the purpose, intent and provisions of Section 8107-9 et seq. shall be and are hereby automatically imposed and made a part of any permit for mining development issued by Ventura or any mining development operation initiated upon Federally owned lands for which it has been determined that no land use permit is required by Ventura County.

Sec. 8107-9.3 - Definitions

Unless otherwise defined herein, or unless the text clearly indicates otherwise, the definition of mining shall be that defined in this Chapter.

Sec. 8107-9.4 - Required Permits

No mining related use may commence without the approval of the appropriate land use permit, reclamation plan, and the approval and depositing of the applicable financial assurances for reclamation required pursuant to this Chapter. Furthermore, a Zoning Clearance must be obtained by the permittee prior to commencing activities authorized by the land use permit, and as it may be modified. The issuance of a land use permit shall not relieve the operator of the responsibility of securing and complying with any other permit which may be required by other County Ordinances, or State or Federal laws. No condition of a land use permit for uses allowed by this Chapter shall be interpreted as permitting or requiring any violation of law, or any lawful rules or regulations or orders of an authorized governmental agency. In instances where more than one set of rules applies, the stricter one shall take precedence.

Sec. 8107-9.5 - Mining and Reclamation Guidelines

The general guidelines that follow shall be used in the development of conditions which will help ensure that mining projects generate minimal negative impacts on the environment. The guidelines shall be applied whenever physically and

economically feasible or practicable, unless the strict application of a particular guideline(s) would otherwise defeat the intent of other guidelines. An applicant should use the guidelines in the design of the project and anticipate their use as permit conditions, unless the applicant can demonstrate that they are not physically or economically feasible or practicable.

Sec. 8107-9.5.1

All mining and reclamation shall be consistent with the County General Plan, the Ventura County Water Management Plan, and the State Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA), as amended, and State policy adopted pursuant to SMARA.

Sec. 8107-9.5.2

Mining and accessory uses of less than one year in duration may not be renewed nor shall such uses be allowed to continue operating beyond one year after the inauguration of the land use entitlement.

Sec. 8107-9.5.3

No provisions in this Chapter or in the County General Plan shall be construed to encourage any mining operation or facility which would endanger the public's health, safety or welfare, which would endanger private or public facilities or which would prohibit the alleviation of a hazard by hampering or precluding such activities as the maintenance, restoration or construction of public works facilities.

Sec. 8107-9.5.4

In general, projects shall be located, designed, operated and reclaimed so as to minimize their adverse impact on the physical and social environment, and on natural resources. To this end, dust, noise, vibration, noxious odors, intrusive light, aesthetic impacts, traffic impacts and other factors of nuisance and annoyance, erosion, and flooding shall be minimized or eliminated through the best accepted mining and reclamation practices, applicable to local conditions, which are consistent with contemporary principles and knowledge of resource management, stormwater quality, groundwater quality and quantity, flood control engineering and flood plain management.

Sec. 8107-9.5.5

All surface mining activities shall strike a reasonable balance with other resource priorities such as water, farmland, fish and wildlife and their habitat, groundwater recharge, sediment for replenishment of beaches and the protection of public and private structures and facilities.

Sec. 8107-9.5.6

The extraction of aggregate resources in rivers and streams shall allow for the ongoing maintenance of viable riparian ecology by preserving as many natural stream elements as practical. Mining operations may provide for the enhancement of some riparian ecosystems as a mitigation to compensate for significant adverse environmental effects on other riparian ecosystems, thereby preserving the overall quality of the riparian environment. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89)

Sec. 8107-9.5.7

Appropriate and reasonable monitoring and enforcement measures shall be imposed on each mining operation which will ensure that all permit conditions, guidelines and standards of Sec. 8107-9 et seq. are fulfilled.

Sec. 8107-9.5.8

Reclamation of a site shall include the removal of equipment and facilities and the restoration of the site so that it is readily adaptable for alternate land uses(s) which is consistent with the approved reclamation plan as well as the existing and proposed uses in the general area. Reclamation shall be conducted in phases on an ongoing basis, where feasible.

Sec. 8107-9.5.9

All mining and reclamation with direct significant effects on resources within the coastal zone shall consider the effect on coastal zone resources including anadromous fish runs, sand supply, and coastal wetland, stream and marine resources.

Sec. 8107-9.5.10

Reclamation shall be considered complete when the standards, specified in the approved reclamation plan, have been successfully completed to the satisfaction of the State Department of Conservation and the County.

Sec. 8107-9.6 - Mining and Reclamation Standards

The following are minimum standards and requirements which shall be applied pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.2.

Sec. 8107-9.6.1 - General Mining Standards

Projects shall be located, designed, operated and reclaimed so as to minimize their adverse impact on the physical and social environment, and on natural resources. To this end, dust, noise, vibration, noxious odors, intrusive light, aesthetic impacts, traffic impacts and other factors of nuisance and annoyance, erosion and flooding shall be minimized or eliminated through the best accepted mining and reclamation practices which are applicable to local conditions and incident to the exploration for and extraction of aggregate resources. In addition, mitigation measures should be consistent with contemporary principles and knowledge of resource management, stormwater quality, groundwater quality and quantity, flood control engineering and flood plain management. Further, posting of signs and notification to neighboring property owners of the project's activities shall be required where necessary.

Sec. 8107-9.6.2 - Setbacks

No processing equipment or facilities shall be permanently located, and no mining or accessory uses shall occur, within the horizontal setbacks specified below: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. 100 feet of any dedicated public street or highway unless the Public Works Agency determines a lesser distance would be acceptable.
- b. 100 feet of any dwelling not accessory to the project, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.6.13 allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall permanent processing facilities, equipment, or mining be located less than 50 feet from said structures.
- c. 200 feet of any institution, school or other building used as a place of public assemblage, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.6.13 allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall permanent processing facilities or equipment or mining be located less than 100 feet from said structures.

Other facilities and structures shall be set back distances which are applicable for accessory structures for the zone in which the use is located.

Sec. 8107-9.6.3 - Obstruction of Drainage Courses

Mining operations and their accessory uses, access roads, facilities, stockpiling of mineral resources and related mining activities shall be consistent with current engineering and public works standards and in no case shall obstruct, divert, or otherwise affect the flow of natural drainage and flood waters so as to cause significant adverse impacts, except as authorized by the Public Works Agency. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-9.6.4 - Control of Contaminants, Run-Off and Siltation

Contaminants, water run-off and siltation shall be controlled and generally contained on the project site so as to minimize adverse off-site impacts.

Sec. 8107-9.6.5 - Dust Prevention

The project site and all roads or hauling routes located between the public right-of-way and the subject site shall be improved or otherwise treated as required by the County and maintained as necessary to prevent the emanation of dust.

Sec. 8107-9.6.6 - Light Emanation

Light emanation shall be controlled so as not to produce excessive levels of glare or abnormal light levels directed at any neighboring uses. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Sec. 8107-9.6.7 - Painting

All permanent facilities and structures on the site shall be colored so as to mask facilities visible from surrounding uses and roadways in the area. Said colors shall also take into account such additional factors as heat buildup and designation of danger areas. Said colors shall be approved by the Planning Director prior to painting of facilities.

Sec. 8107-9.6.8 - Site Maintenance

The permit area shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner so as not to create unsightly conditions visible from outside the permitted area or any hazardous conditions. Equipment and materials may be stored on the site which are appurtenant to the operation and maintenance of mining operations.

Sec. 8107-9.6.9 - Reclamation Plan

No mining permit shall be approved without an approved reclamation plan, unless it is exempted from said reclamation plan by the State Department of Conservation. Where reclamation plans are not processed concurrently with a discretionary land use entitlement, at least one noticed public hearing on the reclamation plan must be held prior to its approval. Such reclamation plans are subject to all rights of appeal associated with permit approval. All reclamation plans must be found to be consistent with and approved in accordance with: the Ventura County Zoning Ordinance, as amended; the provisions of SMARA (Public Resource Code (PRC) § 2710 et seq.), PRC Section 2207, and State regulation Title 14 California Code of Regulations (CCR) § 3500 et seq., as amended; the regulations, guidelines and other measures adopted by the State Mining and Geology Board; Ventura County Public Works Agency standards; any and all locally adopted resource management goals and policies; and compatible with the existing geological and topographical features of the area. Additional considerations, such as the following, shall also be addressed in the reclamation plan and permit: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. The creation of safe, stable slopes and the prevention of subsidence;
- b. Control of water run-off and erosion;
- c. Views of the site from surrounding areas;

- d. Availability of backfill material;
- e. Proposed subsequent use of the land which will be consistent with the General Plan and existing and proposed uses in the general area;
- f. Removal or reuse of all structures and equipment;
- g. The time frame for completing the reclamation;
- h. The costs of reclamation if the County will need to contract to have it performed;
- i. Revegetation of the site;
- j. Phased reclamation of the project area;
- k. Provisions of an appropriate financial assurance mechanism to ensure complete implementation of the approved reclamation plan. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Upon receipt of a complete reclamation plan, the Planning Director shall forward the plan to the State Department of Conservation for review. Following review by the State, the reclamation plan may be approved by the County in accordance with the requirements of SMARA, as amended. Termination of the use or revocation of the use permit does not absolve the responsible parties for the reclamation of the site pursuant to the adopted reclamation plan and/or SMARA requirements. Failure to reclaim mined lands constitutes a violation of this Chapter and the property owner is ultimately responsible for such reclamation. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-9.6.10 - Removal of Equipment, Facilities and Structures

All equipment, except that which is required to complete the reclamation plan, and all facilities and structures on the project site, except those approved for retention in support of the authorized "end use", shall be removed from the site in accordance with the reclamation plan, within 180 days after the termination of the use, unless a time extension is approved by the Planning Director. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-9.6.11 - Application of Sensitive Use Related Standards

The imposition of regulations on mining operations, which are based on distances from occupied sensitive uses (i.e., residences, schools, health care facilities, or places of public assembly), shall only apply to those occupied sensitive uses which were in existence at the time the permit for the subject mining operations was approved. The provisions of this section shall continue for the life of the permitted mining operations at the subject site.

Sec. 8107-9.6.12 - Exceptions to Standards

Upon the written request of the permittee, the Planning Director may grant temporary exceptions to the noise standards, hours of operation and the conditions of a given permit provided it is deemed necessary because of a declared public emergency or the off-hours scheduling of a public works project where a formal contract to conduct the work in question has been issued.

Sec. 8107-9.6.13 - Waivers of Standards

Where provisions exist for the waiver of ordinance requirements, the waiver must be signed by the owner and all adult occupants of a dwelling, or in the case of other sensitive uses, by the owner of the use in question. Once a waiver is granted, the permittee is exempt from affected ordinance requirements relative to the sensitive use in question for the life of the permitted operations.

Sec. 8107-9.6.14 - Reporting of Accidents

The permittee shall immediately notify the Planning Director of any incidents such as fires, explosions, spills, land or slope failures or other conditions at the permit site which could pose a hazard to life or property outside the permit area. Upon request of any County agency, the permittee shall provide a written report of any incident within seven calendar days which shall include, but not be limited to, a description of the facts of the incident, the corrective measures used and the steps taken to prevent recurrence of the incident.

Sec. 8107-9.6.15 - Contact Person

The permittee shall provide the Planning Director with the current name(s) and/or position title, address and phone number of the person who shall receive all orders, notices and communications regarding matters of condition and code compliance. The person(s) in question shall be available by phone during the hours that activities occur on the permit site, even if this means 24 hours a day.

Sec. 8107-9.6.16 - Current Mining Plans

For mining projects located in sensitive areas which operate under regularly changing environmental conditions (e.g., in-river mining), a mining plan shall be prepared by the permittee on a regular basis in accordance with the applicable conditions of a project's permit. Said plan shall describe how mining over the next interval will be conducted in accordance with the intent and provisions of the project's use permit. The plan shall be reviewed and approved by the County at the permittee's expense. The review and approval of current mining plans shall not be used in lieu of the formal modification process to change the text and drawings of the permit conditions.

Sec. 8107-9.6.17 - Permit Review

Monitoring of the permit or aspects of it may be required as often as necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions. In any case, the permit and site shall be reviewed and inspected by the Planning Division or its contractors at least once a year. The purpose of said review is to ascertain whether the permittee is in compliance with all conditions of the permit and current SMARA requirements and whether there have been significant changes in environmental conditions, land use or mining technology, or if there is other good cause which would warrant the Planning Director's filing of an application for modification of the conditions of the permit. If such an application is filed, it shall be at the County's expense and modification of conditions would not occur without a duly noticed public hearing. More frequent inspections may be mandated at the discretion of the Planning Director after violations have been discovered on the site. The permittee shall pay the County the annual inspection fee established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-9.6.18 - Enforcement Costs

Permit conditions shall be imposed which will enable the County to recover the reasonable and appropriate costs necessary for the reviewing and monitoring of permit operations and the enforcing of the applicable requirements of the Zoning Ordinance and the conditions of this permit.

Sec. 8107-9.6.19 - Civil Penalties

In case of any failure by the permittee to perform or comply with any term or provision of this conditional use permit, the final decision-making authority that would act on the permit may, after notice to the permittee and a public hearing, determine by resolution the amount of the civil penalty to be levied against the permittee. Said penalty shall be paid within 30 days unless the penalty is under appeal. Failure to pay the penalty within the allotted time period shall be considered grounds for suspension of the subject use, pursuant to Sec. 8111-

7.2, until such time as the penalty is paid. The payment of a civil penalty shall not insulate the permittee from liability in excess of the sum of the penalty for damages or injury or expense or liability suffered by the County of Ventura from any breach by the permittee of any term or condition of said permit or of any applicable ordinance or of this security. Said penalty is separate from the "administrative penalty" that the County may impose pursuant to SMARA.

The maximum penalty that can be levied against a permittee at any given time shall be in accordance with the amounts set forth below. The amounts for a given permit may be increased to adjust for inflation pursuant to the conditions of the subject permit.

<u>Total Permitted Extraction (Life of the Project)</u>	<u>Applicable Civil Penalty Ceiling</u>
Less than 10,000 cu. yards	\$ 5,000.00
10,000 to 99,999 cu. Yards	\$10,000.00
100,000 to 999,999 cu. yards	\$15,000.00
1,000,000+ cu. Yards	\$25,000.00

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-9.6.20 - Performance Securities

Performance bonds or other securities may be imposed on any permit to ensure compliance with certain specific tasks or aspects of the permit. The amount of the security shall be based upon the actual anticipated costs for completing the subject task if the County were forced to complete it rather than the permittee. The performance security may be posted in phases as tasks are undertaken or required to be completed.

Sec. 8107-9.6.21 - Insurance

The permittee shall maintain, for the life of the permit, liability insurance of not less than \$500,000 for one person and \$1,000,000 for all persons, and \$2,000,000 for property damage, unless the Ventura County Risk Management Agency deems higher limits are necessary. This requirement does not preclude the permittee from being self-insured. (AM. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85)

Sec. 8107-9.6.22 - Noise Standards

Unless herein exempted, operations associated with an approved mining permit shall not produce noise, measured at a point outside of occupied sensitive uses such as residences, schools, health care facilities, or places of public assembly, that exceeds the following standard or any other more restrictive standard that may be established as a condition of a specific permit. Noise from the subject property shall be considered in excess of the standard when the average sound level, measured over one hour at the sensitive use, is greater than the standard that follows. The determination of whether a violation has occurred shall be made by the Planning Director in accordance with the provisions of the permit in question, where such provisions exist. If the permit has no such violation determination provisions, then best common practice shall be used.

Nomenclature and noise level descriptor definitions are described in the Ventura County General Plan Goals, Policies and Programs and the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix. Measurement procedures shall be guided by the Ventura County General Plan Hazards Appendix and other contemporary procedures in effect. The maximum allowable average sound level is as follows:

One Hour Average Noise Levels (LEQ)

- Leq1H of 55 dB(A) or ambient noise level plus 3 dB(A), whichever is greater, during any hour from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Leq1H of 50 dB(A) or ambient noise level plus 3 dB(A), whichever is greater, during any hour from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Leq1H of 45 dB(A) or ambient noise level plus 3 dB(A), whichever is greater, during any hour from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.

Sec. 8107-9.6.23 - Exceptions to Noise Standard

The noise standard established pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.6.22 shall not be exceeded except for the following conditions:

- a. Where the ambient noise levels (excluding the permitted mining operation) exceed the applicable noise standards. In such cases, the maximum allowable noise levels shall not exceed the ambient noise levels plus 3 dB(A).
- b. Where a waiver has been signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.6.13, wherein those granting the waiver acknowledge that noise from mining related operations and traffic could exceed the allowable noise standard and that they are willing to experience such noise levels. The noise standards described under Sec. 8107-9.6.22 shall continue to apply at all locations where a waiver has not been signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.6.13.

Sec. 8107-9.7 - Interim Management Plan Standards

The following are minimum standards and requirements which shall be applied pursuant to Sec. 8107-9.2.

Sec. 8107-9.7.1 - General Standards for Interim Management Plan (IMP)

Within 90 days of a surface mining operation becoming idle, the operator shall submit to the Planning Director a proposed IMP. The proposed IMP shall fully comply with the requirements of SMARA, all land use permit conditions, and shall provide measures the operator will implement to maintain the site in a stable condition, taking into consideration public health and safety. The proposed IMP shall be submitted on forms provided by the Planning Department, and shall be processed as an amendment to the reclamation plan. IMPs shall not be considered a project for the purposes of environmental review.

Sec. 8107-9.7.2 - Financial Assurance for Interim Management Plan (IMP)

Financial assurances for idle operations shall be maintained as though the operation were active.

Sec. 8107-9.7.3 - Approval Procedure for Interim Management Plan (IMP)

Upon receipt of a complete proposed IMP, the Planning Director shall forward the IMP to the State Department of Conservation for review. Following review by the State, the IMP may then be approved by the County in accordance with the requirements of SMARA, as amended.

Sec. 8107-9.7.4 - Expiration of Interim Management Plan (IMP)

The IMP may remain in effect for a period not to exceed five years, at which time the Planning Director may renew the IMP for one additional period not to exceed five years, or require the surface mining operator and/or property owner to commence reclamation in accordance with its approved reclamation plan.

Sec. 8107-9.8 - Agricultural Mining Site

No permit for an Agricultural Mining Site shall be approved unless all of the following applicable standards have been met.

Sec. 8107-9.8.1

It has been determined by the County, in conjunction with the State Mining and Geology Board, that the Agricultural Mining Site is exempt from the requirements of the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act pursuant to PRC § 2714(f), or a reclamation plan and financial assurances must be approved pursuant to Sec. 8107-9 et seq.

Sec. 8107-9.8.2

Signed waivers, on forms provided by the County, from the applicable property owners/residents, as determined by the Planning Director, pursuant to Sec. 8111-1.1.2 have been provided.

Sec. 8107-9.8.3

There is an approved Grading permit or Hillside Erosion Control plan for the project, if required.

Sec. 8107-9.8.4

The area, or areas in question, have an average existing slope of less than 20 percent.

Sec. 8107-9.8.5

The amount of material exported from the site is in keeping with good engineering practices as determined by the County Public Works Agency.

Sec. 8107-9.8.6

The permittee shall provide the Planning Director with the current name(s) and/or position title, address and phone number of the person who shall receive all orders, notices and communications regarding matters of code compliance. The person(s) in question shall be available by phone during the hours that activities occur on the permit site, even if this means 24 hours a day.

Sec. 8107-9.8.7

The amount of material to be removed does not exceed 40,000 cubic yards of earthen material.

Sec. 8107-9.8.8

The proposed project is the only such agricultural mining site that may be approved on the subject legal lot.

Sec. 8107-9.8.9

There shall be no more than 50 one-way truck trips per operating day. Any haul truck arriving at the site shall count as one (1) one-way vehicle trip and any haul truck departing the site shall count as one (1) one-way vehicle trip (i.e., one (1) round-trip equals two (2) one-way trips).

Sec. 8107-9.8.10

The project shall cease after one year from the date the permit is issued.

Sec. 8107-9.8.11

Truck hauling shall be limited to six days per week, excluding Sundays, and shall occur only between the hours of 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Sec. 8107-9.8.12

All trucks leaving the site must be constructed, covered, or loaded to prevent any of its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, spilling, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle onto a private or public roadway.

Sec. 8107-9.8.13

Material shall not be stockpiled on or hauled through or within 100 feet of areas such as wetlands, riparian habitat or other environmentally sensitive areas.

Sec. 8107-9.8.14

The permittee has a program that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that the following factors have been adequately addressed:

- a. Excavated material shall be relocated to a lawful site.
- b. The haul routes do not conflict with school bus routes/schedules.
- c. Traffic controls exist to promote the safe ingress and egress of vehicles to and from the site through such means as signs, flagmen, notices to property owners, etc.
- d. Dust shall be controlled to a degree comparable with agricultural operations in the area through such means as watering the work site.
- e. Erosion of the site shall not occur.
- f. Siltation of streams and adjacent property shall not occur.

Sec. 8107-9.8.15

Removal of material is integral to conduct agricultural operations, and is beneficial for the development or enhancement of a bone fide farming operation on the site, as determined by the Planning Director, in consultation with County agricultural authorities (i.e., Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Farm Advisor, etc.). In making this determination the Planning Director shall use the following guidelines among others, where applicable:

- a. An agronomic report by a qualified soil expert certifies that the proposed removal of material will enhance the agricultural productivity of the site and may be required if determined necessary by the Planning Director.
- b. The topsoil at the site is being preserved.
- c. The depth of material excavated does not exceed the minimum depth required to create a suitable soil zone for the intended crops/trees.
- d. A farm plan that includes such details as: the crops/trees to be grown at the site, irrigation plans, long term water availability for the intended crops/trees, and an implementation schedule.

(AM./SUBSECTIONS ADDED-ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85; REP./REEN. ORD. 4187 - 5/25/99)

Sec. 8107-10 - Veterinary Clinics

Veterinary clinics must be housed in a completely enclosed, soundproof building, except as provided in Sec. 8107-21. (AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-11 - Filming Activities

All filming activities shall be conducted in keeping with the California Film Commission's "Filmmaker's Code of Professional Responsibility" and shall not result in damage to the filming location or to surrounding properties. Except for permanent facilities, all affected properties shall be restored to their original condition when such filming is completed.

Sec. 8107-11.1 - Occasional Filming Activities, Without Waivers

Filming activities shall be granted a Zoning Clearance, which will serve as a ministerial "Film Permit," provided that the activities, or any portions thereof, do not:

- a. Exceed a total of 60 days on any lot in any 180-day period.
- b. Occur between ten o'clock p.m. and seven o'clock a.m. unless they are on a designated "back lot," studio or sound stage.
- c. Cause traffic delays of more than three minutes on public or private roads.
- d. Result in noise levels exceeding that which is normal for the area and surrounding properties, or result in types of noise emanating from such sources as gunfire, explosions, aircraft, etc., which are not normal for the area in question, unless the nearest residence is located more than 2,000 feet from the noise source.
- e. Result in levels of light and glare exceeding that which is normal for the area.
- f. Result in levels of dust being generated that are likely to impact upon surrounding properties.
- g. Result in alterations of land via: grading more than 50 cubic yards; more than a half-acre of brush/vegetation removal; streambed alterations; off-road motor vehicle activity; and the like.
- h. Result in disturbances to significant flora, fauna, cultural, historical, or paleontological resources, other than those allowed by this Code.
- i. Exceed criteria established by zone or for a specific geographical region recognized and approved by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 8107-11.2 - Occasional Filming Activities, With Waivers

Sec. 8107-11.2.1

Filming activities which exceed any of the thresholds listed in Sec. 8107-11.1.a-f may be approved with a Zoning Clearance serving as a ministerial Film Permit when the applicant can provide signed waiver statements, in a form acceptable to the Planning Director, attesting to agreement with the activities from fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of the total of the following parties which may be affected by the activities:

- a. In areas designated Open Space, Rural, or Agriculture in the General Plan, residents in dwelling units on lots within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the permit area where the filming activities are taking place;
- b. In areas designated Open Space, Rural, or Agriculture in the General Plan, the caretakers or owners/keepers of animals which are housed within structures on lots within 1,000 feet of the boundary of the permit area where the filming activities are taking place;
- c. In areas designated Urban and Rural Community in the General Plan, dwelling units on lots within 300 feet of the boundary of the permit area where the filming activities are taking place;
- d. In all areas of the County, residents of lots to which access must be taken from private easements that also provide access to the lots upon which the filming activities are taking place.

Sec. 8107-11.2.2

Waivers shall be counted as follows:

- a. Only one per potentially affected dwelling unit shall be counted, regardless of the number of occupants of a dwelling unit, for instances a and c of Sec. 8107-11.2.1 above, and
- b. Only one per potentially affected lot shall be counted for instance b of Sec. 8107-11.2.1 above.
- c. In instances where more than one potentially affected lot is owned by the same individual, and that individual is the signatory of the waiver, only one waiver from that individual shall be counted.
- d. The names and addresses of the above listed parties within the required contact area, and the language of the waiver statement, shall be reviewed and approved by the Planning Division prior to the applicant's initiation of the waiver process. Verification that one hundred percent (100%) of the above listed parties have been contacted must be submitted to the Planning Division.

Sec. 8107-11.2.3

Filming activities lasting less than 90 calendar days in any 180-day period and which exceed the thresholds listed in Sec. 8107-11.1.g and h may be approved with a Zoning Clearance, which will serve as a ministerial Film Permit, when the applicant can provide documentation confirming to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that the activity is being regulated by some other agency having authority over that issue.

Sec. 8107-11.2.4

Notification of residents and property owners beyond that which is required by Sec. 8107-11.2.1 may be required as determined by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8107-11.3 - Discretionary Permit

Any occasional filming activity requests which exceed the thresholds set forth in Sec. 8107-11.1 and for which waivers cannot be obtained shall be subject to the permit requirements established under Article 5, unless the Planning Director determines that, based upon the characteristics of the filming activities, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activities could have any impacts on surrounding land uses.

Sec. 8107-11.4 - Authority

The Planning Director, in reviewing a filming request, may require the applicant to demonstrate that factors beyond those listed in Sec. 8107-11.1, and under the purview of the Planning Division or another regulatory agency, have been adequately addressed. The Planning Director retains the right of site inspection at all times.

(ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-12 - Outdoor Sales and Services, Temporary

Such uses are permitted for one calendar day in any 90-day period, provided that they do not disrupt normal traffic flows and do not result in the blocking of public rights-of-way, parking area aisles or required parking spaces, except as allowed by permit. All related facilities and materials shall be removed on the departure of the use.
(ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-13 - Christmas Tree Sales

The outdoor sale of trees and wreaths for festive or ornamental purposes is permitted during the 45-day period immediately preceding December 25th. Such sales activities shall not disrupt normal traffic flows, nor result in the blocking of public rights-of-way, parking area aisles or required parking spaces, except as allowed by permit. All related structures, facilities and materials shall be removed by December 31st of the same year. Christmas tree sales are allowed one temporary, unlighted identification sign not exceeding 20 square feet in area. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-14 - Temporary Buildings During Construction

Sec. 8107-14.1 - Temporary Offices During Construction

Temporary structures acceptable to the Building and Safety Division may be used as temporary offices on a construction site, or on an adjoining lot if owned by the same developer or same property owner, in accordance with Article 5, provided that a building permit for such construction is in full force and effect on the same site, or if a land use permit or subdivision has been approved on the site and a Zoning Clearance for grading or use inauguration has been issued. The units shall be connected to a water supply and sewage disposal system approved by the Environmental Health Division. The units shall be removed from the site within 45 days after a clearance for occupancy for the permitted use is issued by the Building and Safety Division or, in the case of a phased residential or commercial project, upon conclusion of the development program. A surety or bond for removal of the temporary structure(s) may be required at the discretion of the Planning Director. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-14.2 - Temporary Dwelling During Construction

A temporary structure (e.g., mobilehome, modular unit, or recreational vehicle) acceptable to the Building and Safety Division may be used by the owner(s) of a lot as a temporary dwelling unit for the landowner or for a caretaker/watchman, for 12 months during construction of the principal residence or major remodeling of a residence which precludes its use as a residence and where a building permit is in full force and effect on the same site; or on adjacent lots under the same ownership. The Planning Director may grant two additional 12-month periods for the use of the temporary structure with Zoning Clearance approval if substantial progress toward construction of the authorized structure is being made. Said structure shall be connected to the permanent water supply, and a sewage disposal system approved by the Ventura County Environmental Health Division for the structure under construction. Within 45 days after a clearance for occupancy is issued by the Ventura County Division of Building and Safety for the residence under construction or major remodeling, or within 45 days after authorization for the temporary dwelling has expired, any such temporary unit shall: 1) cease being used as a dwelling unit; 2) be disconnected from the water supply and sewage disposal; 3) and be removed from the site. Where a property owner has received permission to construct a replacement residence, the Planning Director may authorize the use of the existing residence as the temporary dwelling during the construction of the replacement residence, provided there is a compliance agreement and/or a financial surety that assures that the temporary dwelling will be removed within 45 days after a clearance for occupancy for the replacement residence is issued. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-14.3 - Temporary Dwelling During Reconstruction

A temporary structure (e. g., mobilehome, modular unit, or recreational vehicle) acceptable to the Building and Safety Division may be used as a temporary dwelling unit by the former resident(s) of dwellings involuntarily damaged or destroyed by natural disaster, as determined by the Planning Director, subject to the following provisions:

- a. The temporary dwelling is on the same lot on which the reconstruction is occurring and the lot is legal.
- b. The dwelling(s) to be reconstructed were legally established and inhabited at the time they were damaged or destroyed.
- c. The temporary dwelling is deemed habitable by the Building Official following the issuance of a Zoning Clearance by the Planning Division and the issuance of a Building Permit for the temporary dwelling by the Building and Safety Division.
- d. The temporary dwelling may remain on the site for six months, and the Planning Director may grant one additional six month extension if substantial progress toward reconstruction has occurred.
- e. The granting of a temporary dwelling does not serve to legalize an illegal lot, authorize subsequent permanent dwellings or supersede the permit process for permanent structures.
- f. The temporary dwelling shall be replaced as soon as practical by a "temporary building during construction", but no later than 45 days after the authorization of such a building during construction.
- g. Unless otherwise authorized by the Zoning Ordinance, the temporary dwelling during reconstruction shall be removed within 45 days of the occupancy of the permanent dwelling undergoing reconstruction.

(ADD. INT. URG. ORD 4044 - 11/2/93; EXTENDED INT. URG. ORD. 4050 - 12/4/93; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-15 - Storage of Building Materials, Temporary

The temporary storage of construction materials is permitted on a lot adjacent to one on which a valid Zoning Clearance and Building Permit allowing such construction are in force, or on a project site within a recorded subdivision. Such storage is permitted during construction and for 45 days thereafter. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8107-16 - Campgrounds

Campgrounds shall be developed in accordance with the following standards:

Sec. 8107-16.1

Minimum lot area shall be three acres.

Sec. 8107-16.2

At least 75 percent of the total site shall be left in its natural state or be landscaped. The remaining 25 per cent land is eligible for development. (AM.ORD.3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.3

Each individual camp site shall be no less than 1000 sq. ft. and there shall be no more than 9 sites per developable acre. Group camp sites shall be designed to accommodate no more than 25 people per acre. (AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.4

Where needed to enhance aesthetics or to ensure public safety, a fence, wall, landscaping screen, earth mound or other screening approved by the Planning Director shall enclose the campground. (AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.5

Utility conduits shall be installed underground in conformance with applicable State and local regulations.

Sec. 8107-16.6

The design of structures and facilities, and the site as a whole shall be in harmony with the natural surroundings to the maximum feasible extent. (AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.7

Trash collection areas shall be adequately distributed and enclosed by a six-foot-high landscape screen, solid wall or fence, which is accessible on one side.

Sec. 8107-16.8

Off-road motor vehicle uses are not permitted.

Sec. 8107-16.9

The following standards apply to structures on the site, apart from the personal residence(s) of the property owner, campground director/manager, or caretaker: (AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.9.1

Structures are limited to restrooms/showers and a clubhouse for cooking and/or minor recreational purposes. (AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.9.2

There shall not be more than one set of enclosed, kitchen-related fixtures.

Sec. 8107-16.9.3

There shall be no buildings that are used or intended to be used for sleeping.

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-16.10

Campgrounds may include minor accessory recreational uses such as swimming pools (limit one) and tennis courts. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.11

Outdoor tent-camping is permitted. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87) (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.12

No hook-ups for recreational vehicles are allowed. (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.13

Occupation of the site by a guest shall not exceed 30 consecutive days. (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-16.14

Parking Standards - See Article 8 (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-17 - Camps

Camps shall be developed and operated in accordance with the following standards: (AM. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-17.0

Protection of Sensitive Biological Habitats. Camps shall be allowed on property zoned Open Space (OS) only if the property is in agricultural production. (ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-17.1

Minimum lot area shall be ten acres on property zoned Rural Agriculture (RA) and Rural Exclusive (RE). Minimum lot area shall be 50 acres on property zoned Open Space (OS). (AM. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-17.2

Overnight population of guests and staff shall be limited by the following calculations. These standards shall apply to staff employed for camp activities. Where an employee is engaged in both camp and working ranch activities, the employee's time shall be counted at 0.5 staff for calculating the staff limitation for camps. If an employee is not engaged in camp activities, none of the employee's time shall be applied to the staff limitation for camps. (AM. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-17.2.1

Camps on property zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) - lot size in acres x 2.56 = the maximum number of persons to be accommodated overnight.

Sec. 8107-17.2.2

Camps on property zoned Rural Exclusive (RE) - lot size in acres x 10.24 = the maximum number of persons to be accommodated overnight.

Sec. 8107-17.2.3

Camps on property zoned Open Space (OS) – lot size in acres x 0.25 = the maximum number of persons to be accommodated overnight. There shall be a maximum overnight population limit of 250 guests and staff. (ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-17.3

Total daily on-site population of guests and staff shall be limited by the following calculations:

Sec. 8107-17.3.1

Camps zoned Rural Agricultural (RA) - 5.12 x lot size in gross acres = total population allowed on site.

Sec. 8107-17.3.2

Camps zoned Rural Exclusive (RE) - 20.48 x lot size in gross acres = total population allowed on site.

Sec. 8107-17.3.3

Camps zoned Open Space (OS) - 0.5 x lot size in gross acres = total population allowed on site. There shall be a maximum daily population limit of 500 guests and staff, except as permitted in Section 8107-17.3.4 below. (ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-17.3.4

A larger total daily population may be allowed for special events, the frequency to be determined by the camp's Use Permit. (ADD. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-17.4

Building intensity shall be limited by the following standards. These standards shall apply to structures used for camp activities. Where a structure is used for both camp and working ranch activities, one-half of that structure shall be applied to the square footage limitation for camps. If a structure is not used for camp activities, it shall not be considered in the square footage limitations for camps. (AM. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-17.4.1 - Overnight Accommodations

Structures or portions of structures intended for sleeping and restrooms/showers (excepting those for permanent staff as defined in Sec. 8107-17.4.3) shall be limited to a collective average of 200 square feet per overnight guest and staff allowed per Sec. 8107-17.2 (Overnight Population).

Sec. 8107-17.4.2 - All Other Roofed Structures or Buildings

The total allowed square footage of all roofed structures or buildings other than sleeping and restroom/shower facilities shall be limited to 100 square feet per person allowed per Sec. 8107-17.3 (Daily On-Site Population).

Sec. 8107-17.4.3

The residence(s) of a limited number of permanent staff such as the director, manager or caretaker are exempt from the limitations of Section 8107-17.4.1 (Overnight Accommodations).

Sec. 8107-17.4.4

Since the two building intensity standards (Overnight and Total Daily) address distinctly different facilities, they shall not be interchangeable or subject to borrowing or substitutions.

Sec. 8107-17.4.5

For camps/guest ranches located in the Open Space (OS) zone, no single structure shall exceed 25,000 square feet in area, and the total area of all structures used for camp/guest ranch purposes shall be limited to 50,000 square feet. (ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-17.5

Camp facilities shall have adequate sewage disposal and domestic water.

Sec. 8107-17.6

Camp facility lighting shall be designed so as to not produce a significant amount of light and/or glare at the first offsite receptive use.

Sec. 8107-17.7

Camp facilities shall be developed in accordance with applicable County standards so as to not produce a significant amount of noise.

Sec. 8107-17.8

Occupation of the site by a guest shall not exceed 30 consecutive days.

Sec. 8107-17.9

To ensure that the site remains an integral and cohesive unit, specific methods such as the following should be employed on a case-by-case basis: open space easements; CC&R's that restrict further use of the land, with the County as a third party; low density zoning to prevent subdivision of the site; and/or merger of parcels to create one parcel covering the entire site. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Sec. 8107-17.10

To avoid the loss of the site's natural characteristics several methods should be employed on a case-by-case basis to preserve these values: 60% of the total site should remain in its natural state or in agriculture. (AM. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-17.11

Parking Standards - See Article 8 (ADD. ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-17.12

The Camp facility project description shall address transportation to and from and within the project site, including the types of vehicles, and road and trail locations. (ADD. ORD. 4317 - 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-18 - Retreats**Sec. 8107-18.1**

The minimum lot size for a retreat is five (5) acres.

Sec. 8107-18.2

A retreat shall not have sleeping accommodations for more than 20 people, inclusive of staff and guests.

Sec. 8107-18.3

Retreat guests shall be limited to a stay of no more than a total of 60 days in a calendar year. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-18.4

Floor area shall be limited to the following:

- a. Maximum 200 square feet for each overnight guest, for sleeping and restroom facilities.
- b. Maximum 2,000 square feet for all other buildings (other than structures for animals), such as kitchen and dining areas, conference rooms, storage, and the like.

Sec. 8107-18.5

No retreat structures shall exceed a height of twenty-five (25) feet, unless authorized by the use permit. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-18.6

A retreat may include minor accessory recreational facilities such as horse facilities, equestrian trails, hot tubs, one swimming pool, and one tennis court.

Sec. 8107-18.7

Structures related to a retreat shall be set back at least 100 feet from public roads. Foliage and natural topography shall be used to the maximum feasible extent for screening of retreat structures from public rights-of-way and from residential uses on adjacent properties.

Sec. 8107-18.8

Lighting for nighttime activities shall be directed away from adjacent properties. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; REP. AS 8107-21 AND REEN. AS 8107-18 - ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-19 - Golf Courses

A golf course may include accessory structures as needed for maintenance and for players on a day of golfing, including a maintenance building, a pro shop, restrooms, and limited eating facilities. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8107-20 - Agricultural Buildings

Sec. 8107-20.1 - Calculating GFA for Agricultural Buildings

The gross floor area (GFA) for agricultural buildings (principal and accessory) shall be calculated separately for each category of uses identified in the Zoning Matrix. For example, the allowed GFA for green houses is independent of the GFA allowed for agricultural sales facilities. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-20.2 - Agricultural Shade/Mist Structures

Said structures shall meet the requirements of the Fire Code, Building Code, and the regulations administered by the Public Works Agency, some of which may be more restrictive than those listed below. Prior to the issuance of a Zoning Clearance, the following standards and requirements shall be met:

- a. There shall be no permanent floor materials.
- b. Permanent walkways within a structure shall not exceed 10% of the structure's GFA.
- c. All cover materials shall be of flexible fabric or membrane and not solid rigid materials such as glass, fiberglass, plastic or metal.
- d. The structure's foundations and supporting members shall be designed and constructed so as to be easily removed.
- e. There shall be no heating, cooling, or lighting systems in the structures or utilities to the structures except water or electricity for irrigation timers.
- f. No structure shall exceed 15 feet above grade at its highest point.
- g. The structures shall be set back at least 20 feet from all property lines as determined by the Planning Director.
- h. Each structure shall be separated from an adjoining structure by at least 6 feet.
- i. Documentation, satisfactory to the Planning Director, shall be submitted from the Fire and Building and Safety Departments, and from the Public Works Agency, indicating 1) that the project, as proposed, is capable of meeting the requirements of the respective departments; and 2) whether a specific permit(s) will be required by said department.

ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/89; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-20.3 - Agricultural Offices

Such offices are allowed in the OS, AE and RA zones, as uses accessory to an agricultural operation, without provisions for human habitation, provided the following requirements are met: (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-20.3.1

An agricultural office up to 700 square feet in gross floor area that is located on the same lot as the principal agricultural use, or on an adjacent lot under the

same ownership, and that meets one or more of the following criteria, is permitted by Zoning Clearance:

- a. The property is covered by a Land Conservation Act contract;
- b. The lot size is 100 acres or greater;
- c. The County Agricultural Commissioner has certified in writing that the applicant is conducting a bona fide commercial agricultural operation on or from the lot on which the agricultural office is requested.

Sec. 8107-20.3.2

Agricultural offices not meeting the above criteria (a, b or c) may be permitted pursuant to a Planning Director-approved Conditional Use Permit.

Sec. 8107-20.3.3

The gross floor area of the agricultural office shall be counted toward the cumulative gross floor area permitted for accessory structures on the lot, pursuant to Sec. 8105-4.

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-21 - Temporary Pet Vaccination Clinics

Temporary pet vaccination clinics, as provided for in Sec. 8105-5, are subject to the following regulations:

Sec. 8107-21.1

Any such clinic shall operate no more than one day in any 90-day period within a one-mile radius of a previously conducted temporary clinic.

Sec. 8107-21.2

Such clinics shall provide preventive medical care only, and shall not diagnose or treat injured, sick or diseased animals, except to the extent necessary to provide immunization or vaccination.

Sec. 8107-21.3

All vaccinations shall be performed inside a trailer or other portable structure.

Sec. 8107-21.4

Such clinics shall provide their services only during daylight hours.

Sec. 8107-21.5

Such clinics shall not disrupt normal traffic flows, and shall not result in the blocking of public rights-of-way or parking area aisles, except as allowed by permit. All related materials and facilities shall be removed on the departure of the clinic. (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-21.6

Facilities for the treatment and disposal of urine and fecal wastes attributable to the clinic shall be provided and utilized as necessary to keep the clinic and areas within a 100-foot radius thereof clean and free of flies and odors.

Sec. 8107-21.7

Sufficient staff, other than those administering vaccinations, shall be available at the expense of the clinic operator to control crowds, assist with the handling of animals and keep the area clean. At least two such staff shall be provided in all cases.

(ADD. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; REP. as 8107-17 and REEN. as 8107-21 ORD. 3881-12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-22 - Stockpiling of Construction Related Debris and/or Fill Material For Non-Agricultural Operations

Sec. 8107-22.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this section is to establish reasonable and uniform limitations, safeguards and controls for the depositing and stockpiling of construction related debris and/or fill material onto land for temporary storage.

Sec. 8107-22.2 - Application

The purpose, intent and provisions of Section 8107-22 et seq. shall be and are hereby automatically imposed and made part of any land use permit issued by the County of Ventura for the stockpiling of construction related debris and/or fill material. This section does not apply to on-site earth moving activities that are an integral and necessary part of an on-site construction project where all required permits have been approved by a public agency in accordance with applicable state law and local adopted plans and ordinances, where such permits have authorized stockpiling.

Sec. 8107-22.3 - Required Permits

No operation for stockpiling of construction related debris and/or fill material may commence without the approval of the appropriate land use permit as required by this Chapter. The issuance of a land use permit shall not relieve the permittee of the responsibility of securing and complying with any other permit which may be required by other County Ordinances, or State or Federal laws. No condition of a land use permit for uses allowed by this Chapter shall be interpreted as permitting or requiring any violation of law, or any lawful rules or regulations or orders of an authorized governmental agency. In instances where more than one set of rules applies, the stricter one shall take precedence.

Sec. 8107-22.4 - Standards for Stockpiling Construction Related Debris and/or Fill Material

No permit for stockpiling of construction related debris and/or fill material shall be approved unless the following applicable standards have been complied with.

Sec. 8107-22.4.1 - Signed Waivers

The permittee shall provide to the Planning Division signed waivers, on forms provided by the County, from the applicable property owners / residents, as determined by the Planning Director, pursuant to Sec. 8111-1.1.2.

Sec. 8107-22.4.2 - Contact Person

The permittee shall provide the Planning Director with the current name(s) and/or position title, address and phone number of the person who shall receive all orders, notices and communications regarding matters of code compliance. Such person(s) shall be available by phone during the hours the activities occur on the permit site.

Sec. 8107-22.4.3 - Site Maintenance

The permitted area shall be maintained in a neat and orderly manner so as not to create any hazardous condition or unsightly conditions which are visible from outside the permitted stockpile area.

Sec. 8107-22.4.4 - Storage of Equipment and Vehicles

Only equipment and vehicles necessary for the immediate operation of the permitted stockpile operation may be stored on site.

Sec. 8107-22.4.5 - Debris Control

The permittee shall take all necessary measures to prevent the depositing of construction related debris and/or fill material on thoroughfares in accordance with the following requirements:

- a. The permittee shall keep all public roadways utilized by this stockpiling operations and access roads to the site clear of dirt, sand, gravel, rocks and other debris associated with his/her operation.
- b. All trucks leaving the site must be constructed, covered, or loaded to prevent any of its contents from dropping, sifting, leaking, blowing, spilling, or otherwise escaping from the vehicle onto a private or public roadway.

Sec. 8107-22.4.6 - Erosion Control

All stockpiles of construction materials shall be managed as necessary to prevent water and wind erosion. Sedimentation due to water erosion occurring outside the permitted stockpile area shall not occur.

Sec. 8107-22.4.7 - Prevention of Fugitive Dust

There shall be no fugitive dust leaving the stockpile site. Fugitive dust shall be controlled in accordance with the following:

- a. All dust generating activities shall cease when wind speeds exceed 25 mph average over one hour or during high wind events. High wind events are defined as wind of such velocity as to cause fugitive dust from the permit area to blow off-site.
- b. Fugitive dust throughout the site shall be controlled by the use of a watering truck. Water shall be applied to all stockpiles, onsite roads and access roads, which have not been otherwise treated to prevent fugitive dust.
- c. If it is observed at any point in time that fugitive dust is blowing offsite or off access roads, and additional watering activities are insufficient to prevent fugitive dust, dust generating activities shall be immediately curtailed until the conditions abate.

Sec. 8107-22.4.8 - Stability of Stockpile

Stockpiles shall be placed and managed so as to prevent any material from shifting or sliding onto adjoining property.

Sec. 8107-22.4.9 - Height of Stockpile

Stockpile shall be limited to a height of thirty (30) feet.

Sec. 8107-22.4.10 - Hours of Operation

Hauling to and from the site shall be limited to six days per week, excluding Sundays, and shall occur only between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Sec. 8107-22.4.11 - Noise Standards

Operations are subject to all noise standards as specified by Section 8107-9.6.22.

Sec. 8107-22.4.12 - Environmentally Sensitive Areas

Material shall not be stockpiled on or hauled through or within 100 feet of areas such as wetlands, riparian habitat or other environmentally sensitive areas as determined by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8107-22.4.13 - Site Restoration

Within 90-days of revocation, expiration or surrender of any permit, or abandonment of the use, the permittee shall restore the premises to its original condition as determined by the Planning Director. (REP. & REEN. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-23 - Nonmotorized Wheeled Conveyance Facilities and Uses

Sec. 8107-23.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to establish reasonable and uniform limitations, safeguards, and controls for the design, placement, and use of facilities and structures (hereinafter referred to as "facilities") for the nonmotorized wheeled conveyances such as, but not limited to: skateboards, bicycles, unicycles, tricycles and rollerskates. Such regulations are established to minimize the impact on neighboring uses such as, but not limited to: unsightly structures, noise, loss of privacy, traffic congestion, trespassing, and risk of damage or injury from flying projectiles and debris.

Sec. 8107-23.2 - Application

Sec. 8107-23.2.1

Facilities less than 42 inches in height above adjacent finished grade level, which cover less than 32 square feet of aggregate ground area, and do not have a platform on which to stand, are exempt from the requirements of Sections 8107-23 through 8107-23.10. Such exempt facilities must otherwise meet the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance.

Sec. 8107-23.2.2

Those facilities not exempt may be permitted upon issuance of a Zoning Clearance provided all standards of this chapter are met.

Sec. 8107-23.2.3

Facilities that exceed the standards set forth in Sections 8107-23.3 through 8107-23.7 may be authorized by a Conditional Use Permit approved by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8107-23.3 - Size

No point on a facility shall extend more than 8 feet above adjacent finished grade level and no facility or collection of facilities on a given lot shall cover more than 400 square feet of aggregate ground area.

(ADD. ORD. 3895 - 4/25/89)

Sec. 8107-23.4 - Setbacks

All facilities shall be set back the following distances from all other structures and property lines:

Sec. 8107-23.4.1

All facilities shall be set back a minimum of 6 feet from all other structures.

Sec. 8107-23.4.2

All facilities shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from all property lines with an additional 5 feet of setback required for each 1 foot increase of height over 6 feet above adjacent finished grade level.

Sec. 8107-23.4.3

Facilities shall not be located in the area between the public or private right of way and the front of the residence on the site, unless the facility is not visible from the public or private right of way or neighboring dwellings and otherwise conforms to the applicable setback requirements.

Sec. 8107-23.5 - Construction Standards

All facilities shall be constructed so as to minimize visual and auditory impacts.

Sec. 8107-23.5.1

The sides of all facilities that are above ground shall be enclosed with a solid material, such as plywood.

Sec. 8107-23.5.2

Spaces between finished grade and the lower, horizontal surfaces of the facility shall be filled with earth or other suitable solid material.

Sec. 8107-23.5.3

The backs of all surfaces not affected by Section 8107-23.5.2 shall be padded with sound absorbing material such as carpeting.

Sec. 8107-23.5.4

Facilities may be painted, stained, or left in their natural finish. Posters, banners, handbills, bumper stickers, or advertising materials of any kind shall not be affixed to the facility, if visible from neighboring properties.

Sec. 8107-23.6 - Number of Persons

The number of persons using a facility or collection of facilities at a given site shall not include more than six individuals who are not residents at the site where the facility is located.

Sec. 8107-23.7 - Hours of Operation

The use of facilities shall be limited to daylight hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Sec. 8107-23.8 - Maintenance

Facilities shall be maintained in a neat, safe, and orderly manner.

Sec. 8107-23.9 - Removal

Facilities shall be removed within 90 days when no longer used, or capable of being safely used, for their intended purpose.

Sec. 8107-23.10 - Hold Harmless

The permittee shall provide the County with a hold harmless agreement, acceptable to the County, prior to the issuance of a Zoning Clearance, which provides, in substance, that: The permittee agrees to hold the County harmless, indemnify, and defend the County for any loss or damage to property, or injury or loss of life arising out of the use authorized by this Zoning Clearance.

Sec. 8107-23.11 - Compensation

The use of the facility shall be without monetary compensation to any of the parties involved, nor operated in any way as a commercial enterprise.

(ADD. ORD. 3895 - 4/25/89)

Sec. 8107-24 - Caretaker Recreational Vehicle, Accessory

In a park or recreation area owned or operated by the County of Ventura, the owner(s) of a recreational vehicle which is licensed and equipped for highway travel may reside in the recreational vehicle for up to six months in any twelve-month period, in accordance with an approved Park Host program. Sewage disposal shall be provided by means of a

system approved by the Environmental Health Division. (ADD. ORD.- 3810-5/5/87; REP. as 8107-18 and REEN. as 8107-24 ORD. 3881 - 12/20/88)

Sec. 8107-25 - Tree Protection Regulations

(All Sec. 8107-25 and Subsections added by ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92)

Sec. 8107-25.1 - Purpose

Ventura County recognizes that trees contribute significantly to the County's unique aesthetic, biological, cultural, and historical environment as well as its air quality. It is the County's specific intent through the regulations that follow, to encourage the responsible management of these resources by employing public education and recognized conservation techniques to achieve an optimal cover of healthy trees of diverse ages and species while practically reconciling conflicting demands for alternative uses.

Sec. 8107-25.2 - Definitions

For purposes of Sec. 8107-25 et. seq., the following definitions shall apply:

Alter - To prune, cut, trim, poison, over-water, or otherwise damage or invade the protected zone of a tree or to cause such alterations. Invasion of the protected zone shall include such activities as trenching, digging, placement of heavy equipment, vehicles, or materials within the protected zone. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Certification - Written documentation signed by an appropriate expert (as determined by the Planning Director), which states in a manner consistent with this ordinance, his/her opinion that there is no reasonable and appropriate alternative to altering or removing a given tree. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Commercial Agriculture - A for-profit farming enterprise consisting of tree and crop production for feed, food, fiber, fuel, shelter, and ornament, and including floriculture, horticulture, aquaculture, or animal husbandry established and conducted in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the County.

Dead Wooding - Removal of broken, diseased, dying, and dead plant material. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Dripline - The area created by extending a vertical line from the outermost portion of the limb canopy to the ground.

Emergency - A situation in which a tree or its limbs are determined to pose an imminent threat to public safety, property or to the health of a protected tree. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Farm Plan - A plan for new commercial agriculture in text and map form which outlines, among other things, proposed compliance with grading regulations such as the Hillside Erosion Control Ordinance, irrigation, crop types and locations, and phasing of implementation. The plan should also include any bids for contract services such as surveying, engineering, land preparation, and planting.

Fell - To cut, push, or pull down, or otherwise topple a tree. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Forest Resource Management Plan - A long-term forest and land management plan and guidelines in text and map form which outlines among other things, compliance with the Tree Protection Regulations, improvement project plans, tree harvesting on a sustaining yield basis, and phasing of implementation. The plan shall also include

plans for the conservation of soil, vegetation, water, and fish and wildlife habitat and other factors as necessary. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Girth - The circumference in inches of a tree's trunk, limb, or root. The girth of a trunk is measured at a mid-point four and one-half feet between the uphill and downhill side of the root crown. Where an elevated root crown is encountered which enlarges the trunk at four and one-half feet above grade, the trunk shall be measured above the crown swell where the normal trunk resumes. Girth of limbs shall be measured just beyond the swell of the branch where the limb attaches to the main trunk or their supporting limbs. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Heritage Tree - Any species of tree with a single trunk of ninety (90) or more inches in girth or with multiple trunks, two of which collectively measure seventy-two (72) inches in girth or more. In addition, species with naturally thin trunks when full grown (such as Washington Palms), species with naturally large trunks at an early age (such as some date palms), or trees with unnaturally enlarged trunks due to injury or disease (e.g., burls and galls) must be at least sixty feet tall or 75 years old to be considered as a heritage tree. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Historical Tree - Any tree or group of trees identified by the County or a city as a landmark, or identified on the Federal or California Historic Resources Inventory to be of historical or cultural significance, or identified as contributing to a site or structure of historical or cultural significance.

Introduced Protected Trees - Trees which appear on Table 1 "PROTECTED TREES" but which have been planted by man for purposes of affecting the environment, architecture, climate or aesthetics of a given place and are, therefore, considered landscape features. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

ISA Standards - Pruning standards promulgated by the International Society of Arboriculture. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Multiple Trunk Tree - A tree which has two (2) or more trunks forking below four and one-half (4.5) feet above the uphill side of the root crown. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Native Trees - Any trees indigenous to Ventura County not planted for commercial agriculture.

Necessary Agricultural Operations - Those activities which are performed solely for the benefit of commercial agriculture. Excluded from this definition are activities such as clearing land for future subdivision, development of nonagricultural uses, and harvesting of native trees or their limbs for various commercial purposes.

Offsets - Methods of mitigation and/or replacement for the alteration, felling, or removal of a protected tree. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Protected Trees - Any trees from among the species or any heritage or historical tree listed in Table I (following definitions) with one or more differentiated trunks which meets the dimensional standards therein and which is situated on land with the applicable zoning shown on Table I. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Protected Zone - The surface and subsurface area within the dripline and extending a minimum of five (5) feet outside the dripline, or 15 feet from the trunk of a tree, whichever is greater. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Pruning - Removal of all, or portions, of a tree's shoots, branches, limbs or roots. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Qualified Tree Consultant - An individual who, through a combination of education, training, licenses and certificates for professional proficiency, and work experience

can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Director he or she possesses the necessary skills and abilities to provide competent advice as called for by various provisions of the Tree Protection Regulations.

Qualified Tree Trimmer - An individual who has, to the satisfaction of the Planning Director, certified that he has read and understands the Tree Protection Ordinance, Tree Protection Guidelines, I.S.A., Pruning Standards, is licensed to conduct business in Ventura County and has other applicable land use permits to conduct said business. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Remove - To transplant a protected tree or carry away a fallen protected tree or its limbs. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Root Crown - The area of a tree where the trunk(s) meet the roots, sometimes called the collar of the tree.

Root System - Unless otherwise demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Director with a field investigation conducted by a certified arborist, the root system is the underground portion of a tree, as defined by inscribing a circle around the trunk of the tree using a radius equal to the farthest reach of the dripline plus five feet. The minimal radius to be used is fifteen (15) feet. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Timber Growing and Harvesting - An activity which may or may not be part of an agricultural operation which involves the cutting of trees for forest product or firewood purposes. Such trees can be planted or of a natural growth, standing or down, on privately or publicly owned land, including Christmas trees but excluding nursery stock. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Tree Row - A row of trees planted and presently used for the purpose of providing a shelter from wind for commercial agriculture; also known as a windbreak, or windrow. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

TABLE I PROTECTED TREES			
Common Name/Botanical Name Genus species	Girth Standard (Circumference)	Applicable Zones	
		All Base Zones	SRP ¹
Alder Alnus all species	9.5 in.		X
Ash Fraxinus <u>dipetala</u>	9.5 in.		X
Bay Umbellularia californica	9.5 in.		X
Cottonwood Populus all species	9.5 in.		X
Elderberry Sambucus all species	9.5 in.		X
Big Cone Douglas Fir Pseudotsuga macrocarpa	9.5 in.		X
White Fir Abies concolor	9.5 in.		X
Juniper Juniperus californica	9.5 in.		X
Maple Acer macrophyllum	9.5 in.		X
Oak (Single) Quercus all species	9.5 in.	X	X
Oak (Multi) Quercus all species	6.25 in.	X	X
Pine Pinus all species	9.5 in.		X
Sycamore Platanus all species	9.5 in.	X	X
Walnut Juglans californica	9.5 in.		X
Historical Tree (any species)	(any size)	X	X
Heritage Tree ² (any species)	90.0 in.	X	X

X Indicates the zones in which the subject trees are considered protected trees.

1. SRP - Scenic Resource Protection Overlay Zone

2. See Definition above

(AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/09/08)

Sec. 8107-25.3 - General Requirements

No person shall alter, fell, or remove a Protected Tree except in accordance with the provisions of Section 8107-25 et seq. If tree alteration, felling, or removal is part of a project requiring a discretionary permit, then the tree permit application and approval process should accompany the parent project discretionary permit.

If a person applies to alter, fell, or remove a Protected Tree located in an area subject to an area plan or project related conditions (e.g. subdivisions and conditional use permits) which include requirements more stringent than the subject ordinance requirements, the stricter requirements shall prevail in establishing the conditions of approval for a tree permit.

No provision of these Tree Protection Regulations shall be interpreted as permitting or requiring any violation of law, or any lawful rules or regulations or orders of an authorized governmental agency. Regulations of other agencies and jurisdictions that should be considered in the administration of the Tree Protection Regulations are referred to in the Tree Protection Guidelines, as adopted and as may be amended by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4328 - 9/13/05)

Sec. 8107-25.4 - Exemptions

The alteration, felling, or removal of a Protected Tree by a person is exempt from the provisions of Sec. 8107-25 et seq. when such tree is: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. Planted, grown, or held for sale by lawfully established nurseries and tree farms or removed from, or transplanted from, such a nursery as part of its operation.
- b. Located and planted in a tree row presently serving commercial agriculture.
- c. Planted, grown, and presently harvested for commercial agricultural purposes, or removed from, or transplanted from, a ranch or farm as part of its operation. This does not include the managed production of protected trees or the transplanting or harvesting of naturally growing protected trees or their limbs.

Sec. 8107-25.5 - Minimum Requirements for Tree Alteration, Felling or Removal Without a Tree Permit

Except as provided in Sec. 8107-25.4, the alteration, felling or removal of Protected Trees may occur without a Tree Permit under the following circumstances, and in accordance with the following standards. Said alterations shall be performed by the property owner or resident with the owner's consent, or by a qualified tree trimmer. For all the following trimming and pruning, ISA standards shall be used and in all such cases climbing spurs shall not be used: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. Cases of emergency where the Planning Director or his designee, or any employee of a government authority or special district, in the performance of his or her duties determines that a tree or its limbs pose an imminent threat to the public safety or general welfare or the health of the tree. If conditions and circumstances allow, the public official shall consult with the Planning Director or designee prior to ordering the trimming, felling, or removal of any Protected Tree for the above reasons. Subsequent to the emergency action, copies of the work orders or reports will be provided to the Planning Director within 30 days, describing the action taken and the nature of the emergency. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- b. Pruning and trimming of any size dead limb or root tissue.

- c. Pruning and trimming of living limbs and roots, each of which is less than 20% of the tree trunk's girth, provided such trimming does not endanger the life of the tree, result in an imbalance in structure, or remove more than 20% of its canopy or the root system. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- d. Pruning and trimming living limbs which exceed the size set forth in "c" above provided such alteration is justified in writing by a qualified tree consultant, and is intended to promote the health of the tree. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- e. Pruning and trimming living limbs and roots each of which exceeds the size set forth in "c" above by a Public Utility Company or its contractors for the purpose of protecting the public and maintaining adequate clearance from public utility conduits and facilities. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- f. Pruning and trimming living limbs and roots each of which exceeds the size set forth in "c" above by the Ventura County Public Works Agency or its contractors for the purpose of: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
 - (1) maintaining safety,
 - (2) providing for the flow of vehicular and pedestrian traffic,
 - (3) providing for the flow of flood waters in Flood Control rights-of-way, or
 - (4) constructing and maintaining improvements within the public right-of-way.
- g. Pruning and trimming living limbs and roots each of which exceeds the size set forth in "c" above by any park or school district, or the Ventura County General Services Agency or its contractors, for the purpose of maintaining safety or improving structural integrity or balance of trees on County, school, or park district properties. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- h. Pruning and trimming living limbs and roots each of which exceeds the size set forth in "c" above by the Ventura County Fire Protection District and its contractors for the purpose of providing fire protection when said District determines there is no reasonable alternative. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- i. Pruning and trimming of living limbs and roots for non-commercial purposes or for any commercial agricultural operation on lots less than ten (10) acres zoned RA or RE for any reason not specified in "a" through "g" above, shall be conducted or supervised by a qualified tree consultant. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- j. Pruning and trimming living limbs and roots for necessary agricultural operations, which exceed the size set forth in "c" above of protected trees located on land zoned AE, OS or TP. Such pruning for necessary agricultural operations in the RA or RE zones is allowed only if a minimum of ten acres is used for commercial agricultural purposes. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- k. The felling or removal of five (5) or fewer Protected Trees in any 12 consecutive month period beginning with the date of the first tree removal for necessary agricultural operations, or the expansion of existing or establishment of new commercial agriculture on land under the same contiguous ownership provided that: (AM. ORD. 4092 -6/27/95)
 - (1) The land is zoned AE, OS or TP, and
 - (2) The trees to be removed are not classified as heritage or historical, and
 - (3) There is a farm plan for any expansion or establishment of new commercial agriculture.

(4) Records are kept of the dates that any protected trees are removed and such records or summaries thereof are submitted to the Planning Director.

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

- I. The removal of any naturally fallen trees and/or the felling and subsequent removal of standing, certifiably dead, trees. Certification by a qualified tree consultant or objective data confirming that a standing tree is dead shall be submitted to the Planning Director upon his request. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.6 - Ministerial Tree Permits and Standards

The Planning Director shall approve a Ministerial Tree Permit if the application is complete, the applicable fee has been paid; and all applicable certifications have been provided. Such certification must be based on at least one of the situations outlined in the following subsections, must indicate which of those subsections is being referred to, and must state that the recommended alteration is the only reasonable and appropriate alternative action. In lieu of a certified statement by a qualified tree consultant, an applicant may submit objective data such as photographs which allows the Planning Director to make the required determination.

Tree alteration shall be performed by the property owner or resident with consent of owner, or, by a qualified tree trimmer. The Planning Director shall impose standard conditions to ensure only the approved trees are altered, felled, or removed such as tree tagging and protective fencing for remaining trees. Alteration shall only occur in accordance with ISA standards.

Except as provided in Secs. 8107-25.4, 8107-25.5, or 8107-25.7, no person shall alter, fell, or remove a Protected Tree without obtaining a ministerial tree permit for the following circumstances:

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. The tree poses a significant threat to people, lawfully established structures or other trees because of such factors as: its continued growth; its probable collapse in the near future; or its potential to spread disease or pests; as determined and certified by a qualified tree consultant.
- b. The tree interferes with public utility facilities as certified by the tree maintenance supervisor for the utility, in consultation and concurrence with a qualified tree consultant.
- c. The tree interferes with the public safety or traffic line of sight or emergency vehicle movement as certified by a traffic engineer of the Ventura County Public Works Agency in consultation with a qualified tree consultant.
- d. The tree interferes with private sewer lines as certified by a plumbing contractor or other person doing the plumbing work and there is no alternative to removing the tree or altering roots or other elements of the tree as certified by a qualified tree consultant.
- e. Alteration, felling, or removal is necessary to construct improvements within the public right-of-way or within a flood control or other public utility right of way, as certified by a Registered Civil Engineer of the State of California in consultation and concurrence with a qualified tree consultant. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- f. The tree constitutes a public safety hazard as certified by a supervisor from any park or school district, County General Services Agency, or Fire Protection District in consultation with a qualified tree consultant.

- g. The trees to be felled and/or removed number six (6) to ten (10) Protected Trees in any 12 consecutive month period beginning with the date of the first tree removal, and their removal is required for necessary agricultural operations, or the expansion of existing or establishment of a new commercial agriculture on land under the same contiguous ownership provided that: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
 - (1) The land is zoned AE, OS or TP, and
 - (2) The trees to be removed are not classified as historical, and
 - (3) A farm plan has been prepared for any proposed expansion of existing or establishment of new commercial agriculture, and
 - (4) Records are kept of the dates that any protected trees are removed and such records or summaries thereof are submitted to the Planning Director.
 (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- h. The trees to be felled and/or removed number 11 to 25 Protected Trees in any 12 consecutive month period beginning with the date of the first tree removal, and their removal is required for necessary agricultural operations, or the expansion of existing or establishment of new commercial agriculture from land under the same contiguous ownership provided that: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
 - (1) The land is zoned AE, OS or TP, and
 - (2) The trees to be felled and/or removed are not classified as historical, and (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
 - (3) A farm plan has been prepared for any proposed expansion of existing or establishment of new commercial agriculture. and
 - (4) Records are kept of the dates that any protected trees are felled and/or removed and such records are submitted to the Planning Director, and (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
 - (5) A field inspection by the Planning Director or designee has occurred.
 (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- i. The tree(s) in its present form and/or location denies reasonable access to the subject property and/or the construction, maintenance, or use of the property in a manner permitted by zoning on the said property. No more than five protected trees may be cumulatively felled or removed from the subject property for this purpose, and no more than three of the five trees may be oak or sycamore trees and none of them may be "historical" or "heritage" trees. Trees may also be altered as necessary for this same purpose. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4328 - 9/13/05)
- j. The tree to be felled and/or removed is an "Introduced Protected Tree" located in the public easement or on public property, and permission to remove it has been granted pursuant to County Ordinance Code No. 2041 relating to Encroachments on County Highways and as it may be amended. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- k. The tree to be felled and/or removed is an "Introduced Protected Tree", as certified by a qualified tree consultant, and is located on private property. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.7 - Discretionary Tree Permits and Standards

Except as provided in Secs. 8107-25.4, 8107-25.5 or 8107-25.6, no person shall alter, fell, or remove a Protected Tree without obtaining a Planning Director

approved discretionary Tree Permit. The Planning Director may approve a discretionary Tree Permit application with necessary conditions to promote the purpose of these tree ordinance regulations if:

Sec. 8107-25.7.1

- a) A heritage or historical tree is to be felled or removed from the site and its continued existence in its present form and/or location denies reasonable access to the subject property and/or the approved construction, maintenance, or use in a manner permitted by the zoning on said property. (ADD. ORD. 4328 – 9/13/05)
- b) The cumulative number of trees to be felled or removed from the site number four (4) or more oak or sycamore trees and their continued existence in their present form and/or location denies reasonable access to the subject property and/or the approved construction, maintenance, or use in a manner permitted by the zoning on said property. (ADD. ORD. 4328 – 9/13/05)
- c) The cumulative number of trees to be felled or removed from the site number six (6) or more protected trees (not listed in a or b above) and their continued existence in their present form and/or location denies reasonable access to the subject property and/or the approved construction, maintenance, or use in a manner permitted by the zoning on said property. (AM. ORD. 4328 – 9/13/05)

Sec. 8107-25.7.2

The alteration, felling, and/or removal of trees is to further commercial agricultural purposes and all the following applicable standards can be met:

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. There is a farm plan for any proposed expansion of existing or establishment of new commercial agriculture, and
- b. The proposed agricultural activities are consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the County and as set forth in the adopted "Tree Protection Guidelines", and
- c. The Planning Director determines that, on balance, the proposed agricultural activities, which include Protected Tree alteration, would result in benefits to the public which outweigh the residual negative effects of tree alteration after mitigating permit conditions are imposed.

Sec. 8107-25.7.3

The tree alteration, felling, and/or removal, is to further timber growing and harvesting, is not regulated by the California Forest Practices Act, and all the following applicable standards can be met:

- a. There is a Forest Resource Management Plan prepared by a registered professional forester (RPF) which is intended to improve or enhance forest resources. (AM. OR. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- b. The above Plan establishes a "sustainable yield" for the property and a program to maintain it.
- c. The proposed timber harvesting activities are consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards as established and followed by similar sustaining yield operations and as may be set forth in the adopted Tree Protection Guidelines, and

- d. The Planning Director determines that, on balance, the proposed activities, which include Protected Tree alteration, felling and/or removal would result in benefits to the public which outweigh the residual negative effects on the tree(s) after mitigating permit conditions are imposed. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.7.4

The tree alteration, felling, and/or removal is part of a larger project which, as conditioned, would on balance result in significant benefits to the public and if: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. Established public policy including General Plan policies would be advanced, or
- b. Resources of local, regional, or Statewide significance could be productively utilized, or
- c. The public benefits outweigh the unavoidable negative impacts associated with the removal of protected trees required by the project.

Sec. 8107-25.7.5

The Protected Tree has been recently altered or felled without the required permit and a person seeks to remove the tree, roots or limbs from the lot. (AM. ORD. 4092 -6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.8 - Tree Permit Applications and Supporting Information

The application form and supporting information necessary to evaluate a request to alter, fell, or remove a Protected Tree shall be determined by the Planning Director and be in accordance with the Tree Protection Guidelines. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.9 - Tree Protection Guidelines

In granting a Tree Permit, the Planning Director shall utilize the adopted "Tree Protection Guidelines," as amended from time to time, in making a decision consistent with the purpose of the tree protection regulations and said Guidelines. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.10 - Offsets for Altered, Felled, or Removed Trees

Unless exempted herein, offsets shall be provided on a one-for-one basis for the following circumstances: (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

- a. All discretionary tree permits pursuant to Sec. 8107-25.7.
- b. Where the alteration, felling, or removal of a tree(s) has taken place but cannot be retroactively legalized pursuant to provisions of the Tree Protection regulations.

(ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.10.1 - Exemptions from Offsets

Trees removed and transplanted to a location acceptable to the Planning Director shall be exempted from "offset" requirements provided:

- a. The transplanted tree is properly cared for per industry standards; and
- b. The tree survives for a period of at least five years; and
- c. A compliance agreement has been entered into with the Planning Division to monitor "a" and "b" above.

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.10.2 - Tree Offset Standards

Offsets shall be based on the "cross-sectional" area of the affected portions of the subject tree. The required offset is achieved when the Planning Director deems the selected offsets from among the alternatives referenced in the Tree Protection Guidelines equals the cross-sectional area of the affected portions of the tree(s) in question. In determining the offset obligation, the I.S.A. valuation of a subject tree shall be calculated in accordance with the most current edition of the I.S.A. "Guide for Plant Appraisal" as it applies to central Southern California. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-25.11 - Appeals of Tree Permit Decisions

Within ten calendar days of the notice of decision, appeals may be made to the Ventura County Planning Commission upon filing of the proper form and payment of the appropriate fee. The decision of the Planning Commission shall be final and conclusive. There is no appeal to the Board of Supervisors for a tree permit decision under the provisions of Article 11.

Sec. 8107-25.12 - Violations, Enforcement Procedures and Penalties

A violation of any provision of these Tree Protection Regulations or of any condition of a Tree Permit granted under authority of this ordinance, is a misdemeanor/infraction, as specified in Section 13-1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punishable as provided by Section 13-2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code. In such cases, each tree altered, felled or removed in violation of this ordinance shall constitute a separate violation. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

A violation of the prohibitions of these Tree Protection Regulations, or of any condition of the Tree Permit granted under authority of this ordinance, is hereby declared to be a public nuisance as such violations constitute a destruction of a County natural resource. This ordinance shall be enforced by the Ventura County Planning Director applying those procedures set forth in Ventura County Ordinance Code Sections 8114-3 and 8114-4.

As an alternative to pursuing legal action, the Planning Director, at his/her sole discretion, may approve a compliance agreement between the confirmed violator and Ventura County. This agreement may include, but is not limited to, requirements to obtain the necessary tree permit(s), provide offsets for unauthorized and unpermissible losses due to alterations, fellings, or removals, and other mitigation measures to abate a specific violation of the tree protection regulations. (AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8107-26 - Farmworker and Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units

Farmworker and animal caretaker dwelling units shall be developed in accordance with the following standards:

Sec. 8107-26.1 - Quantities

No more than four (4) dwelling units, comprised of either farmworker and/or animal caretaker dwelling units, may be obtained by Zoning Clearance pursuant to the following chart, "Standards for Ministerial Farmworker and Animal Caretaker Dwelling Units":

STANDARDS FOR MINISTERIAL FARMWORKER AND ANIMAL CARETAKER DWELLING UNITS (Sec. 8107-26.1)	
AGRICULTURAL LAND USE	FARMWORKER AND ANIMAL CARETAKER DWELLING UNITS
Fowl and poultry ranches	One unit per 50,000 broiler chickens, or one unit per 50,000 egg-laying hens, or one unit per 5,000 turkeys
Horse ranches and equestrian facilities	One unit per 10 brood mares, or one unit per 25 equines, where a stall exists for each animal
Greenhouses and hothouses	One unit per 100,000 sq. ft. of propagating greenhouse
Irrigated row crops, specialty crops, orchards, vineyards and field-grown plant materials	One unit per 40 acres in crops
Irrigated pasture, field crops, grain and hay	One unit per 40 acres in crops
Dry farm orchards, beans and specialty field crops	One unit per 160 acres in crops
Grazing	One dwelling per 320 acres grazing land

Sec. 8107-26.2 - Dwelling Unit Size

No farmworker or animal caretaker dwelling units ministerially approved for construction after June 27, 1995, shall exceed 1,800 square feet in gross floor area. A CUP for a farmworker or animal caretaker dwelling unit exceeding 1,800 square feet may be granted for compelling reasons.

Sec. 8107-26.3 - Farmworker and Animal Caretaker Employment Criteria

Farmworker and animal caretaker dwelling units shall only be rented or provided under the terms of employment to persons who are employed full time (minimum of 32 hours per week) as farmworkers or animal caretakers by the property owner or lessee of the lot upon which the dwelling unit sits, or on other land in Ventura County that is under the same ownership or lease as the property with the dwelling unit. A farmworker or animal caretaker who has been renting or occupying a farmworker or animal caretaker dwelling unit and who subsequently retires or becomes disabled, may continue to reside in the dwelling unit. Members of the farmworker's or animal caretaker's household, if any, may also occupy said dwelling unit.

Sec. 8107-26.4 - Annual Verification of Farmworker or Animal Caretaker Employment

The owner of the property, or his/her designated agent, must submit all County-required verification fees as established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors and an annual verification report by May 15th of each year to the Planning Director or his or her designee, in a form acceptable to the Planning Director, demonstrating that the farmworker(s) and/or animal caretaker(s) residing in the farmworker and/or animal caretaker dwelling unit(s) meet(s) the employment criteria established in Sec. 8107-26.3.

Sec. 8107-26.5 - Enforcement of Farmworker and Animal Caretaker Employment Criteria

Violations of the provisions of Section 8107-26.3 or 8107-26.4 shall be administered in accordance with Article 14 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. Any administrative civil penalties collected pursuant to section 8114-3.7 and as a result of violation of section 8107-26 et sec shall be deposited in a County farmworker housing fund account for exclusive use by the County or its designee for rehabilitation and/or construction of farmworker housing.

(ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)
(REP./REEN. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Sec. 8107-27 - Cemeteries

Cemeteries existing prior to January 1, 1994, in AE zones may be allowed to expand subject to permit modification or to a Planning Commission approval of a Conditional Use Permit, and subject to the findings of the AE zone. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-28 - Radio Stations

Radio stations with studio facilities, existing prior to January 1, 1994, in OS and AE zones, may be allowed to expand, subject to obtaining the necessary County entitlements. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-29 - Motorcross Racetrack Facilities and Uses

Sec. 8107-29.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this section is to establish reasonable and uniform development standards for the siting, design, placement and use of tracks, parks or trails (hereinafter referred to as "tracks"), for the organized use of motocross motorcycle vehicles such as, and limited to, small and medium sized motorcycles, dirt bikes, OHVs (off-highway vehicles), motocross and mini-motocross bikes the engines of which do not exceed two cylinders; and appurtenant structures and improvements such as restrooms, clubhouses, storage structures, parking areas, equipment yards, pit areas and concession/vending stands (hereinafter referred to as "facilities"). The following development standards are established to minimize the impact on resources and neighboring uses from such effects as, but not limited to: noise, loss of privacy, traffic congestion, trespassing, fugitive dust, and risk of damage or injury from flying projectiles and debris. (ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-29.2 – Application

All motocross tracks and facilities as defined in Section 8102-0 may be allowed pursuant to permits required in Sec. 8105-4. (ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96)

Sec. 8107-29.3 - Minimum Standards

The standards included in Sections 8107-29.4 through 8107-29.6 are the minimum standards that must be complied with. Additional and more specific standards may be applied on a case-by-case basis as permit conditions. (ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96)

Sec. 8107-29.4 - Minimum Siting Criteria

The following are minimum sitting criteria for any motocross tracks and facilities:

Sec. 8107-29.4.1

Motocross tracks shall not be allowed in any of the following locations:

- a. Any area within the following overlay zones: Mineral Resource Protection (MRP) or Scenic Resource Protection (SRP). (AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/09/08)
- b. Within the Sphere of Influence, Area of Interest or Planning Area of any incorporated city, whichever is the largest area applicable.
- c. Within a County-adopted Greenbelt area.
- d. Within a 100-year flood plain (Zone A) as designated on a FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map).
- e. Within an airport approach or departure zone as depicted in the County's General Plan Hazards Appendix Maps.
- f. Within the boundaries of the Los Padres National Forest.
- g. Within any area designated by the Fire Protection District as a High Fire Hazard Area.
- h. On any land subject to a Land Conservation Act (LCA) contract, notwithstanding its Open Space zoning designation.

(ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-29.4.2

Any property proposed for the siting of such tracks and facilities shall be located:

- a. Within two minutes driving time or 500 feet (whichever is greater) of an all-weather street, road or highway with a minimum right-of-way of 100 feet, and in a location which would provide a secondary route of ingress/egress via a street, road or highway with a minimum all-weather right-of-way of 60 feet.
- b. On sites which naturally lend themselves to meeting the purpose of these regulations (Section 8107-29.2) in that the sites naturally promote minimum grading or disturbance of the existing topography, and auditory buffering such as that provided by canyons, hills, or other natural sound buffers.
- c. Motocross tracks and facilities shall not be allowed on any legal lot of less than forty (40) acres. No track on a given lot shall cover more than 30 acres of total ground area. On lots larger than forty acres, such tracks and facilities (excluding parking areas, sound baffles and noise attenuation structures) shall not occupy more than 30 acres total area.

(ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-29.5 - Setbacks

All tracks and facilities shall be set back the following distances from dwellings, other public uses and property lines:

- a. 100 feet from any occupied dwelling not necessary to the operation of the track, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25, allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall a track be located less than 50 feet from said structure.
- b. A minimum of 60 feet from all property lines.
- c. 500 feet from any institution, school or other building used as a place of public assemblage, unless a waiver is signed pursuant to Sec. 8107-5.6.25, allowing the setback to be reduced. In no case shall any track be located less than 300 feet from said structures.
- d. The applicable setbacks for accessory structures in the Open Space zone.

(ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-29.6 - Construction and Operating Standards

All facilities and structures shall be constructed and operated as follows:

- a. All such facilities shall be operated in compliance with the most current standards established by the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) or its affiliates, successor organization or an alternative sanctioning body approved by the Planning Director.
- b. All facilities shall be sited and operated so as to be in conformance with minimum noise standards, as set forth in the Ventura County General Plan, and as monitored from all property lines.
- c. All mechanical or repair activity of motocross/off-highway vehicles shall be limited to vehicles engaged in same-day events or activities. No other such mechanical and/or repair activity shall be allowed on the site.
- d. On-site lighting shall be for security purposes only. Such lighting shall be shielded to eliminate or minimize glare to off-site areas.
- e. The maximum number of active participants (i.e. riders, crew members, employees) using a permitted facility shall not exceed 30 persons per acre of the total up to 30 acres. Non-participants (i.e. spectators) shall be limited to a maximum of 50 persons per acre of total net site area up to 30 acres, and such persons shall be allowed on-site during organized events only.
- f. The use of permitted facilities for practice or other non-organized, non-competitive activities shall be limited to daylight hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week. Use of such facilities for organized events shall be limited to daylight hours between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m., or fifteen minutes after official sunset for that day's event, whichever is later, on Saturdays and Sundays only. Deviation from this standard pertaining to days and hours of operation shall be subject to prior approval by the Planning Director. With a Permit Adjustment, organized events may also be held on Friday evenings and holidays that fall on Fridays and Mondays. Such deviations from the normal schedule are allowed once per three-month quarter.

For purposes of this subsection "official sunset" shall be defined as that which is published in a local newspaper of general circulation.

- g. Facilities shall be maintained in a neat, safe, and orderly manner and in compliance with all applicable Federal, State and local regulations and standards.

- h. All facilities located in or on non-paved areas shall be watered or otherwise treated as often as necessary to prevent fugitive dust impacts on- and off-site. At a minimum, such watering shall be done prior to each day's events or operations. Watering shall be done more frequently during Santa Ana and high wind periods.

(ADD. ORD. 4118 - 7/2/96; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-30 - Mobile Food Facilities

Sec. 8107-30.1

Mobile food facilities, referred to herein as "facilities," other than those addressed in Sec. 8107-30.2 are subject to the following standards:

Sec. 8107-30.1.1

Where such facilities do not remain at the same location for more than 30 minutes at a time, and sell food to employees (during the workday), students (during class hours) and residents on the same lot as that on which the facility is parked or situated, or on lots adjacent thereto, or if such facilities are parked on public property, they are allowed in all zones and are exempt from Zoning Clearance requirements.

Sec. 8107-30.1.2

Such facilities that remain in one location for more than 30 minutes at a time are permitted in commercial and industrial zones only, and are subject to the following standards:

- a. A Zoning Clearance must be obtained.
- b. The facility may not occupy a site for more than three hours in a given day, nor visit the same site more than three times in a given day for periods of less than 30 minutes.
- c. No freestanding signs are permitted for advertising or any other purpose associated with the facility.
- d. The facility is limited to sites where a principal use is already legally established.
- e. The facility must not block access to or from other principal uses on the site.
- f. The facility must not be placed in a public right-of-way.
- g. The facility, and access to it, cannot occupy more than two parking spaces during the operating hours of the principal use.
- h. The facility must be located at least 30 feet off the access road servicing the site.
- i. Only one such facility (remaining in place more than 30 minutes) is allowed on a lot at one time.
- j. The mobile food facility must not park within 300 feet of a restaurant or other permanent eating establishment that is open during the same hours that the mobile food facility is present, unless the facility is accessory to the eating establishment.
- k. All permits required by the Environmental Health Division must be obtained prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for a mobile food facility.

Sec. 8107-30.2

Mobile food facilities that are parked on the site of and sell food during a permitted swap meet, carnival, outdoor festival or similar event are exempt from Zoning Clearance requirements, but must be removed when the event ceases.

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8107-31 - Recreational Vehicle/Mini-Storage**Sec. 8107-31.1 - Lot Area**

A minimum of two acres is required for such facilities.

Sec. 8107-31.2 - Building Design

In all zones except M3, street facing facades of buildings adjacent to street-side property lines shall be designed or treated to appear as general commercial uses through the use of such features as mock windows, undulating facades, columns, pilasters, or other methods which demonstrate, to the satisfaction of the Planning Director, that they will achieve the same purpose. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-31.3 - Building Separation

Building separation shall be pursuant to Article 6 of this Chapter. Driving lanes within mini-storage facilities shall be at least 25 feet wide.

Sec. 8107-31.4 - Building Height

Where a mini-storage facility abuts an OS, AE or R zone, building height shall not exceed 12 feet for the first 20 feet from the common property line or lines. Thereafter, the height standard for the zone shall apply. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-31.5 - Setbacks

Where a setback is required by this Chapter, access to the setback area shall be provided and shall be maintained so that it does not become a repository for trash, debris and other nuisances. Required setbacks may be increased, taking into account adjoining uses, the density of adjoining development, visual impacts, and building length and bulk. There shall be a setback of at least 30 feet from the main entrance gate to the property line from which it takes access.

Sec. 8107-31.6 - Fences and Walls

There must be a seven-foot high peripheral wall adjacent to any property line that abuts an R-zone. Where other zones abut the site, such a wall may also be required by the Planning Director based on the character of existing development in the area and best planning practice.

Sec. 8107-31.7 - Landscaping

Notwithstanding Sec. 8106-1.2 all mini-storage facilities constructed after the adoption of this Section shall have a minimum 10-foot landscape strip along all property lines adjacent to public streets.

Sec. 8107-31.8 - Parking

Parking shall be provided as specified in Section 8108-4.7. Any such facility that offers trucks, trailers, and the like for rental shall have sufficient on-site storage for the rental vehicles, and such storage shall not block access to rental units nor impede on-site traffic circulation/traffic flow, nor be visible from any public

right-of-way, nor otherwise utilize required on-site parking. (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Sec. 8107-31.9 - Office

There shall be an office to service the facility, and said office shall be accessible from outside the main entrance gate.

Sec. 8107-31.10 - Noise and Lighting

Noise and lighting shall not create a nuisance upon nor otherwise negatively impact neighboring uses. Any lighting shall be directed into the project and not toward neighboring properties.

Sec. 8107-31.11 - Accessory Uses

Accessory retail sales of items directly related to storage and/or shipping, such as locks, adhesive tape, and cardboard boxes, shall be permitted. Other accessory uses are limited to a caretaker dwelling, an office as set forth in Sec. 8107-31.9, and vehicle storage as set forth in Sec. 8107-31.16.

Sec. 8107-31.12 - On-Site Sales

There shall be no businesses or "garage sales" conducted in or from any rental space within such facilities, and each person or entity renting a space within a facility must agree to this in writing.

Sec. 8107-31.13 - Screening of Roof Equipment

Any roof-mounted equipment shall be screened from view from any public right-of-way.

Sec. 8107-31.14 - Lease Agreements

The permittee shall submit a standard format for agreements regarding the leasing of spaces and lockers to the Planning Director to ensure that there are no conflicts with these standards or with permit conditions. Also, any deviation from the standard agreements shall be subject to approval by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8107-31.15 - Graffiti

The permittee shall submit a graffiti control plan for approval by the Planning Director and thereafter implement the plan in accordance with the schedule approved by the Planning Director. Said plan shall address the prevention of graffiti by such means as landscaping materials, special surface finishes, misting/irrigation strategies and/or alarms, or other means deemed feasible by the Planning Director. The plan shall also include strategies which detail how graffiti will be removed within 48 hours of its discovery.

Sec. 8107-31.16 - Vehicle Storage

Currently licensed vehicles may be stored on the site, provided that no more than 30 percent of the gross area of the subject lot is devoted to such vehicle storage. Areas devoted to vehicle storage shall not be visible from off-site.

Sec. 8107-31.17 - Prohibited Activities

There shall be no bulk storage of materials or waste products, no painting or mechanical work (except for maintenance of the facility), and no automobile bodywork or painting, on mini-storage sites.

(ADD. ORD. 4166 - 4/14/98)

Sec. 8107-32 - Correctional Institutions

Correctional Institutions shall be developed in accordance with the following standard(s):

Sec. 8107-32.1

Minimum lot area shall be thirty (30) acres. (ADD. ORD. 4227 - 1/9/01)

Sec. 8107-33 - Agricultural Promotional Uses

Sec. 8107-33.1 - Purpose

These uses and attendant structures are intended to advance agricultural operations in Ventura County through promotional, educational, and entertainment activities that directly relate to agricultural activities in the county and/or on the subject site by exposing the public to the industry's economic and cultural contributions, farming practices, and conflicts with urban uses among other issues.

Sec. 8107-33.2 - Range of Uses

In pursuit of the above purpose, such activities as the following may be allowed: tours of the facility, interactive exhibits that educate, recreational/entertainment activities with an agricultural theme, and/or other activities that are dependent on the agricultural setting. Accessory uses to the promotional use, such as food and beverage facilities and sales of souvenirs related to the promotional use, may also be allowed.

Sec. 8107-33.3 - Standards

Agricultural Promotional Uses shall meet all the following standards:

Sec. 8107-33.3.1

The principal use on the site is agriculture and the promotional use is clearly subordinate and accessory to the agricultural use in that:

- a. No more than 15% of the site is devoted to the promotional use and its related accessory uses and required parking, and
- b. At least 80% of the land not devoted to the promotional use shall be devoted to production agriculture and related accessory structures and improvements.

Sec. 8107-33.3.2

The use shall meet the standards set forth in Section 8111-1.2.1.2 regardless of the zoning designation on the property.

Sec. 8107-33.3.3

The use is complementary to and promotes the agricultural uses on the land or in the county in that the use relies on the agricultural setting as a principal inducement for people to come to the site, or generally involves authentic agricultural themes, equipment, characters, etc., e.g. farm animals and not wild animals, farm tractors and not sports cars.

Sec. 8107-33.3.4

Uses which are not allowed as a principal use, e.g. bed-and-breakfast inns or restaurants, are not allowed as accessory uses under this section.

Sec. 8107-33.3.5

The facilities will be required to meet all of the regulations of all other County agencies with regard to any proposed structures such as public occupancy, sanitary facilities, handicapped access, fire safety, security, etc.

(ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-34 - Animal Shade Structures

Said structures shall not be anchored in the ground nor attached to any structure which is anchored in the ground. For example, shade structures may be attached to such portable structures as corrals which are not anchored in the ground. Shade structures which cannot meet this standard may still be constructed under other applicable provisions of Sec. 8105-4. (ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-35 - Botanic Gardens and Arboreta

Botanic Gardens and Arboreta shall be developed in accordance with the following standards:

Sec. 8107-35.1- Minimum Permit Area

The Minimum Permit Area shall be 50 acres on property zoned Open Space (OS). There shall be no minimum lot size in the Commercial Planned Development (CPD) zone. A minimum of 80% of the lot area must be planted, either for public display or for replenishment of displayed plants. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-35.2 - Gift Shops

One gift shop per site is permitted. Gift shops shall not exceed 1,000 sq ft in size. Commodities sold in the gift shop shall be limited to seeds and plants that are grown and displayed on the site, together with items which are customarily accessory to plant sales, such as garden implements, plant pots, and books on plants, plant history, and/or gardening. The gift shop area may also sell prepared refreshments such as soft drinks and snack items. No more than 20% of the total sales inventory, based on square feet of shelf space, sold at the gift shop shall be prepared refreshments.

Sec. 8107-35.3 – Site Design

Siting and design of all facilities should avoid or mitigate direct or indirect significant impacts to native plant communities and natural habitat. Measures should include but not be limited to:

Sec. 8107-35.3.1

For properties located in the Open Space (OS) zone, roofed structures shall be limited to a total maximum area of 500 square feet per acre, but not to exceed 25,000 square feet per site. Types of roofed structures allowed are limited to information centers/kiosks, administrative offices, restrooms, a gift shop, and maintenance/storage facilities. Greenhouses and hothouses are specifically exempted from the square footage limitation. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-35.3.2

Structures and irrigated landscapes should be designed and landscaped to prevent encroachment of non-native species into natural areas. Buffer zones of up to 600 feet may be required.

Sec. 8107-35.3.3

Fire clearance areas should not diminish the natural areas but should be incorporated into the project site.

Sec. 8107-35.3.4

Runoff of water, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, and the like should be contained to avoid or mitigate impacts to natural areas.

Sec. 8107-35.3.5

Native plants, preferably from within the same watershed, should be used whenever possible to avoid or mitigate significant genetic impacts on the local flora.

Sec. 8107-35.3.6

While the use of non-native plants may be appropriate in some instances, they should not replace native flora. Opportunities to restore native habitat should be sought out.

Sec. 8107-35.3.7

Invasive plants, whether native or introduced, are not permitted. Invasive plants shall be those on List A and List B maintained by the California Invasive Plant Council.

(ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-36 - Regulations Governing Waste Handling, Waste Disposal and Recycling Facilities, Organics Processing Operations and Waste Hauling Yards

Sec. 8107-36.1 - Purpose

The County of Ventura encourages land uses which enable citizens to efficiently reuse and recycle the solid waste they generate, to minimize the amount of solid waste sent to waste disposal facilities, and to assist in meeting the recycling goals mandated by the state. This section sets forth minimum standards and regulations for the siting, design, and operation of these types of operations and activities.

Sec. 8107-36.2 - Definitions

For purposes of Sec. 4107-37 et seq., the following definitions shall apply:

Contamination - Unwanted materials in a waste stream or feedstock. These may be residuals that must be disposed of in a waste disposal facility or any item that is not within the desired category of separated discards. Contamination is calculated as a percentage by weight.

Feedstock - Input material to a manufacturing or processing operation. With regard to organic processing operations, feedstock means decomposable organic material used for the manufacture of compost, mulch, worm castings, and other soil amendments.

Separated -Separated refers to discarded materials that have been segregated by material type (including commingled recyclables) prior to receipt by a resource recovery (recycling, reuse, etc.) facility or operation.

Windrow - A long, relatively narrow pile, such as of composting material.

Sec. 8107-36.3 - Standards Relating To Waste Handling, Waste Disposal And Recycling Facilities

Sec. 8107-36.3.1 - General Standards

The following standards shall apply to all waste handling, waste disposal and recycling facilities (except temporary collection activities, accessory operations and waste collection and processing activities to mitigate an emergency):

- a. Prior to issuing a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary entitlement, the applicable decision-making authority (the Planning Director, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Supervisors) shall make a finding that the

proposed project will not have a significant effect on soils designated "Prime," "Statewide Importance," "Unique" or "Local Importance" on the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, Important Farmlands Maps, or on land subject to a Land Conservation Act (LCA) contract, as defined in the appropriate section of the Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines, unless the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, determines that the land is developed or otherwise unsuitable for agricultural activities.

- b. The project shall be designed, and all activities shall be conducted so as to minimize their adverse impact on the physical environment. To this end, dust, noise, vibration, noxious odors, intrusive light, vectors, traffic impacts and other factors of nuisance and annoyance shall be reduced to a minimum or eliminated through appropriate setbacks and other best accepted practices that are applicable to local conditions.
- c. The site shall be maintained free of litter and the facility operator shall be responsible for daily collection of all litter that leaves the site.
- d. All residual wastes derived from receiving and processing activities shall be removed from the site within the time frame required by state law.
- e. Materials shall not be accepted at any time when the storage capacity of the site would be exceeded by such delivery.
- f. Drainage - Drainage must be controlled so as to prevent any leachate run-off from the site; divert surface water drainage away from all piles of material; and prevent the creation of puddles and standing water in any area where waste materials are stored.
- g. Facilities in commercial, M1, or M2 zones which require outdoor operations or storage shall incorporate appropriate landscaping, walls, fences, or other methods to provide visual screening from any adjacent properties and public rights-of-way. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- h. The standards outlined in the following Sections (8107-36.3.2 through 8107-36.3.12) that apply to the specific activity shall also be met.

Sec. 8107-36.3.2 - Recyclables Collection Centers

Recyclables collection centers shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1, as well as the following standards:

- a. In residentially zoned areas, such centers shall only be allowed as accessory uses when they are accessory to government or similar private facilities frequented by the general public, such as schools, parks, and assembly uses. (AM. ORD 4411 - 3/2/10)
- b. No Zoning Clearance or modification of any original entitlement permit shall be required when such centers are established in conjunction with an approved principal use and are on lots larger than one acre.
- c. Each collection container shall be clearly marked to identify the type of materials that may be deposited and shall be of sufficient capacity to accommodate both deposited material quantity and collection frequency.
- d. Collection containers shall be constructed of sturdy materials and maintained in good condition.
- e. Containers for the 24-hour donation of materials shall be at least 40 feet from any property occupied for residential use unless there is a recognized

service road and acoustical shielding between the containers and the residential use.

- f. The collection center shall not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular circulation.
- g. For operations located within 500 feet of property occupied for residential use, power-driven equipment (excluding reverse vending machines) shall not be operated between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
- h. Use of parking spaces by accessory recyclables collection centers (established in conjunction with an approved principal use) and attendant(s) may not reduce available parking spaces below the minimum required in the land use permit for the principal use, unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that the existing parking capacity is not fully utilized, pursuant to Sec. 8108-4.8.1. (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)
- i. Individual refuse bins sited for the temporary collection of seasonal recyclables, such as Christmas trees and telephone books, shall be allowed without a permit when the above standards [Sec. 8107-36.3.2 (a-h)] are met.

Sec. 8107-36.3.3 - Recyclables Collection and Processing Facilities

Recyclables collection and processing facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1 as well as the following standards:

- a. Prior to issuing a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary entitlement, the applicable decision-making authority (the Planning Director, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Supervisors) shall make a finding that the proposed project, as conditioned, is compatible with adjacent agriculture, including but not limited to such factors as water runoff, siltation, erosion, dust, introduction of pests and diseases, and the potential for trespassing, pilferage, or vandalism, as well as conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses including but not limited to vehicular traffic and the application of agricultural chemicals to agricultural property.
- b. Such facilities shall be set back a minimum of 300 feet from any agricultural production. If the applicant can demonstrate that potential impacts to the agricultural production have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, may reduce or waive the setback.

Sec. 8107-36.3.4 - Temporary Collection Activities

All temporary collection activities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1 as well as the following standards:

- a. They shall not occur earlier than 6:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. if they are out-of-doors.
- b. They shall not cause traffic delays of more than three minutes at a time on public roads.
- c. Where hazardous waste or household hazardous wastes are being collected, the following additional conditions shall apply:
 - (1) The contained area used for unloading, identifying, consolidating and packaging the hazardous wastes/materials shall be set back at least 50 feet from the nearest residence, business, hospital, or dedicated public street or highway.

- (2) The following local authorities shall be notified of the proposed activity prior to use inauguration: Environmental Health Division, Fire Protection District, Sheriff's Department, and Air Pollution Control District.
- d. In the AE zone, such activities shall only be for the collection of materials generated from commercial agriculture and from ancillary structures related to agricultural activities. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-36.3.5 - Reuse Salvage Facilities

Reuse salvage facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-36.3.6 - Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities

Recyclable household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1. (ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-36.3.7 - Recyclable Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities, Accessory

When established in conjunction with an approved principal use, recyclable household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities are exempt from obtaining a separate Zoning Clearance if the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1, as well as the following standards, are met:

- a. Use of parking spaces by the facility and attendant(s) may not reduce available parking spaces below the minimum required by the land use permit for the principal use, unless it is demonstrated to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that the existing parking capacity is not fully utilized, pursuant to Sec. 8108-4.8.1. (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)
- b. Such facilities shall be of sufficient capacity to accommodate both incoming material quantity and collection frequency.
- c. Facilities shall only accept materials that are the same or equivalent to those normally sold, dispensed, used, generated, or accepted at the site.
- d. The acceptance of materials shall occur during normal business hours and be a routine part of the business as opposed to a special event.
- e. All exterior storage of material shall be in sturdy containers or enclosures that are maintained in good condition, and placed upon impervious surfaces.
- f. Space will be provided on-site for the anticipated peak customer load to circulate vehicles and to deposit recyclable materials.
- g. Any structures added to a site to accommodate acceptance of materials are subject to Planning Division regulations such as setback and height standards, and permit modification requirements.
- h. For facilities located within 500 feet of property occupied for residential use, power-driven equipment shall not be operated between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Sec. 8107-36.3.8 - Household/CESQG Hazardous Waste Collection Facilities and Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment and Storage Facilities

Household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities and hazardous waste collection, treatment, and storage facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1 as well as the following standards:

- a. Such facilities shall be allowed in the OS zone only when accessory to a solid waste disposal facility or government facilities. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
- b. No such facilities shall be sited within a 100-year flood plain.

Sec. 8107-36.3.9 - Waste Processing Facilities and Waste Transfer Stations

Waste processing facilities and waste transfer stations shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1 as well as the following standards:

- a. Prior to issuing a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary entitlement, the applicable decision-making authority (the Planning Director, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Supervisors) shall make a finding that the proposed project, as conditioned, is compatible with adjacent agriculture, including but not limited to such factors as water runoff, siltation, erosion, dust, introduction of pests and diseases, and the potential for trespassing, pilferage, or vandalism, as well as conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses including but not limited to vehicular traffic and the application of agricultural chemicals to agricultural property.
- b. Such facilities shall be set back a minimum of 300 feet from any agricultural production. If the applicant can demonstrate that potential impacts to the agricultural production have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, may reduce or waive the setback.
- c. No such facilities will be sited within a 100-year flood plain.
- d. All on-site recyclable materials and refuse shall be stored in containers, within a building, or in an area screened from view from surrounding properties and public streets.

Sec. 8107-36.3.10 - Disposal Facilities, Solid Waste

Solid waste disposal facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1, as well as the following standards:

- a. Such facilities shall be consistent with the Siting Criteria outlined in the Countywide Siting Plan of the Ventura County Integrated Waste Management Plan.
- b. Such facilities shall be set back a minimum of 300 feet from any agricultural production. If the applicant can demonstrate that potential impacts to the agricultural production have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, may reduce or waive the setback.

Sec. 8107-36.3.11 - Disposal Facilities, Hazardous Waste

Hazardous waste disposal facilities shall comply with the standards outlined in Sec. 8107-36.3.1, as well as the following standards:

- a. No facilities will be sited within a 100-year flood plain.
- b. Such facilities shall be set back a minimum of 300 feet from any agricultural production. If the applicant can demonstrate that potential impacts to the agricultural production have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, may reduce or waive the setback.

Sec. 8107-36.3.12 - Waste Collection and Processing Activities to Mitigate an Emergency

Where the Planning Director has determined that an emergency exists, the Planning Director has discretion to allow limited-term (not to exceed 12 months) waste collection and processing activities necessary to prevent or mitigate loss of or damage to life, health, property, or essential public services, and to maximize recovery of recyclable and reusable materials. Such activities may be established in zones where they are not typically allowed.

(ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-36.4 - Standards Relating To Organics Processing Operations (Includes Biosolids, Composting, Vermicomposting, And Chipping And Grinding)

Sec. 8107-36.4.1 - General Standards

The following standards shall apply to all organics processing operations, and vermiculture operations with over 5,000 square feet of open beds:

- a. No organics processing operations, other than those accessory to agricultural activities and on-site composting operations, shall be located in the AE (Agricultural Exclusive) zone on land designated as "Prime", "Statewide Importance", "Unique" or "Local Importance" on the California Department of Conservation's Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program, Important Farmlands Maps, or on land subject to a Land Conservation Act (LCA) contract, unless the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, determines that the land is developed or otherwise unsuitable for agricultural activities. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- b. Prior to issuing a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary entitlement for an organics processing operation, other than those accessory to agricultural activities and on-site composting operations, in the Open Space (OS) zone, the applicable decision-making authority (the Planning Director, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Supervisors) shall make a finding that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on agricultural soils as defined in the appropriate section of the Ventura County Initial Study Assessment Guidelines. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- c. Prior to issuing a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary entitlement for an organics processing operation, other than those accessory to agricultural activities and on-site composting operations, the applicable decision-making authority (the Planning Director, Planning Commission, and/or Board of Supervisors) shall make a finding that the proposed project, as conditioned, is compatible with adjacent agriculture, including but not limited to such factors as water runoff, siltation, erosion, dust, introduction of pests and diseases, and the potential for trespassing, pilferage, or vandalism, as well as conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses including but not limited to vehicular traffic and the application of agricultural chemicals to agricultural property. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08 - grammar)
- d. All organics operations must provide written proof from the Ventura County Water Resources Division that the project is either not sited over the Oxnard Forebay or the North Las Posas Outcrop or that the project has been adequately designed to prevent infiltration into these sensitive areas of groundwater recharge.
- e. Such facilities shall be set back a minimum of 300 feet from any agricultural production. If the applicant can demonstrate that potential impacts to the

agricultural production have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director, in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner, may reduce or waive the setback.

- f. Drainage - Drainage must be controlled so as to prevent any leachate run-off from the site; divert surface water drainage away from all piles of material; and prevent the creation of puddles and standing water in any area where organic materials are stored.
- g. Dust - Dust must be controlled through watering, use of enclosures and screens, etc.
- h. Feedstock Inspection - All incoming materials shall be inspected for contaminants, such as plastic, and all contaminants shall be removed to the greatest extent feasible before processing.
- i. Fire Prevention/Suppression -
 - 1. The maximum pile height of all feedstock and actively decomposing compost is 12 feet, except as allowed by a discretionary permit.
 - 2. There shall be a method or system to daily monitor the temperature of all piles or windrows over 6 feet tall, and all temperatures must be kept below 160° F, except as allowed by discretionary permit
 - 3. All operations must isolate potential heat sources or flammables from piles and windrows.
- j. General Safety - All reasonable effort shall be made to ensure that all end products, excluding discarded wastes, are innocuous and free of particles that could be harmful to human health and safety, or to agricultural production where applicable.
- k. Litter and Waste - All reasonable effort shall be made to prevent litter, compost, and chipped uncomposted material from migrating off-site. The operator is responsible for keeping the site reasonably free of litter and for the daily collection of all litter that leaves the site.
- l. Materials Accepted -Only separated organic (originally derived from living organisms) materials shall be accepted at organics processing operations. Asbestos-containing waste material, infectious wastes, or hazardous wastes shall not knowingly be accepted.
- m. Noise - Grinders and other power-driven equipment shall not be operated between the hours of 7:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. within 500 feet of property occupied for residential use or other place of overnight habitation, such as hotels or campgrounds. Noise levels near such uses shall not exceed Leq1H of 55 dB (A) or ambient noise levels plus 3 dB (A), whichever is greater, during any hour from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- n. Odors - All operations must implement management practices—such as controlling temperature, moisture, and oxygen levels in piles and windrows—to prevent offensive and noxious odors from leaving the site.
- o. Pests - All operations must implement management practices to prevent and control vectors, such as flies, rodents and scavenging birds.
- p. Throughput - All products (e.g., compost or mulch) must be sold, given away, or beneficially used within 24 months of the facility's acceptance of the raw material. Feedstock materials shall not be accepted at any time when the storage capacity of the site would be exceeded by such delivery.

- q. Additional Standards - The standards outlined in the following Sec. 8107-36.4 et seq. that apply to specific uses, shall also be met.

(ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-36.4.2 - On-Site Composting Operations, Medium- and Large-Scale

Medium- and large-scale on-site composting operations shall comply with the standards outlined in Section 8107-36.4.1 as well as the following standard:

- a. The minimum parcel size for all outdoor, medium- and large-scale, on-site composting operations is one acre.

Section 8107-36.4.3 - Commercial Organics Processing Operations, Small- and Medium-Scale

Medium- and small-scale commercial organics processing operations shall comply with the standards outlined in Section 8107-36.4.1, as well as the following standards:

- a. The minimum parcel size for outdoor operations is three acres in residential zones, and 1.5 acres in other zones.
- b. Dust producing activities shall cease during high wind events. High wind events are defined as wind of such velocity as to cause fugitive dust from within the site to blow off-site. At any point in time, if it is observed that fugitive dust is blowing off-site, additional dust prevention measures shall be initiated. If these measures are insufficient to prevent fugitive dust (i. e. during periods of extreme heat or winds), dust generating activities shall be immediately curtailed until the conditions abate.
- c. The surface slope under outdoor processing operations shall be at least one percent and no more than 15 percent.
- d. The following standards apply to outdoor piles and windrows over 100 cubic yards to facilitate fire control:
 - The operator shall at all times maintain an effective firebreak by removing and clearing away flammable vegetation and combustible growth from areas within 100 feet of all windrows and piles (excludes single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants used as ground covers, provided they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to the piles or windrows).
 - A fire lane of 20 feet shall be provided along the perimeter of the area where piles and windrows are located. Windrows shall not exceed 150 feet in length unless separated by a 20-foot fire access road. Twenty-feet must be maintained between all piles and windrows, or 12 feet must be maintained between all piles and windrows alternating with a 20-foot fire access road positioned every 150 feet.
- e. Prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for the operation, proof from the County Fire Protection District of an approved Fire Hazard Management Plan shall have been provided to the Planning Division.
- f. Space shall be provided on-site to accommodate the anticipated peak deliveries, for the circulation of vehicles and the depositing of organic materials.
- g. Landscaping, walls, fences, or other screening shall be incorporated to visually screen outdoor operations from adjacent properties and public rights-of-way.

- h. All operations must deposit with the Planning Division a compliance review fee, and shall maintain such deposit with the Planning Division during the term of the land use, and shall make the site available for inspection twice a year. The inspection frequency may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Planning Director, based on such factors as performance, scale of operation or neighboring uses.
- i. Upon completion of operations, the facility grounds, sedimentation ponds, and drainage areas shall be cleaned of all compost materials, construction scraps, and other materials related to the operations. If in the OS zone, the site shall be restored as nearly as possible to its natural or original state prior to the organics processing activity. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
- j. Any structures added to a site are subject to Planning Division regulations such as setback and height standards, and permit modification requirements.
- k. Prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for those operations which will use gasoline-powered engines of 50 horsepower or greater, proof of an operation's compliance with pertinent APCD requirements shall have been provided to the Planning Division.
- l. All outdoor processing areas shall meet the setback standards listed below. However, if the applicant can demonstrate, supported by substantial evidence in the record, that potential impacts to water resources and surrounding properties, uses or roads have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director may waive all or appropriate portions of this requirement.
 - 300 feet from any off-site residence or public facility;
 - 100 feet from an adjoining property line;
 - 100 feet from any dedicated public street or highway;
 - 100 feet from any surface water, including springs, seeps, wetlands, and intermittent streams; and/or
 - 200 feet from wells or other water supplies

(ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Section 8107-36.4.4 - Commercial Organics Processing Operations, Large-Scale, and All Biosolids Composting Operations

Large-scale organics processing operations and biosolids composting operations shall comply with the standards outlined in Section 8107-36.4.1, as well as the following standards:

- a. The following standards apply to outdoor piles and windrows over 100 cubic yards to facilitate fire control:
 - The operator shall at all times maintain an effective firebreak by removing and clearing away flammable vegetation and combustible growth from areas within 100 feet of all windrows and piles (excludes single specimens of trees, ornamental shrubbery or similar plants used as ground covers, provided they do not form a means of rapidly transmitting fire from the native growth to the piles or windrows).
 - A fire lane of 20 feet shall be provided along the perimeter of the area where piles and windrows are located. Windrows shall not exceed 150 feet in length unless separated by a 20-foot fire access road. Twenty-feet must be maintained between all piles and windrows, or 12 feet must be maintained

between all piles and windrows alternating with a 20-foot fire access road positioned every 150 feet.

- b. The minimum parcel size is 5 acres in residential zones, and 4 acres in other zones.
- c. Dust producing activities shall cease during high wind events. High wind events are defined as wind of such velocity as to cause fugitive dust from within the site to blow off-site. At any point in time, if it is observed that fugitive dust is blowing off-site, additional dust prevention measures shall be initiated. If these measures are insufficient to prevent fugitive dust (i. e. during periods of extreme heat or winds), dust generating activities shall be immediately curtailed until the conditions abate.
- d. Space shall be provided on-site to accommodate the anticipated peak deliveries, for the circulation of vehicles and the depositing of organic materials.
- e. All operations must deposit with the Planning Division a compliance review fee, and shall maintain such deposit with the Planning Division during the term of the land use, and shall make the site available for inspection twice a year. The inspection frequency may be increased or decreased at the discretion of the Planning Director, based on such factors as performance, scale of operation or neighboring uses.
- f. All outdoor processing areas shall meet the setback standards listed below. However, if the applicant can demonstrate, supported by substantial evidence in the record, that potential impacts to water resources and surrounding properties, uses or roads have been adequately mitigated by design or terrain, the Planning Director may waive all or portions of this requirement.
 - 300 feet from any off-site residence or public facility;
 - 100 feet from an adjoining property line;
 - 100 feet from any dedicated public street or highway;
 - 100 feet from any surface water, including springs, seeps, wetlands, and intermittent streams; and/or
 - 200 feet from wells or other water supplies.

(ADD. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-36.5 - Waste Hauling Yards

The following standards shall apply to all waste hauling yards:

- a. Any mixed solid waste or recyclables that are received, stored, or transferred shall only be incidental to the conduct of a refuse collection and disposal business.
- b. The mixed solid waste or recyclables shall remain within the original containers while on-site at all times, except for unforeseen circumstances, such as truck breakdown, which require transfer of materials to another container.
- c. The containers shall not be stored on-site for more than any 72-hour period.

(ADD. ORD 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8107-37 - Cultural Heritage Sites

Sec. 8107-37.1 - Purpose

The purpose of this designation is to promote the enhancement, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction and maintenance of sites and structures of historical or cultural heritage value through the imposition of design standards. Fulfillment of this purpose can be impeded by strict adherence to various standards in the Zoning Ordinance, therefore, this section promotes the stated purpose by creating a mechanism whereby appropriate deviations from the regulations of this Chapter can be granted.

Sec. 8107-37.2 - Applicability

The deviations described in Sec. 8107-37.3 may be applied to the following Cultural Heritage sites in accordance with the following limitations:

- a. Landmarks and districts: all allowed deviations
- b. Sites of Merit: all allowed deviations except "a"
- c. Points of Interest: all allowed deviations except "a", "g" and "j".

Sites that are eligible for designation as a Cultural Heritage Site pursuant to the Cultural Heritage Ordinance may also receive deviations, conditioned on the eventual formal designation of the site.

Sec. 8107-37.3 - Range and Approval of Allowed Deviations

To advance the purpose outlined in Sec. 8107-37.1, deviations from various standards and regulations of this chapter may be granted as part of a Planned Development permit. Deviations "a" and "k" may only be granted by the Planning Commission. All others may be granted by the Planning Director. (AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

- a. Minimum Lot Area - Sec. 8103-0 (Purpose and Establishment of Zones and Minimum Lot Areas), Sec. 8103-1 et seq. (Establishment of Alternative Minimum Lot Area by Suffix), Sec. 8106-1.1 and Sec. 8106-1.2;
- b. Permit Approval Level - Sec. 8105-4 (Permitted Uses in Open Space, Agricultural, Residential and Special Purpose Zones). Where the square footage or gross floor area of structures on a lot requires a given permit to be issued, the square footage of significant historic structures on a Cultural Heritage Site shall not be counted towards the total square footage of structures;
- c. Permit Approval Level - Sec. 8105-5 (Permitted Uses in Commercial and Industrial Zones). Where the square footage or gross floor area of structures on a lot requires a given permit to be issued, the square footage of structures on a Cultural Heritage Site shall not be counted towards the total square footage of structures;
- d. General Development Standards - Sec. 8106-1.1 (Development Standards for Uses and Structures in OS, AE, and R Zones); (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- e. General Development Standards - Sec. 8106-1.2 (Development Standards for Uses and Structures in Commercial, Industrial, and Special Purpose Zones);
- f. Fences, Walls and Hedges - Sec. 8106-8.1 et seq.
- g. Second Dwelling Unit Standards - Sec. 8107-1.7 et seq. (Second Dwelling Units);
- h. Parking Standards - Sec. 8108-et seq. (Parking and Loading Requirements); (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

- i. Landscaping Standards - Sec. 8109-0.6 (Landscaping); (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- j. Signage - Sec. 8110-4a (Prohibited portable freestanding signs), Sec. 8110-4i (Prohibited Projecting Signs), Sec. 8110-5-2 et seq (Location); and
- k. Non-conforming Uses and Structures - Sec. 8113-5.2 (Uses Within Structures Subject to Amortization), Sec. 8113-5.2.1 (Expansion and Change of Use Prohibited), Sec. 8113-5.3 et seq (Uses Not Amortized), Sec. 8113-6.1 (Destruction, Uses Not Amortized), Sec. 8113-6.2 (Destruction, Uses Amortized), Sec. 8113-7 (Additional Use), Sec. 8113-8 (Use of Non-conforming Lots).

(ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Sec. 8107-37.4 - Planned Development Permit Approval Standards

Deviations pursuant to this Chapter as listed in Sec. 8107-37.3 may only be granted by the issuance of a Planned Development permit which may only be issued with deviations only if the standards in Sec. 8111-1.2.1 through 8111-1.2.1.7 and the following standards are met:

- a. The site is a designated Cultural Heritage Site, or will be eligible for such designation through the imposition of and compliance with applicable conditions as part of the Planned Development permit process;
- b. The deviation from standards is necessary for the enhancement, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction and maintenance of the site/structure and is consistent with subsection "c" that follows;
- c. Design and development standards for the site and related structures are adopted which ensure that the historic or cultural significance and character of the subject site and/or structure is perpetuated and adherence to said standards have been made a condition of the Planned Development permit;
- d. The deviation(s) granted will not create a significant unmitigated adverse impact;
- e. The project associated with the subject site or district has received a Certificate of Appropriateness, where applicable, pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance.

(ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

Sec. 8107-37.5 - Permit Conditions

While the precise conditions of the required Planned Development permit will vary with each case, the following topical areas shall be addressed in the conditions of approval:

- a. Time frames within which to implement improvements to the site and/or structures;
- b. On-going maintenance of the site and/or structures in accordance with the approved Design and Development Standards;
- c. Prohibitions against the destruction, removal, delinquent treatment of the site and/or structures;
- d. Recordation of documents, satisfactory to the County, which provide notice to the subsequent property owners of possible conflict with adjoining land uses such as agricultural operations and/or deed restrictions found in the applicable Planned Development permit to enforce provisions of the permit and the applicable provisions of the Cultural Heritage Ordinance;

- e. Provisions that preclude the removal, destruction, alteration or deterioration through neglect of the site/structure unless a Certificate of Appropriateness (COA) has been issued by the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Board (CHB) and modification to the Planned Development permit has been granted.

Sec. 8107-37.6 - Design and Development Standards

The design and development standards required pursuant to Sec. 8107-37.4c are intended to guide the property owner and the County in the long-term enhancement, preservation, rehabilitation, restoration, reconstruction and maintenance of the site and applicable structures. The standards shall be in adequate detail for the site and should address the following factors among others, as well as the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Historic Properties:

- a. Range and description of architectural styles;
- b. Construction materials and techniques;
- c. Exterior finish/colors;
- d. Landscaping styles and materials;
- e. Range of historic uses of the site; and
- f. Density, scale and patterns of development.

(ADD. ORD 4220 - 12/5/00)

Sec. 8107-38 - Interpretive Centers

Sec. 8107-38.1 - Purpose

Interpretive Centers are intended to give the public an opportunity to experience and understand Ventura County's past by exploring sites and the structures and improvements thereon that have played an important role in the cultural and social history and prehistory of Ventura County. The purpose of this section is to allow the display of materials on site that have a direct connection to the site and to provide further standards by which Interpretive Centers can be developed and regulated.

Sec. 8107-38.2 - Designated Site

The site must be a designated Cultural Heritage Site. The display of materials shall be limited to ones with a direct connection to the site.

Sec. 8107-38.3 - Range of Allowed Uses and Structures

The following uses and structures are allowed as accessory to an Interpretive Center so long as they are found to be consistent with the definition of the use and applicable requirements of the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance:

- a. Those existing lawful structures and improvements on the site;
- b. Preserved, restored, relocated, or re-created structures, improvements, equipment or implements;
- c. Public tours and displays;
- d. Periodic festivals, fundraisers, charity events, weddings, and the like;
- e. Refreshment and gift sales of historically related items;
- f. Educational activities and meetings;
- g. Accessory structures and improvements to facilitate the purposes of the Interpretive Center such as storage buildings, rest rooms, caretaker dwelling,

parking areas, lighting, security measures and the like; and (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

- h. Improvements required by law such as handicapped access facilities.

(ADD. ORD 4220 - 12/5/00)

Sec. 8107-39 - Historic Repositories

Sec. 8107-39.1 - Purpose

The purpose of Historic Repositories is to allow for the collection and display of structures, facilities, equipment and the like; which are associated with the historic or cultural development of Ventura County.

Sec. 8107-39.2 - Development Standards

Historic Repositories may only be established in accordance with the following standards:

- a. Historic Repositories shall be designed so as to portray historic and cultural resources in a manner that best approximates their original setting and context while allowing for public access and viewing.
- b. The minimum parcel size for an Historic Repository shall be the minimum required lot area for the applicable zone (Sec. 8103-0).
- c. A plan for the ultimate development of the site shall be reviewed and granted a Certificate of Appropriateness by the Cultural Heritage Board.

Sec. 8107-39.3 - Range of Allowed Uses and Structures

The following uses and structures are allowed as part of or accessory to an Historic Repository:

- a. Preserved, restored, relocated, or re-created structures, improvements, facilities, equipment, implements and the like;
- b. Public tours and displays;
- c. Periodic festivals, fundraisers, charity events, weddings, and the like;
- d. Refreshment and gift sales of historically related items;
- e. Filming;
- f. Educational activities and meetings;
- g. Accessory structures and improvements to facilitate the purposes of the Historic Repository such as storage buildings, rest rooms, caretaker dwelling, parking areas, lighting, security measures and the like; and (AM. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)
- h. Improvements required by law such as handicapped access facilities.

Sec. 8107-40 - Boarding Houses and Bed-And-Breakfast Inns

Such uses may be allowed in the Open Space and Agricultural Exclusive zones if the proposed use will occur in an existing structure designated a Cultural Heritage Site pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance, and all other required findings can be met. (ADD. ORD. 4220 – 12/5/00)

Sec. 8107-41 - Farmworker Housing Complexes

In addition to all other applicable requirements of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, Farmworker Housing Complexes shall be developed and operated in accordance with the following requirements:

Sec. 8107-41.1 - Farmworker Employment Criteria

In a Farmworker Housing Complex, dwelling units shall only be rented to, and all sleeping quarters in a dormitory shall only be occupied by, persons who are principally employed within the County of Ventura for activities associated with Crop and Orchard Production (see Sec. 8105-4), and all uses listed there under. A qualified farmworker who has been renting a dwelling unit in a Farmworker Housing Complex and who subsequently retires or becomes disabled, may continue to reside in the dwelling unit. Members of the farmworker's household, if any, may also occupy said dwelling unit.

Sec. 8107-41.2 - Annual Verification of Farmworker Employment

The owner of the property, or his/her designated agent, must submit all County-required verification fees and an annual verification report by May 15th of each year to the Planning Director or his or her designee, in a form acceptable to the Planning Director, that all the dwelling units or sleeping quarters are being rented to and occupied by persons who meet the farmworker employment criteria established in Sec. 8107-41.1.

Sec. 8107-41.3 - Enforcement of Farmworker Employment Criteria

The provisions of Section 8107-41.1 and 8107-41.2 shall be enforced through conditions of approval of the Planned Development Permit and any other entitlements required for a Farmworker Housing Complex, and through any necessary contractual agreements and/or deed restrictions implementing such conditions of approval. Violations of sections 8107-41.1 or 8107-41.2 shall be administered in accordance with Article 14 of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance. Any administrative civil penalties collected pursuant to section 8114-3.7 and as a result of violation of section 8107-26 et seq. shall be deposited in a County's farmworker housing fund account for exclusive use by the County or its designee for rehabilitation and/or construction of farmworker housing.

(ADD. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03)

Sec. 8107-41.4 - Farmworker Community Centers

Farmworker housing complexes may include community centers for the primary benefit of farmworkers.

(ADD. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Sec. 8107-42- Stand Alone Batch Plants

Sec. 8107-42.1 - Purpose and Intent

The purpose of this section is to allow the continuation of existing batch plants near urban areas as a principal, conditionally permitted use when all mining adjacent to or at the plant site has ceased due to exhaustion of mineral resources. These batch plants serve established urban centers from sites that are configured for such uses. Allowing for their continued use through this section provides a practical public benefit by providing aggregate resources without any new, adverse environmental impacts at different locations. Further, this section establishes reasonable and uniform development standards for the configuration and operation of batch plants

continuing after mining operations have terminated that are intended to minimize the plants' impact on resources and neighboring uses and allows for the batch plant facilities to be repaired, remodeled, replaced or modernized, in whole or in part, to improve efficiency, reliability, and safety in the operation of the facility.

Sec. 8107-42.2 – Definition

A "Stand-alone Batch Plant" is a facility where, following the cessation of mining operations at, or immediately adjacent to, the site due to the exhaustion of mineral resources, pre-processed mineral materials such as cement, aggregate, recycled construction materials, and petroleum products are imported from off-site and are mixed together to create concrete or asphalt for use at construction sites. The following uses may be accessory to the batch plant operation: processing/recycling used concrete and asphalt construction materials, processing mined materials into product for a batch plant, trucking associated exclusively with the subject plant, stockpiling of materials used in the batching operation, offices and maintenance buildings and facilities for the operation.

Sec. 8107-42.3 – Application

To qualify as a "Stand Alone Batch Plant" under this section, a batch plant (concrete and/or asphalt):

- (a) must be in operation as of January 1, 1999 and on that date be a legal nonconforming use, a legally permitted principal use, or a legally permitted accessory use to an approved mining operation, in the Open Space Zone within one (1) mile of areas designated "Urban" on the General Plan;
- (b) must have received unprocessed material in the past from: (1) a mining operation that was included in the permit which authorized the plant; or, (2) a legally permitted mining operation immediately adjacent to the plant and such materials are now exhausted;
- (c) must be adjacent to or within 2,000 feet, of a four-lane road that trucks have lawful access to and which have a separate left turn lane for access to the site; and
- (d) must be within a four (4) mile radius of four highways which are a combination of U.S. Highways or State Routes.

Where a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) exists that specifically regulates the subject batch plant as a principal use, the CUP may remain in effect until the CUP expires, at which time it may be renewed pursuant to this section with a Planning Commission approved CUP. Where the batch plant is not subject to its own specific CUP, but is accessory to a permitted mining operation exhausted of mineral resources, a new CUP for the subject plant, or a modification of the mining permit to include the batch plant as a principal use, shall be applied for within one year of the adoption of this Sec. 8107-42 et seq. Said new CUP or modification shall be subject to approval by the Planning Commission and shall specifically regulate the batch plant operations.

Sec. 8107-42.4 – Minimum Use Permit Standards

Any permit approved pursuant to this section shall incorporate all applicable standards associated with mining operations found in Sec. 8107-9 et seq, including, but not limited to, those relating to setbacks, noise, dust, light, and truck traffic.

(ADD. ORD. 4289 - 6/24/03)

Sec. 8107-43 - Boarding Houses and Bed-And-Breakfast Inns

In addition to all other applicable requirements of the Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance, Boarding Houses and Bed-And-Breakfast Inns must be developed and operated in accordance with the following requirements:

Sec. 8107-43.1 - Protection of Sensitive Biological Habitats

Boarding Houses and Bed and Breakfast Inns are allowed in areas zoned Open Space (OS) only if the property is in agricultural production. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-43.2 - Owner and Operator

In areas zoned Open Space (OS) or Agricultural Exclusive (AE), Boarding Houses and Bed and Breakfast Inns must be operated by the same person or family who owns the property on which the Boarding House or Bed and Breakfast Inn, or both, are located. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8107-43.3 - Number of Bedrooms

In areas zoned Rural Agriculture (RA) or Rural Exclusive (RE), for lots over one acre, the number of allowed bedrooms is determined by the permit required, with a maximum of 10 bedrooms in total.

(ADD. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05)

Sec. 8107-44 – Emergency Shelters

(ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

Sec. 8107-44.1 – Definition and Purpose

Refer to Article 2, Section 8102 for definition of Emergency Shelter. The purpose of Sec. 8107-44 is to comply with Government Code Sec. 65583 (a)(4)(A).

Sec. 8107-44.2 – Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance

A ministerial Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance shall be issued upon 1) the determination by the Planning Director or designee that: (a) an Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance Application provided by the Planning Division has been completed with all required information and documentation submitted in accordance with Section 8107-44.6; and (b) the standards in Section 8107-44.3 a-g have been met; and 2) upon the determination by the County Executive Officer, or designee that the Emergency Shelter Management Plan meets the standards in Section 8107-44.4.

Sec. 8107-44.3 – Emergency Shelter Development Standards

An emergency shelter must meet the following standards:

- a. Sited within the Commercial Planned Development zone;
- b. Within a Sphere of Influence of a city with a population of at least 20,000;
- c. On a parcel of one-half acre or more;
- d. Not within three hundred feet of a school or another emergency shelter, as measured from the closest property lines, at the time the Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance is issued;
- e. Each emergency shelter resident must be provided a minimum of 50 gross square feet of personal living space, in addition to common area space.

- f. The applicant must demonstrate that the Water and Environmental Resources Division of the Watershed Protection District has determined: (1) there is sufficient water supply to serve the proposed emergency shelter development; and (2) if the proposed emergency shelter development is located within the service area of a water purveyor that provides water from an overdrafted groundwater basin or provides water from a groundwater basin that is in hydrologic connection with an overdrafted groundwater basin, that the proposed emergency shelter development will not adversely impact the overdrafted groundwater basin. If the groundwater basin that will serve the development is located within the boundaries of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency then the Water and Environmental Resources Division of the Watershed Protection District must first consult with the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency prior to making its determination. Applicants may be required to submit a water demand study prepared by a state-licensed Civil Engineer or Professional Geologist that demonstrates the project will not cause a net increase in average annual groundwater extraction. If a water demand study is required, it must consider the current consumptive water demand of existing land uses on the project site and the estimated consumptive water demand of the proposed project. The effects of changes in percolation rates due to development, water recycling and conservation measures such as low water use appliances and efficient irrigation must be considered in the analysis.
- g. All other applicable County development and building standards.

Sec. 8107-44.4 – Emergency Shelter Management Plan

Prior to the issuance of an Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance, the County Executive Officer or designee must determine that the written Management Plan submitted by the emergency shelter operator meets the requirements of this Section.

The Management Plan must include, but is not limited to, provisions for: security; lighting; staff training; a resident identification process; screening for qualification of potential residents for occupancy and compatibility with services provided at the facility; neighborhood outreach; care of pets; timing and location of outdoor activities; and temporary storage of residents' personal belongings. The Emergency Shelter Management Plan must be consistent with Section 8107-44.3 and Section 8107-44.5.

Prior to determining whether the Management Plan includes all of the necessary elements and meets the requirements of this section, the County Executive Officer or designee shall consult with the Ventura County Sheriff's Department, the police department(s) of the adjacent cities, the Ventura County Human Services Agency, the Ventura County Health Care Agency, the Ventura County Planning Division, and the local school district(s).

Sec. 8107-44.5 – Construction and Operational Standards

The construction and operation of the Emergency Shelter must comply with the following standards.

- a. In the event that paleontological, archaeological, or cultural resources are found during grading or construction, such activities shall halt in the area of the find and the project developer shall notify the Planning Division. The project developer shall hire a qualified consultant approved by the Planning Division who shall prepare a work plan to address the disposition of the paleontological, archaeological, and/or cultural resource encountered. The work plan must

comply with the following minimum standards for resource disposition as determined by the Planning Director or designee:

- (1) The work plan shall include a detailed description of the nature, extent, condition and significance of the sensitive resource.
- (2) The work plan shall specify the available options for resource disposition such as avoidance, recovery and curation, photo-documentation, incorporation of the resource into project design, and other methods.
- (3) The work plan shall include a recommendation of a course of action that is most protective of the resource while allowing the project objectives to be fulfilled.

Construction can only proceed in conformity with the approved work plan.

- b. Development shall comply with the requirements of the Ventura County Construction Noise Threshold Criteria and Control Plan.
- c. Development shall comply with the Ventura County "Paveout Policy", current County Road Standards and the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance.
- d. Outdoor activities, which include recreation and eating, are allowed but must be screened by a six-foot-high landscape screen or solid wall if the outdoor areas are visible from a public street. For emergency shelters that are adjacent to residential zones, outdoor activities that generate noise that could be disruptive to neighbors shall only be conducted between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.
- e. Emergency shelter resident intake and release times must not coincide with start and release times of any school within one-half mile of the shelter with the exception of residents who are students or parents/guardians accompanying students to school.
- f. For emergency shelters that include kitchen facilities, such facilities must be designed and operated in compliance with the California Retail Food Code.
- g. Emergency shelters must provide a storage area for refuse and recyclables that complies with the County's "Space Allocation Guidelines for Refuse and Recyclables Collection and Loading Areas."
- h. In no case shall more than 60 residents occupy the shelter at any one time.
- i. The emergency shelter operator must comply with the provisions of the management plan at all times.

Sec. 8107-44.6 – Application Requirements

Requests for development of an emergency shelter shall only be reviewed or considered once a fully completed Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance Application, including a Management Plan prepared in compliance with 8107.44.4, is submitted. If additional information is needed to determine whether the standards of Section 8107-44 are satisfied, the Emergency Shelter Zoning Clearance Application will not be deemed complete until all of the requested information is submitted.

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ARTICLE 8:

PARKING AND LOADING REQUIREMENTS

(REP. AND REEN. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Sec. 8108-0 - Purpose

This Article establishes requirements for the amount, location, and design of off-street motor vehicle and bicycle parking and loading areas. As part of a balanced transportation system, these requirements are intended to promote public safety and environmental quality. Specifically, these requirements are intended to:

Mobility

- Balance the motor vehicle parking needs of development, including the range of land uses that might locate at a site over time, with the needs of pedestrians, bicyclists, transit users, and the need to preserve community character.
- Ensure that sufficient loading and unloading areas are provided for freight as well as for passengers and users of public transportation services.
- Ensure that the design of motor vehicle and bicycle parking areas facilitates safe, convenient, and comfortable movement for the driver, pedestrian, and bicyclist.
- Allow for transportation options and movement efficiency.

Flexibility

- Provide decision-making flexibility in addressing the parking needs of individual projects.
- Accommodate multiple uses of parking areas.
- Accommodate changing transportation technology and trends, as well as innovative uses of parking infrastructure.

Resource Conservation

- Encourage reduced driving and the use of alternative modes of transportation—thereby reducing traffic congestion, air pollution, and greenhouse gas emissions.
- Avoid installation of excess motor vehicle parking spaces.
- Minimize the use of impervious surfaces.
- Reduce the adverse environmental effects of motor vehicle parking areas, including increased and contaminated stormwater runoff, the urban heat island effect, and resource consumption.

Human-Scaled Urban Form

- Reduce the adverse effects of motor vehicle parking areas on neighborhood design, including the consumption of land for a low-value use; non-compact, sprawling development; and creation of an urban form that discourages walking.
- Ensure that the design of motor vehicle and bicycle parking areas is attractive, efficient, and reduces the visual dominance of pavement.
- Create pleasant neighborhoods designed at a human-scale for human needs (e.g., walking) vs. developments designed primarily around the needs of automobiles.

Sec. 8108-1 – Applicability

Sec. 8108-1.1 – New Uses

Every new land use shall have appropriately maintained off-street parking and loading facilities in compliance with the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 8108-1.2 – Changes to or Expansions of Existing Land Uses

Changes to or expansions of existing land uses shall have appropriately maintained off-street parking and loading facilities in compliance with the provisions of this Article as outlined below.

In order to determine if the change or expansion of the existing land use requires additional motor vehicle parking spaces, the number of parking spaces required by the existing land use (prior to the expansion or change) per Section 8108-4.7 below is compared to the number of parking spaces required by the change or expansion to the land use based on Section 8108-4.7 below, regardless of whether the existing use was established prior to or after adoption of this Article and regardless of the existing number of motor vehicle parking spaces at the land use.

Sec. 8108-1.2.1 – Changes to or Expansions of Existing Land Uses That Do Not Require Additional Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces

When a change to or expansion of a land use does not require additional motor vehicle parking spaces per Section 8108-1.2 above, modifications to the existing parking spaces or parking area are not required, except that any required short-term bicycle parking must be installed.

Sec. 8108-1.2.2 – Changes to or Expansions of Existing Land Uses That Require Additional Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces

a. Land Uses that Meet Current Motor Vehicle Parking Space Requirements. Land uses that require additional motor vehicle parking spaces per Section 8108-1.2 above, and that meet the requirements in Section 8108-4.7 below for number of motor vehicle parking spaces, shall comply with the provisions of this Article as follows:

- (1) For land uses with 52 or fewer existing motor vehicle parking spaces, and when 4 or fewer new motor vehicle parking spaces are required, only the additional required motor vehicle parking spaces shall be required to comply with all the provisions of this Article. In addition, short-term bicycle parking requirements shall be met.
- (2) For land uses with 52 or fewer existing motor vehicle parking spaces, and when 5 or more new motor vehicle parking spaces are required, all provisions of this Article shall be met for the new and existing parking spaces and/or parking area.
- (3) For land uses with 53 or more existing motor vehicle parking spaces, and when the number of additional motor vehicle parking spaces required is 9 percent or less of the existing number of motor vehicle parking spaces, only the additional required spaces are required to comply with all the provisions of this Article. In addition, short-term bicycle parking requirements shall be met.
- (4) For land uses with 53 or more existing motor vehicle parking spaces, and when the number of additional motor vehicle parking spaces required is 10 percent or more of the existing number of motor vehicle parking, all provisions of this Article shall be met for the entire parking area.

- b. Land Uses that Do Not Meet Current Motor Vehicle Parking Space Requirements. Land uses that require additional motor vehicle parking spaces per Section 8108-1.2 above, and that do not meet the requirements in Section 8108-4.7 below for number of motor vehicle spaces, shall provide the additional motor vehicle parking spaces required by the change or expansion, and meet all other provisions of this Article for the new and existing parking spaces and/or parking area.

Exception. A single-family or two-family dwelling that does not meet current parking requirements for number of motor vehicle spaces may be expanded if all of the following conditions exist:

- (1) The dwelling has at least 1 motor vehicle parking space; and
- (2) The existing lot configuration does not allow for a second space or does not allow for access to a second space; and
- (3) The driveway provides a minimum of 20 feet from the property line to the existing covered space that can be utilized as a parking space; and
- (4) The proposed addition otherwise conforms to the provisions of this Chapter.

If the gross floor area of the dwelling, including the expansion but excluding garage space, will be 1,000 square feet or less, then compliance with (b)(1) and (b)(3) of this subsection is not required.

Sec. 8108-2 – Authority of Planning Director to Modify or Waive Requirements

The Planning Director (Director) may waive or modify the requirements of this Article as indicated, but only if such modifications or waivers are supported by written findings of fact in the final project approval letter showing how the modification or waiver of parking or loading requirements for the particular project meets all of the following:

- Is consistent with the purposes of this Article and Section 8101-4.10 regarding Director interpretation of requirements and standards; and
- Will not adversely affect existing or potential land uses adjoining, or in the general vicinity of, the project site; and
- Is supported by substantial evidence in light of the whole record before the Director.

Sec. 8108-3 - General Requirements

Sec. 8108-3.1 - Use of Parking Spaces

- a. Required covered and uncovered parking spaces shall be available for the temporary parking and maneuvering of vehicles as appropriate to the land use they are intended to serve unless otherwise provided herein.
- b. Required parking spaces shall not be converted to other uses or used for the sale, lease, display, repair, or storage of vehicles, trailers, boats, campers, mobile homes, waste containers, merchandise, equipment, or any other use not authorized by the provisions of this Chapter.
- c. Required parking spaces at automobile repair providers, service stations, or similar land uses shall not be used for the storage of vehicles for repair or servicing.

- d. Multiple uses of parking areas, such as off-hours uses, are encouraged and may be approved if the primary purpose of the parking area is not compromised.
- e. Excess motor vehicle parking spaces may either remain as motor vehicle parking spaces or be converted to bicycle parking spaces, motorcycle parking spaces, landscaping, or other allowable uses.

Sec. 8108-3.2 - Maintenance

The permittee and property owner must ensure that required parking and loading areas and associated facilities are permanently maintain in good condition as determined by the Director and in compliance with permit conditions. This maintenance requirement includes but is not limited to curbs, directional markings, accessible parking symbols, screening, pavement, signs, striping, lighting fixtures, landscaping, and trash and recyclables receptacles.

Sec. 8108-3.3 - Proximity to Land Use

Required parking spaces shall be located on the same site as the building or land use they serve or off-site pursuant to Section 8108-3.3.1 below.

Sec. 8108-3.3.1 - Off-site Parking

Off-site parking for non-residential land uses may be provided at a site remote from the land use if all of the following conditions can be met:

- a. The off-site parking area is located within 500 feet of the land use to be served. The distance from the off-site parking area to the land use to be served shall be measured along a sidewalk or other pedestrian pathway from the nearest off-site parking space to the nearest public entrance to the building.
 - (1) Planning Director Waivers/Modifications. The Director may approve the provision of off-street parking spaces at a site more than 500 feet from the land use to be served if the applicant can demonstrate to the Director that such off-site parking will actually be used as intended. Evidence of this may be the provision of shuttle or valet service between the parking area and the land use to be served, or similar arrangements.
- b. The applicant provides documentation demonstrating that the off-site parking area is capable of meeting parking demand for both the land use to be served and any other land uses that may utilize the off-site parking area.
- c. The off-site parking area meets the design standards of Section 8108-5.
- d. The off-site parking area can be accessed easily from the primary land use and does not expose pedestrians to hazardous traffic safety conditions or create a traffic hazard.
- e. The number of off-site parking spaces assigned to the property to be served does not exceed the allowed number of parking spaces for the land use.

Sec. 8108-3.3.2 - Off-site Parking Agreements

The following requirements shall apply whenever the motor vehicle parking required by this Article is not located on the same site as the land use it serves.

- a. The lot or part of a lot on which the parking is provided shall be legally encumbered by a recorded restrictive covenant to ensure continued use of the lot or part of a lot for motor vehicle parking. The restrictive covenant shall be recorded with the Ventura County Recorder so that it appears on the subject property's title. The restrictive covenant shall include the following provisions:

- (1) The County of Ventura must be named as the beneficiary of the restrictive covenant.
 - (2) The restrictive covenant may not be released or terminated without the prior notice and written consent of the Director.
 - (3) The restrictive covenant shall include the persons and addresses of the other land uses sharing the parking.
 - (4) The restrictive covenant shall include the location and number of parking spaces that are being shared.
- b. If the lot designated for off-site parking is under different ownership from the subject lot, a legal contract between the property owners is required to evidence the existence of a contractual right to use the lot as an off-site parking area. Any such contract shall provide for and assign the responsibility for operating and maintaining the facility to the applicable party. The contract shall contain a provision that indemnifies and holds the County harmless from any and all claims or damages relating to the operation or maintenance of the parking area. The County of Ventura shall be named as an intended third party beneficiary to the contract.
 - c. The owner of the property shall place and maintain permanent, weatherproof signs providing clear and easy-to-follow directions for access to and from the off-site parking location.
 - (1) There shall be 1 sign at each site or parking area entrance. The signs may be placed at building entrances or other appropriate locations if it is demonstrated that such placement would provide superior information to parking users.
 - (2) Information on the signs shall be readable by a person seated in a vehicle at the nearest driveway. Use of graphics (e.g., maps and arrows) is encouraged to supplement written directions.
 - (3) Signs shall be placed and designed pursuant to the provisions of Article 10 and are subject to approval by the Director.

Sec. 8108-3.4 – Accessory Parking and Storage of Large Commercial Vehicles

The accessory parking and storage of commercial vehicles with a gross vehicle weight greater than 10,000 pounds, including attendant trailers and/or equipment, is allowed in residential, agricultural, or open space zoned lots, but only if the applicant demonstrates one of the following:

- a. The vehicle is required for emergency purposes and is either a government vehicle or under contract to a governmental entity; or
- b. The lot on which the vehicle is located is at least 1 acre in size and a waiver has been received pursuant to Section 8111-1.1.2; or
- c. The lot on which the vehicle is located is at least 1 acre in size and the vehicle is parked in an enclosed structure; or
- d. The vehicle is used for agricultural production, shipping, or delivery associated with the agricultural land use on the lot on which the vehicle is located.

Sec. 8108-3.5 - Solar Structures

The installation of solar photovoltaic or hot water systems on canopies or other structures over parking areas/spaces is encouraged and allowable, but only if such

structures do not violate any required setback, height, or building coverage restrictions, or obstruct any required fire apparatus access lanes. Solar structures shall be compatible in scale, materials, color, and character with the surrounding building(s) and background.

Sec. 8108-3.6 – Green Roofs

The installation of green roofs on structures over parking areas/spaces is encouraged and allowable, but only if such structures do not violate any required setback, height, or building coverage restrictions, or obstruct any required fire apparatus access lanes. Green roofs shall be compatible in scale, materials, color, and character with the surrounding building(s) and background.

Sec. 8108-4 - Number of Parking Spaces Required

Sec. 8108-4.1 - Calculation of Required Parking

- a. Except as otherwise provided, when calculating the number of required parking spaces results in a fraction, such fractions shall be rounded to whole numbers pursuant to Section 8101-4.8.
- b. When calculating required parking spaces based on gross floor area or sales and display area, areas used for parking are not included.
- c. Motor vehicle parking requirements may be increased or decreased by 10 percent from the basic rates shown in Section 8108-4.7 - Table of Parking Space Requirements by Land Use, but this adjustment shall be used only once. For example, determining if additional parking is required for a change to a land use involves comparing the parking required for the proposed use with the parking required for the current use. In this case, the basic parking rate may be adjusted by up to 10 percent for the proposed use or the current use, but not both.
- d. Whenever requirements (e.g., bicycle or carpool parking spaces) are based upon the number of motor vehicle spaces, these shall be calculated based on the number of required motor vehicle spaces before any subtraction of spaces has occurred for provision of motorcycle spaces, and after any adjustments pursuant to Section 8108-4.8.
- e. When the number of required parking spaces for motor vehicles or bicycles is calculated based upon the number of employees or students, and the number of employees or students is not known at the time of permit application, the Director shall determine the parking requirements based upon the gross floor area, type of land use, or other appropriate factors. The number of employees shall mean the number of employees on the largest shift and the number of students shall mean the maximum number of students expected onsite at any one time.
- f. When the number of required parking spaces is calculated based upon the number of seats and seats are provided by benches or the like, 2 feet shall be considered one seat.
- g. When there are 2 or more separate primary land uses on a site, the required number and type of off-street parking spaces shall be the sum of the requirements for the various individual land uses, unless otherwise provided for in Section 8108-4.6.
- h. Mechanical parking lifts may be used to meet motor vehicle parking requirements.

Sec. 8108-4.2 - Motorcycle Parking

At least 1 designated space for the parking of motorcycles or other two-wheeled motorized vehicles shall be provided for every 20 automobile parking spaces provided. Every required motorcycle parking space provided shall count toward fulfilling 1 required automobile parking space. Existing parking areas may be converted to take advantage of this provision, provided the converted spaces do not exceed the 1 motorcycle space per 20 automobile space ratio. Land uses that require additional motorcycle parking in excess of this ratio may, with Director approval, convert required automobile parking spaces to motorcycle spaces if the converted automobile spaces are designed and kept available for future conversion back to the automobile spaces.

Sec. 8108-4.3 - Bicycle Parking

A minimum number of bicycle parking spaces shall be provided, as set forth in Section 8108-4.7. Where there are 2 or more separate primary land uses on a site, the required bicycle parking for the site is the sum of the required bicycle parking for each of the individual land uses.

Sec. 8108-4.3.1 – Planning Director Waivers/Modifications

The Director may reduce the number of required bicycle parking spaces when the applicant demonstrates that providing the otherwise required bicycle parking spaces is not practical because of the remote project location, or because the nature of the land use precludes the use of bicycle parking spaces. The Director may also defer the requirement to provide bicycle parking spaces, but only if the subject permit includes an enforceable commitment by the property owner to supply such deferred bicycle parking spaces as may be needed in the future.

Sec. 8108-4.4 - Accessible Parking for Disabled Persons

Accessible parking for disabled persons shall be provided in compliance with the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Accessible parking is included in the total number of motor vehicle parking spaces required by this Article.

Sec. 8108-4.5 - Carpool Parking

The requirement to provide carpool parking spaces is intended to encourage carpooling, but should not result in parking spaces that consistently go unused.

- a. Number of Spaces. For all land uses, 1 carpool or vanpool parking space shall be provided for every 35 employees employed at the site. Carpool or vanpool parking spaces shall be reserved until 1 hour after the employees' work shift begins, after which they may be open to single-occupancy vehicles. In addition, for professional, vocational, art and craft schools, colleges, universities and the like, 1 out of every 25 student parking spaces on a site shall be reserved for carpool or vanpool parking at all times. This requirement does not preclude designation of more than the minimum required number of carpool spaces.
- b. Signs. Signs shall be posted clearly indicating carpool and vanpool restrictions.
- c. Planning Director Waivers/Modifications. The Director may modify or waive carpool parking requirements when the applicant demonstrates that the nature of the land use precludes carpooling.

Sec. 8108-4.6 - Shared Parking

Shared use of required motor vehicle parking spaces is allowable where 2 or more land uses on the same or separate sites are able to share the same parking spaces because their parking demands occur at different times. Shared use of required

parking spaces may be allowed if an analysis is provided to the satisfaction of the Director, using an authoritative methodology, documenting the parking demand for each land use by hour-of-day, showing that the peak parking demands of the land uses occur at different times, and demonstrating that the parking area will be large enough for the anticipated demands of all the land uses that utilize the shared parking area. The lot or part of a lot on which the parking is provided shall be legally encumbered by a recorded restrictive covenant to ensure continued availability of the shared parking spaces for all the land uses that utilize the shared parking area. When shared parking is provided at an off-site location, the requirements of Section 8108-3.3.2 shall be met.

Sec. 8108-4.7 - Table of Parking Space Requirements by Land Use

The table below indicates the number of required off-street motor vehicle and bicycle parking spaces that shall be provided for various land uses. For non-residential land uses the number of motor vehicle parking spaces set forth in the table, plus or minus 10 percent of the total, represents the minimum required and the maximum allowed number of spaces, unless varied pursuant to Section 8108-4.8 below. For residential land uses the number of motor vehicle parking spaces set forth in the table represents the minimum required number of spaces, unless varied pursuant to Section 8108-4.8 below.

The number of motor vehicle parking spaces required in this section is intended to address the needs of residents, employees and regular users of an establishment. The number is not intended to reflect the need for parking large delivery trucks, vans or buses; storage of vehicle inventory; or other specialty parking needs related to the operation of specific land uses.

The Director has the authority to determine the parking space requirements for any land use not specifically listed based on the requirements for the most comparable land use.

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
AGRICULTURAL LAND USES	+/- 10% of the total	
Buildings for the Packing or Processing of Agricultural Products	1 space per 500 sq. ft. of GFA	
Agricultural Contractor's Service and Storage Yards and Buildings	As determined by decision-making body	
Agricultural Sales Facilities		
<i>Small</i>	Minimum of 3 spaces	
<i>Large</i>	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA	ST: Minimum of 2 spaces
Greenhouses & Hothouses	2 spaces per acre, plus spaces required for associated offices or retail; minimum of 3 spaces. Or as determined by decision-making body.	LT: 1 space per 30 employees
Agricultural Uses not Otherwise Listed	As determined by decision-making body	As determined by decision-making body

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
COMMERCIAL AND INSTITUTIONAL LAND USES	+/- 10% of the total	
Assembly Uses	First 3,000 sq. ft. of GFA – 1 space per 125 sq. ft.; plus Over 3001 sq. ft. of GFA – 1 space per 550 sq. ft.; plus Auditorium or main assembly room – 1 space per 70 sq. ft. of GFA; plus Spaces as needed for accessory uses – as determined by decision-making body	ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
Automobile Repairing	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA for office or retail space. Service bays, workstations and vehicle storage shall not be counted toward meeting the motor vehicle parking space requirements	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
Automobile Service Stations		
<i>Without Retail</i>	1 space. Fueling stations shall not be counted toward meeting the motor vehicle parking space requirements.	ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces; minimum of 1
<i>With Retail</i>	1 space, plus 1 space per 250 GFA of retail use. Fueling stations shall not be counted toward meeting the motor vehicle parking space requirements.	ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces; minimum of 1
Banks and Financial Institutions	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 30 employees ST: 5% of required motor vehicle spaces
Bars and Taverns	See "Eating Establishments"	See "Eating Establishments"
Bowling Alleys	3 spaces per bowling lane	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 8% of required motor vehicle spaces
Camps and Retreats	As determined by decision-making body	As determined by decision-making body
Campgrounds	1 space per campsite or table, plus 2 spaces per 25 campsites, plus spaces required for any accessory uses	As determined by decision-making body
Car Washes	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees
Community Centers	See Assembly Uses	See Assembly Uses

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
Eating Establishments	Up to 5,000 sq. ft. of GFA: Either 1 space per 90 sq. ft. of GFA including outdoor customer dining area, or 1 space per 2.4 seats, as determined appropriate by the decision-making body Over 5,001 sq. ft. of GFA: Either 1 space per 145 sq. ft. of GFA including outdoor customer dining area, or 1 space per 3.2 seats, as determined appropriate by the decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
Education and Training		
<i>Elementary and Middle School</i>	1 space per 8 students of planned capacity	LT: 1 space per 30 employees ST: 1 space (gated) per 12 students, above first grade, of planned capacity
<i>High Schools</i>	1 space per 4 students of planned capacity	LT: 1 space per 30 employees ST: 1 space (gated) per 16 students of planned capacity
<i>Boarding Schools</i>	As determined by decision-making body	As determined by decision-making body
<i>Professional, Vocational, Art and Craft Schools, and the Like</i>	1 space per 4 students of planned capacity	LT: 1 space per 30 employees ST: 8% of required vehicle spaces
<i>Colleges and Universities</i>	1 space per 4 students of planned capacity	LT: 1 space per 30 employees plus 1 space per dormitory unit ST: 10% of required vehicle spaces
Feed Stores	1 space per 300 sq. ft. of sales or display area (excludes storage areas not used by the public)	
Furniture and Appliance Stores Handling Primarily Bulky Merchandise	1 space per 500 sq. ft. of sales or display area (excludes storage areas not used by the public)	LT: 1 space per 25 employees
Golf Courses and Driving Ranges		
<i>Golf Course</i>	3 spaces per hole	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 2% of required motor vehicle spaces
<i>Driving Range</i>	1 space per tee	
<i>Commercial Use</i>	1 space per 300 sq. ft. of GFA	
<i>Eating or Drinking Establishment</i>	See "Eating Establishments"	
Grocery Store	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
Gymnasiums, Health Clubs, Spas, and Similar Land Uses (does not apply to gymnasiums associated with schools or institutions)	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA.	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
Lodging		
<i>Hotels, Motels, and Similar Uses</i>	1 space per unit, plus 1 additional space per 20 units	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 1 space per 1,000 sq. ft. of GFA of banquet and meeting room space; minimum of 2 spaces
<i>Bed-and-Breakfast Inns and Similar Land Uses, Having Sleeping Rooms or Areas</i>	Spaces required for the dwelling, plus 1 space per rented room.	ST: 2 spaces
Libraries	1 space per 300 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 8% of required motor vehicle spaces
Lumber and Building Materials Sales Yards	1 space per 550 sq. ft. of sales or display area (excludes storage areas not used by the public)	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
Medical Services		
<i>Hospitals</i>	2.5 spaces per bed	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
<i>Residential Care Facility (7 or more persons)</i>	0.5 spaces per bed	LT: 1 space per 15 residents (not required if the care facility is for people unable to use bicycles, such as convalescents or the physically disabled) and 1 space per 25 employees (enclosed garages/storage lockers are acceptable) ST: 1 space per 20 residents
<i>Intermediate Care Facilities</i>	1 space per bed	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
<i>Offices: Medical, Health Clinic, Dental</i>	1 space per 200 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces or 1 space per 30 employees (as determined appropriate by decision-making body) ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces; minimum of 1 space
Motor Vehicle, Mobilehome, Recreational Vehicle, and Boat Sales and Rental (includes Trailers)	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
Museums, Art Galleries	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 6% of required motor vehicle spaces
Offices, Professional and Government	1 space per 300 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces or 1 space per 30 employees (as appropriate per Planning Director) ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
Outdoor Sales and Services, Temporary	As determined by decision-making body.	
Parking Facilities		ST: 5% of required motor vehicle spaces
Parks		
<i>Without Buildings</i>	Minimum of 5 spaces	ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
<i>Without Athletic Fields</i>	As determined by decision-making body	ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
<i>With Athletic Fields</i>	1 parking space per 3,000 sq. ft. of field area, plus 1 space per 6 linear feet of seating area; minimum of 20 spaces	ST: 10% of required motor vehicle spaces
Plant Nurseries, Retail	1 space per 550 sq. ft. of sales or display area (excludes storage areas not used by the public)	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 3% of required motor vehicle spaces
Plant Nurseries, Wholesale	Minimum of 3 spaces; plus additional as determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 25 employees
Public Service/Utility Facility Land Uses (Electrical Substations, Pump Stations, etc.) and Public Utility Buildings		
<i>Offices</i>	1 space per 300 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 30 employees
<i>Other Buildings or Land Uses</i>	As determined by decision-making body	
<i>Automated and Unattended</i>	None	
Rental and Leasing of Durable Goods	1 space per 500 sq. ft. of sales or display area (excludes storage areas not used by the public)	
RV Parks	1 space per campsite or table, plus 2 spaces per 25 campsites, plus parking required for any accessory uses	As determined by decision-making body

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
Shopping Center	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 space per 10,000 sq. ft. of GFA ST: 1 space per 4,000 sq. ft. of GFA; minimum of 1 space within 100 ft. of each customer entrance
Theaters, Amphitheaters and Similar Spectator-type Enterprises and Establishments		
<i>With Fixed Seats</i>	1 space per 4 fixed seats	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 1 per 110 fixed seats; minimum of 4 spaces
<i>Without Fixed Seats</i>	1 space per 4 persons of planned capacity	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 1 per 75 persons of planned capacity; minimum of 4 spaces
Transit Stations and Terminals	As determined by decision-making body	As determined by decision-making body
Veterinary Clinics	1 space per 200 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 25 employees ST: 2% of required motor vehicle spaces
Commercial Land Uses Not Otherwise Listed	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA or as determined by decision-making body	As determined by decision-making body
INDUSTRIAL LAND USES	+/- 10% of the total	
Laboratories; Research and Scientific	1 space per 250 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 30 employees
Manufacturing and Processing (includes slaughtering)	1 space per 500 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 space per 25 employees
Mini-storage	Minimum of 2 spaces; plus additional as determined by decision-making body	
Warehousing (includes freight terminals)	1 space per 1,500 sq. ft. of GFA, plus spaces required for associated office space and loading bays	LT: 1 per 60,000 sq. ft. of GFA or 1 per 25 employees (as appropriate per Planning Director)
Waste and Recycling Facilities	As determined by decision-making body	LT: 1 per 25 employees
Industrial Land Uses Not Otherwise Listed	1 space per 500 sq. ft. of GFA	LT: 1 per 25 employees
RESIDENTIAL LAND USES	Minimum Required	
Boarding Houses or Single Room Occupancy (SRO) Units	1 space per unit, plus parking required for single-family dwelling unit	LT: 1 space per 8 rented rooms (enclosed garages/storage lockers are acceptable) ST: 1 space per 20 residents

LAND USE	MOTOR VEHICLE SPACES REQUIRED	BICYCLE SPACES REQUIRED
Caretaker or Farmworker Single Family Dwellings	1 space for 1 bedroom or less 2 spaces for 2-4 bedrooms 3 spaces for 5 bedrooms	
Homeless Shelters	0.2 spaces per resident plus 1 space per employee and volunteer on largest shift, plus 1 space per vehicle used in the operation of the shelter. Up to 25% of the required spaces may be held in reserve or converted to a land use related to the shelter, such as additional bicycle parking, which can be readily reverted back to motor vehicle parking at a later date.	LT: 1 space per 8 residents and 1 space per 25 employees (enclosed garages/storage lockers are acceptable) ST: 1 space per 15 residents
Mobilehome Parks		
<i>Resident Parking</i>	2 spaces per unit	
<i>Visitor Parking (required if internal streets are less than 32 feet wide)</i>	1 space for each 4 units, in addition to parking spaces required for residents	
Multi-Family Dwelling Units	See Sec. 8108-4.7.1	
Second Dwelling Units	1 space for units up to 700 sq. ft. of GFA; 2 spaces for units over 700 sq. ft. of GFA (in addition to the spaces required for the principal dwelling unit)	
Single-Family and Two-Family Dwellings		
<i>1-4 Bedrooms (per unit)</i>	2 covered ¹ spaces	
<i>5 Bedrooms (per unit)</i>	3 spaces (2 shall be covered ¹)	
<i>6 or More Bedrooms (per unit)</i>	4 spaces, (2 shall be covered ¹)	

(ST: Short-term bicycle parking spaces, generally bike racks.

LT: Long-term bicycle parking spaces, generally enclosed lockers.)

¹Except that on parcels larger than 1 acre located in OS, AE, RA, RE, RO, and TP zones, parking may be uncovered.

Sec. 8108-4.7.1 Table of Parking Space Requirements for Multi-Family Dwelling Units

Parking for multi-family dwelling units shall be covered, except for visitor parking, and all parking on parcels larger than 1 acre in the OS, AE, RA, RE, RO, and TP zones. The number of required spaces depends upon both the number of bedrooms and whether provided parking is assigned or unassigned, as indicated in the table below.

Living Unit Size	Motor Vehicle Spaces Required (per unit) by Type of Parking			Required Visitor Parking (per unit)
	No Assigned Parking	1 Assigned Space or 1- Car Garage	2 Assigned Spaces or 2- Car Garage	
Studio	1.0 space	1.33 spaces	2.0 spaces	0.25 spaces
One Bedroom	1.25 spaces	1.4 spaces	2 spaces	0.25 spaces
Two Bedrooms	1.5 spaces	1.7 spaces	2.2 spaces	0.25 spaces
Three or More Bedrooms	2.0 spaces	2.15 spaces	2.3 spaces	0.25 spaces
Each Additional Bedroom	0.20 space	0.20 space	0.20 space	

Sec. 8108-4.8 - Adjustments to Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

The Director may adjust the number of off-street parking spaces required in Section 8108-4.7 by up to 20 percent for a particular project so that the parking supply of individual land uses better corresponds with actual parking demand, but only if such an adjustment to the required parking spaces is commensurate with the land use's demonstrated parking demand and pursuant to the requirements below.

Sec. 8108-4.8.1 –Reductions in Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

An applicant may use one or more of the following measures and approaches to justify a reduction in the number of required motor vehicle parking spaces. Additional justifications may be considered by the Director.

- a. Parking Study. Applicant funds and provides a parking study to assess the land use's parking needs. Parking studies shall be prepared by a person/firm qualified to prepare such studies, as determined by the Director.
- b. Transportation Demand Management Plan. Applicant funds and prepares a Transportation Demand Management plan to reduce motor vehicle trips to the land use. Transportation Demand Management plans shall be prepared by a person/firm qualified to prepare such plans, as determined by the Director. Such plans shall provide documentation describing the measures that will be used to reduce parking demand. Such measures may include, but are not limited to:
 - (1) Locating a project within 1,500 feet of a stop for bus, rail, shuttle, or other public transit services.
 - (2) Installing transit stops or enhancing existing adjacent transit stops by incorporating additional landscaping, shelters, informational kiosks, or other amenities.
 - (3) Locating the project adjacent to a designated bicycle route or path.
 - (4) Improving existing bicycle routes and paths in the vicinity of the project.
 - (5) Providing employees with a parking cash-out option.
 - (6) Providing residents or employees with transit passes.
 - (7) Providing shuttle services for employees, visitors, or residents.

- (8) Creating ridesharing programs.
- (9) Charging for parking.
- (10) Improving the pedestrian environment surrounding the project by the provision of sidewalks, marked crosswalks, additional landscaping, street furniture, lighting, and/or other safety features.
- (11) Allowing flexible work schedules or telecommuting.
- (12) Providing on-site amenities, which could include daycare, restaurants, and/or personal services such as banking or dry cleaning.
- (13) Installing additional bicycle parking facilities above the minimum requirements. Requirements for this reduction include:
 - i. Bicycle parking spaces shall meet the short- and long-term bicycle parking standards outlined in Section 8108-6.
 - ii. For every 4 bicycle parking spaces provided above the minimum requirement, the amount of motor vehicle parking spaces provided may be reduced by 1 space, up to a maximum reduction of 6 percent of required motor vehicle spaces. Existing parking may be converted to take advantage of this provision.
- (14) Providing shower and locker facilities. The provision of showers and associated lockers may be provided in lieu of required motor vehicle parking under some circumstances. Requirements for this reduction include:
 - i. The number of showers provided shall be based on demonstrated demand. At least 6 lockers for personal effects shall be provided per shower and shall be located near showers and dressing areas. Lockers shall be well ventilated and of a size sufficient to allow the storage of cycling attire and equipment. Showers and lockers should be located as close as possible to the bicycle parking facilities.
 - ii. For every 2 showers (1 per gender) and 6 clothing lockers per shower provided, the amount of motor vehicle parking spaces provided may be reduced by 3 spaces, up to a maximum reduction of 3 percent of required motor vehicle spaces. Existing parking may be converted to take advantage of this provision.
- (15) Other measures to encourage transit use or to reduce parking needs.
 - c. Affordable or Senior Housing. The total number of spaces required may be reduced for affordable (low income, very low income, extremely low income) or senior housing units, commensurate with the reduced parking demand created by the housing facility, including for visitors and accessory facilities. The reduction shall consider proximity to transit and support services and the Director may require traffic demand management measures in conjunction with any approval.
 - d. Drive-Through Land Uses. A reduction in the required number of parking spaces may be approved if documentation is provided which demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Director that the required number of parking spaces will not be needed due to the drive-through nature of the land use.
 - e. On-Street Parking. The availability of on-street parking spaces contiguous with the proposed land use's parcel(s) may be considered by the Director in

approving a request to reduce the required number of off-street parking spaces.

- f. Parking Reserve. When parking spaces required by this article are not needed by the current land use occupants or are not needed in the current phase of development, the land for those spaces may be held in reserve. For non-residential land uses this parking reserve shall be limited to 1 parking space or up to 10 percent of the total number of required parking spaces, whichever is greater. The parking reserve area shall be included in the determination of lot coverage as though the spaces were in use. To take advantage of reserved parking, the following provisions shall be met:
- (1) The applicant must demonstrate that the reduced number of parking spaces will be adequate to provide sufficient parking for the land uses on the property.
 - (2) The area designated as reserve parking must be clearly depicted on the approved site plan, and the terms and conditions of the reserved parking shall be clearly set forth in the approved site plan notations.
 - (3) For nonresidential land uses, landscaping must be provided in lieu of the required parking spaces in compliance with Section 8108-5.14 and Ventura County's Landscape Design Criteria.
 - (4) The reserved parking spaces must be maintained in a manner that leaves them available for conversion to required parking spaces. No above-ground improvements shall be placed or constructed upon the reserve parking area.
 - (5) The permit shall be conditioned to require the conversion of the reserved spaces into usable parking spaces at any time that the Director determines necessary.

Sec. 8108-4.8.2 - Parking Space Reduction Documentation

The applicant shall provide documentation that describes the proposed parking reduction and identifies the parties responsible for implementing any parking measures associated with the proposed reduction. The documentation shall discuss the estimated parking demand for the land use, describe how parking demand will be met with the requested reduction, explain how the proposed measures will effectively decrease parking demand at the site, and include proposed performance targets for parking. Documentation shall demonstrate how adjusting the amount of parking provided will not impact neighboring or nearby land uses. Required documentation shall include information regarding specific parking reduction measures as described in Section 8108-4.8.1. Required documentation may also include existing parking counts, parking counts at similar land uses, and calculation of future parking demand based on industry standards.

- a. Monitoring Reports. Monitoring reports shall be submitted to the Director 3 years after building occupancy and again 6 years after building occupancy. Monitoring reports shall note the effectiveness of the proposed measures as compared to the initial performance targets, and provide suggestions for modifications if necessary to enhance parking and/or trip reductions. Where the monitoring reports indicate that performance measures are not met, the Director may require further program modifications or the provision of additional parking.
- b. Recordation. As a condition of approval of the parking reduction, the property owner, if different than the applicant, may be required to record agreements

or restrictive covenants on the subject property prior to issuance of a land use permit to ensure that appropriate measures are implemented to justify the parking reduction.

Sec. 8108-4.8.3 - Increases to the Number of Motor Vehicle Parking Spaces Required

In order for the Director to approve an increase to the number of parking spaces provided for a land use over the number of motor vehicle parking spaces required by Section 8108-4.7, both of the following provisions must be met:

- a. Parking Study. Applicant funds and provides a parking study demonstrating that the number of motor vehicle parking spaces required by Section 8108-4.7 is inadequate for the land use. Parking studies shall be prepared by a person/firm qualified to prepare such studies as determined by the Director.
- b. Other Options Explored. The project applicant provides documentation to the Director demonstrating that the applicant has fully explored all other options for meeting parking demand without increasing the number of parking spaces, including utilizing shared parking, remote parking, and demand reduction measures.

Sec. 8108-5 - Motor Vehicle Parking Design Standards

The following standards shall apply to all proposed off-street motor vehicle parking areas/spaces, except for temporary parking areas.

Sec. 8108-5.1 - Parking Plans

Applications for land use developments that include parking areas shall include a detailed parking plan(s) with a corresponding preliminary grading and drainage plan. These plans shall be prepared by a California-licensed civil engineer, and shall clearly illustrate compliance with all applicable requirements of this Article. The applicant shall submit these plans to the Public Works Agency Director and the Building and Safety Division Director for their approval prior to issuance of any land use entitlement.

Sec. 8108-5.2 - Stormwater Management

Parking area design shall be in compliance with the Division 7 of the California Water Code, and in accordance with conditions and requirements established by Ventura County's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit and Ventura County Stormwater Quality Management Ordinance No. 4142. Larger parking areas may be required to submit a hydrology and hydraulics report to the Public Works Agency to demonstrate compliance with stormwater management requirements. Parking area design should incorporate methods of accommodating infiltration or filtration of stormwater onsite through use of pervious pavements, vegetated drainage swales, bioretention areas, tree box filters, dry swales, or other means.

Sec. 8108-5.3 - Location

Off-street parking areas and spaces shall be located in the following manner:

Sec. 8108-5.3.1 - Behind or Beside Buildings

To promote attractive urban form and facilitate pedestrian circulation, the preferred location of required parking areas (when provided above ground) relative to the street is as follows:

- First priority: to the rear of buildings or land uses.

- Second priority: to the side of buildings or land uses.
- Last priority: in front of buildings or land uses.

Sec. 8108-5.3.2 - Parking in Setbacks

Parking in setbacks is limited by Sections 8106-5.3, 8107-1.7 (f), and 8108-1.2.2(b) of this Chapter. Except as provided for in these sections, required uncovered single or two-family residential parking spaces shall not be located within the front set back.

Sec. 8108-5.3.3 - Motorcycle Parking

Motorcycle parking spaces shall be located as close as practical to the building entrance, but not closer than the spaces for disabled persons.

Sec. 8108-5.3.4 - Carpool Parking

Carpool parking spaces shall be located as close as practical to the building entrance, but not closer than the spaces for disabled persons.

Sec. 8108-5.3.5 - Bicycle Parking

See Section 8108-6.3.

Sec. 8108-5.3.6 – Floodways and Floodplains

- Parking areas are prohibited in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) designated regulatory floodways.
- Parking areas located in a FEMA designated 1 percent annual chance floodplain (100-year floodplain) are subject to special design requirements pursuant to the Ventura County Floodplain Management Ordinance as administered by the Public Works Agency and Watershed Protection District. These requirements may include, but are not limited to, flood warning signage, design measures to contain motor vehicles in the parking area in the event of a flood, special lighting, mechanical and electrical system design requirements, and fencing restrictions.

Sec. 8108-5.4 - Circulation

Sec. 8108-5.4.1 - Cross Access

Cross access is encouraged between adjacent sites in commercial, industrial, and multi-family housing developments. A joint cross access agreement between 2 or more participating adjacent property owners must be executed where cross access is provided so that cross access between the properties is legally established, enforceable and maintained. This joint cross access agreement must be approved by the Director, recorded by the parties to the agreement and run with the respective properties.

Sec. 8108-5.4.2 - Pedestrian Safe Access

- Parking areas serving commercial, institutional, and multi-family land uses shall not impede safe and direct pedestrian access from the street or sidewalk to building entrances.
- At least 1 pedestrian pathway shall be provided from the street or sidewalk to the primary building entrance. If not completely separated from vehicular traffic, pedestrian pathways shall be clearly designated using a raised surface, distinctive paving, bollards, special railing, or similar treatment. Such pathways shall be in compliance with the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) and the Americans with Disabilities Act. Pathways shall be designed to have minimal direct contact with traffic and prevent parked vehicles from overhanging the pathways. The use of pervious surface materials for pedestrian pathways is encouraged.

- c. Where feasible, parking rows shall be perpendicular to the main building entrance(s) or main pedestrian pathway(s) to assist safe pedestrian movement toward the building.
- d. Where cross access is provided, it shall be designed, established, and maintained so that internal drive aisles, parking spaces, and pedestrian paths assure safe pedestrian access to adjacent land uses, and adjacent parking areas.
- e. Where pedestrian routes cross driveways such crossings shall be clearly marked.
- f. If parking is designed to allow vehicle overhang into a pedestrian pathway, the pathway width shall be increased by at least 2 feet. Pedestrian pathways adjacent to a building shall be in compliance with the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Sec. 8108-5.4.3 - Fire Apparatus Access

Approved fire apparatus access roads shall be provided when required by the Ventura County Fire Protection District. Generally this requirement is triggered when any facility or portion of the exterior walls of the first story of a building is located more than 150 feet from an existing public street or approved fire apparatus access driveway. For the purposes of this requirement, the term facility includes recreational vehicles, mobile home and manufactured housing parks, and sales and storage lots.

Sec. 8108-5.4.4 - Adequate Turning Radii

All internal circulation and queuing areas shall be designed to accommodate the turning radii of the vehicles that will be using the site, pursuant to the design criteria of the American Association for State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and/or Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE).

Sec. 8108-5.4.5 - Contained Maneuvering

Parking areas shall be designed so that motor vehicles will exit onto a public street in a forward direction, unless approved otherwise by the Public Works Agency Transportation Director. Circulation of vehicles among parking spaces shall be accomplished entirely within the parking area. The Director may waive or modify this requirement in consultation with the Public Works Agency Transportation Director when the applicant can demonstrate that it is not appropriate to the land use or location.

Sec. 8108-5.4.6 Short Parking Rows

Parking areas should be divided both visually and functionally into smaller parking courts. Interior rows of parking spaces shall be no more than 270 feet in length, inclusive of landscape planters but not including cross aisles or turnarounds. The Director may waive or modify this requirement when the applicant can demonstrate that it is not appropriate to the land use or location.

Sec. 8108-5.4.7 - Dead Ends Minimized

Dead-end drive aisles shall be avoided or otherwise minimized.

Sec. 8108-5.4.8 - Directional Signs

Maneuvering areas within parking areas shall be clearly marked with directional signs or painted arrows to ensure the safe and efficient flow of vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.

Sec. 8108-5.5 - Driveways

Sec. 8108-5.5.1 - Driveway Width

- a. Portion Within Right-of-Way: Driveway width shall be the minimum necessary to provide access to the land use consistent with the Ventura County Road Standards, Ventura County Fire Protection District requirements, or the latest edition of Caltrans' Standard Plans, as appropriate.
- b. Portion Outside Right-of-Way: Driveway widths shall be minimized where possible.

Sec. 8108-5.5.2 - Number of Driveways

Each site is limited to 1 driveway unless the Public Works Agency Transportation Director determines that more than 1 driveway is required to handle traffic volumes or specific designs, such as residential circular driveways. Additional driveways shall not be allowed if they are determined to be detrimental to traffic flow and the safety of adjacent public streets. Whenever a property has access to more than 1 road, access shall be limited to the lowest traffic-volume road whenever possible.

Sec. 8108-5.5.3 - Shared Driveways

The number of driveways should be minimized where feasible by the use of shared driveways between adjacent properties. A joint access agreement between 2 or more participating adjacent property owners must be executed where driveways are shared, so that shared driveway access by the properties is legally established, enforceable and maintained. This joint access agreement must be approved by the Director, recorded by the parties to the agreement properties and run with the respective properties.

Sec. 8108-5.5.4 - Driveways Clearly Designated

Parking areas shall be designed to prevent entrance or exit at any point other than driveways. Appropriate barriers and entrance and exit signs shall be provided within parking areas. Stop signs that comply with Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) standards and shall be installed at all exits from parking areas.

Sec. 8108-5.6 - Parking Area and Space Dimensions

Sec. 8108-5.6.1 - Planning Director Waivers/Modifications

The Director may waive or modify motor vehicle parking design standards when the applicant can demonstrate that the required motor vehicle parking design standard is not appropriate to the land use or location.

Sec. 8108-5.6.2 - Space Angle

Ninety-degree parking, which uses the least amount of pavement per parking space, is preferred wherever possible.

Sec. 8108-5.6.3 - Standard Spaces

Each standard parking space shall be 9 feet wide by 18 feet long, with the following exceptions:

- a. The length of the parking space may be decreased by 2 feet where parking spaces face into landscape planters so that the concrete curb around the planter functions as the wheel stop, allowing motor vehicles to overhang the landscape planter. Use of such a bumper overhang reduces impervious surfaces and is encouraged. Plant material and irrigation equipment in the outside 2 feet of these landscape planters shall conform to the requirements of Section 8108-5.14. Utilization of a bumper overhang shall not allow a vehicle to extend into or over a pedestrian pathway or drive aisle.

- b. Required parking space dimensions do not apply if mechanical parking lifts are used to stack cars.
- c. The width of parking spaces may be reduced to 8 feet on legal lots that are less than 26 feet wide and where 2 or more parking spaces are required.
- d. The Director may approve an increase to the width or length of parking spaces for land uses that cater to larger vehicles such as trucks, shuttles, or vans.
- e. Parking space width shall be increased by 6 inches to 9 feet 6 inches (114 inches) if adjacent on 1 side to a wall, fence, hedge, or structure; and by 1 foot 6 inches to 10 feet 6 inches (126 inches) if adjacent on both sides to a wall, fence, hedge, or structure.

Sec. 8108-5.6.4 - Motorcycle Spaces

Each motorcycle parking space shall be a minimum of 4 feet wide by 8 feet long.

Sec. 8108-5.6.5 - Compact Spaces

Up to 30 percent of the total parking spaces required for low-turnover, nonretail parking areas serving primarily employees, residents, or students may be provided as compact spaces. Each compact space shall be a minimum of 8 feet 6 inches wide by 16 feet long and be clearly designated for compact vehicles.

Sec. 8108-5.6.6 - Parallel Spaces

The minimum size of a parallel parking space shall be 8 feet 6 inches wide by 22 feet long.

Sec. 8108-5.6.7 - Bicycle Spaces

See Section 8108-6 – Bicycle Parking Design Standards.

Sec. 8108-5.6.8 - Clear Height in Parking Structures

At least 1 floor in parking structures shall be designed with a minimum height of 8 feet 3 inches to allow for vanpool vehicles and accessible parking for disabled persons.

Sec. 8108-5.6.9 - Dead End Turnout

Where drive aisles terminate at a dead-end, adequate provision shall be made for vehicles to turn around. Depending on the situation, this may be satisfied by provision of at least 6 feet between the end of parking rows and the end of the drive aisle.

Sec. 8108-5.6.10 - Drive Aisles and Modules

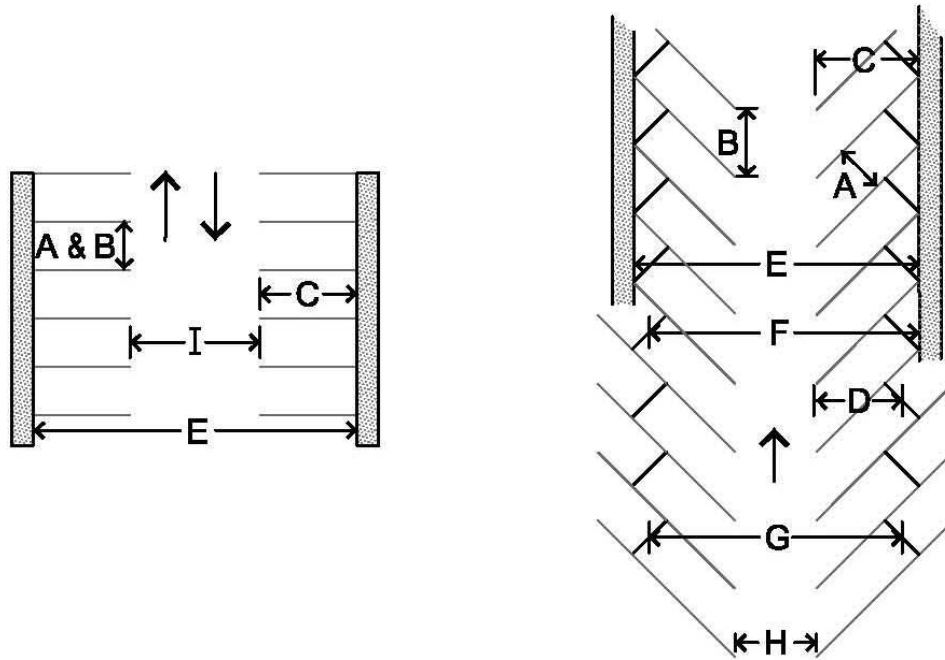
Parking area drive aisles and modules shall be designed following the standard dimensions included in the table in Section 8108-5.6.11 and the figure in Section 8108-5.6.12 and as required to meet Section 8108-5.4. The Director may approve wider aisles when appropriate for truck maneuvering. Two-way aisles are permitted in conjunction with 90-degree and parallel spaces only.

Sec. 8108-5.6.11 – Table of Parking Area Layout Dimensions

Angle	Stall Width (A)	Stall Width, parallel to aisle (B)	Stall Length, perpendicular to aisle		Module Width			Aisle Width	
			Wall to Aisle (C)	Interlock to Aisle (D)	Wall to Wall (E)	Wall to Interlock (F)	Interlock to Interlock (G)	One-way (H)	Two-way (I)
Standard Space (9 x 18) ¹									
90	9.0	9.0	18.0	18.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	24	24
75	9.0	9.3	19.7	18.5	60.0	58.9	57.7	21.6	NA
60	9.0	10.4	20.1	17.8	55.5	53.3	51.0	15.3	NA
45	9.0	12.7	19.1	15.9	48.5	45.3	42.1	10.3	NA

¹Parking area design for full rows of compact spaces shall be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

Sec. 8108-5.6.12 – Figure 1: Parking Area Layout Dimensions



Sec. 8108-5.7 - Tandem Parking

Required parking may be provided in tandem for residential land uses with the following restrictions:

- Tandem parking shall not be more than 2 cars in depth.
- Both tandem spaces shall serve the same dwelling unit.
- For multi-family residential dwellings, tandem parking may be provided to meet up to 50 percent of the required parking spaces.

Sec. 8108-5.8 - Slope

Accessible parking spaces for disabled persons shall be in compliance with the California Building Standards Code (California Code of Regulations, Title 24) and the Americans with Disabilities Act requirements for slope. All other parking spaces shall slope no more than 5 percent in any direction and no less than 0.5 percent in the direction of drainage. The slope in drive aisle and turnaround areas shall be no more than 10 percent.

Sec. 8108-5.8.1 – Planning Director Waivers/Modifications

The Director, in consultation with the Public Works Agency Transportation Director, may modify slope requirements, but not for disabled person accessible parking spaces, when appropriate given site constraints.

Sec. 8108-5.9 - Surfaces

- a. The surface of all required uncovered off-street motor vehicle parking spaces, aisles, driveways and loading areas shall be constructed and maintained with permanent all-weather, load-bearing pervious or impervious surfacing material sufficient to prevent mud, dust, loose material, and other nuisances. The use of pervious surfaces is encouraged to facilitate on-site infiltration of stormwater. To reduce heat generation from parking area surfaces, the use of light-colored/high-albedo surfaces is encouraged.
- b. The surface of fire apparatus access driveways shall meet the requirements of the Ventura County Fire Protection District.
- c. The surface of the portion of driveways in the right-of-way shall meet the requirements of the Ventura County Road Standards or the latest edition of Caltrans' Standard Plans, as appropriate.
- d. Ribbon driveways outside of the right-of-way may be installed as an alternative to fully paved driveways, subject to the approval by the Ventura County Fire Protection District.

Sec. 8108-5.9.1 – Surfacing Plans

When pervious surfaces are used, the parking area plans shall document that:

- a. The pervious materials have been designed to support anticipated vehicle weights and traffic volumes.
- b. The pervious materials have been designed to minimize surface cracking, crumbling, eroding, and other maintenance problems for the pervious surface as well as any adjacent surfaces or structures.

Pervious surfaces used for parking spaces in single- and two-family dwellings or other parking lots with less than 5 spaces are not subject to the above documentation requirements.

Sec. 8108-5.10 – Parking Space Marking

Parking spaces within parking areas shall be clearly marked with paint striping or another durable, easily distinguishable marking material. Space marking shall be maintained in good condition.

Sec. 8108-5.10.1 – Exception

Parking areas surfaced with gravel or other aggregate materials are exempt from space marking requirements.

Sec. 8108-5.11 - Clear Visibility and Safety

Clear visibility of and between pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists shall be assured when entering individual parking spaces, when circulating within a parking area, and when entering and exiting a parking area.

- a. Each driveway shall be constructed and maintained pursuant to the sight distance requirements of the Ventura County Road Standards or Caltrans, as appropriate.
- b. Landscaping at any interior parking area intersection shall not obstruct a driver's vision of vehicle and pedestrian cross traffic.
- c. With the exception of trees, landscaping adjacent to pedestrian pathways shall be no more than 3 feet in height.

Sec. 8108-5.12 - Lighting

Lighting shall be provided for all parking areas in compliance with Section 8106-8.6 and the following:

- a. Parking areas that serve night-time users shall be lighted with a minimum 1 foot-candle of light at ground level for security.
- b. All lights in parking areas that serve non-residential land uses, except those required for security per subsection (a) above, shall be extinguished at the end of the working day. Lights may be turned on no sooner than 1 hour before the commencement of working hours.
- c. Light poles shall be located so as not to interfere with motor vehicle door opening, vehicular movement or accessible paths of travel. To the extent possible light poles shall be located away from existing and planned trees to reduce obstruction of light by tree canopies. Light poles shall be located outside of landscape finger planters, end row planters, and tree wells. Light poles may be located in perimeter planters and continuous planter strips between parking rows.
- d. Any light fixtures adjacent to a residential land use or residentially zoned lot shall be arranged and shielded so that the light will not directly illuminate the lot or land use. This requirement for shielding applies to all light fixtures, including security lighting.
- e. In order to direct light downward and minimize the amount of light spilled into the dark night sky, any new lighting fixtures installed to serve above-ground, uncovered parking areas shall be full cut-off fixtures as defined by the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America (IESNA). New lighting fixtures installed for parking area canopies or similar structures shall be recessed or flush-mounted and equipped with flat lenses.

Sec. 8108-5.13 - Trash and Recyclables Receptacles

At least 1 trash and 1 recyclables receptacle shall be provided for parking area users for the first 20 motor vehicle parking spaces, and 1 trash and 1 recyclables receptacle for every 80 spaces thereafter. Receptacles shall be enclosed to prevent access by animals and wind, placed in convenient, high-visibility locations, and serviced and maintained appropriately.

Sec. 8108-5.14 - Landscaping and Screening

Sec. 8108-5.14.1 - Purpose

These landscaping and screening requirements are intended to:

- Reduce potential negative effects of parking areas on adjacent land uses.
- Provide visual relief from pavement and motor vehicles.
- Soften and screen parking area edges.
- Provide a visual barrier between vehicle headlights and street traffic.
- Mitigate atmospheric heating from pavement through shading.
- Create pleasant pedestrian conditions.
- Provide retention, filtration and/or infiltration of stormwater.
- Channel and define logical areas for pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

Sec. 8108-5.14.2 - Applicability

Unless otherwise noted herein, all parking areas shall comply with the landscaping and screening requirements of this section. Underground parking is exempt from these requirements.

- a. Planning Director Waivers/Modifications. The Director may grant modifications and waivers to landscaping requirements where existing structures or irregularly configured lots preclude implementation of the requirements, or where compliance would result in the loss of existing required parking spaces due to site size restrictions. The Director shall seek a compromise between reducing the amount of required parking and reducing the amount of required landscaping. Wherever possible, at least some landscaping shall be required. In granting modifications, the Director shall prioritize the provision of landscaping as follows:

First priority: the provision of landscape screening adjacent to streets.

Second priority: the provision of shade trees.

Water use efficiency, addressed in Ventura County's Landscape Design Criteria, must be incorporated into all landscape designs.

- i. Perimeter Landscaping and Screening, Adjacent to Streets. The Director may allow the use of smaller perimeter planters or waive these requirements, except there shall be no waiver of these requirements for any project that is located across the street from residential zones or land uses.
- ii. Interior Landscaping. If the applicant can demonstrate that compliance with interior landscaping requirements would result in the loss of existing required parking spaces, the Director may modify the interior landscaping requirement. Whenever feasible, the Director shall require a minimum of some interior landscaping with priority given to planting shade trees. The Director may also approve acceptable substitutions for interior landscaping, such as:
 - Use of a light-colored/high-albedo (minimum of 0.3) paving surface, or use of a pervious paving surface pursuant to Section 8108-5.9.1. Such surfaces may be substituted for landscaping at a rate of 3 times the area required for landscaping.
 - Installation of public art at the site, such as a mural or sculpture. Such art should complement its surroundings in terms of scale, materials, form, and content, and shall not contain advertising. Public art shall conform to height and setback standards. The art should be designed to last as long as the related building or structure and be vandal/theft resistant. Maintenance of public art shall be the

responsibility of the property owner and permittee. Public art pieces must be approved by the Director.

- Shading in the form of canopies with solar photovoltaic or hot water systems, off-site trees and structures, sidewalk canopies and other shade structures.

Sec. 8108-5.14.3 - Landscape Plans

Applications for developments that include parking area landscaping or screening requirements shall include a conceptual landscape plan(s) which clearly illustrates compliance with the planter layout and dimension requirements of this section, as well as the number, size and location of all required trees and other plants.

Final landscape plans, including detailed specifications that clearly illustrate and document compliance with all applicable requirements of this section, shall be submitted to and approved by the Director prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for construction. No land use may be inaugurated or occupied until a final inspection has been completed verifying that the landscape has been installed as required by the approved landscape plan.

All landscape plans shall be drawn to scale and be consistent with the project's site plan(s). Landscape plans shall comply with the requirements in Ventura County's Landscape Design Criteria.

Sec. 8108-5.14.4 - Perimeter Landscaping and Screening

a. Adjacent to Streets. Where parking areas are not visually screened from any adjacent public or private street by an intervening building or structure, the following requirements apply:

- (1) Planter Width. A minimum 8-foot-wide (inside dimension, inclusive of any bumper overhang) landscape planter shall be provided between the street and the parking area, except at driveways, pedestrian pathways, and other pedestrian spaces.
- (2) Screening Materials and Height. Visual screens, measuring 3 feet in height from the top of the pavement, shall be provided. Where the ground level adjoining the street is below street grade, the visual screen height may be reduced by the difference in levels. Where the ground level adjoining the street is above street grade, the visual screen height may be reduced as determined appropriate by the Director.

The visual screen shall be composed of a berm or solid wall, plus plant material that softens the look and breaks up the expanse of the screen. Plant material may be used as the main screening element only if a minimum of 50 percent of the plants are of 15-gallon container size when planted, the rest are of 5-gallon container size, and the plants form a dense hedge. Where walls are used, the preferred location is in the middle of the 8-foot planter so that the planter may also serve as a bumper overhang and so that trees may be planted on both sides of the wall. Walls may also be placed behind the plant material, relative to the street.

Where earth berms are used, the berm slope shall be a maximum of 1 foot of rise for every 3 feet of linear distance (3:1 horizontal to vertical).

- (3) Trees and Shrubs. Trees shall be provided at a minimum rate of 1 for each 30 linear feet of landscape planter or fraction thereof, and at least 1 per planter. Shrubs shall be provided as needed to meet screening

requirements, but no less than 1 for every 5 linear feet of landscape planter or fraction thereof.

- (4) Large Projects. Parking areas with more than 100 motor vehicle spaces shall provide a concentration of landscape elements at primary entrances, including specimen trees, flowering plants, and special design elements. Public art may be used, and is encouraged, in conjunction with these elements. Such art should meet the provisions of Section 8108-5.14.2(a)(ii).
- (5) Bus Shelters. Bus shelters may be located within the perimeter landscape planters, but shall not be placed so as to reduce the number of required trees.
- (6) Public Art. Public art may be provided in perimeter landscape planters that are viewable by the general public, in lieu of 2 required trees. Such art shall meet the provisions of Section 8108-5.14.2(a)(ii).
- b. Adjacent to Residential Land Uses. Where parking areas and associated driveways adjoin residentially zoned property or ground-floor residential land uses, a solid masonry wall at least 6 feet in height shall be installed and maintained along the property line. Said wall shall not be more than 3 feet in height within the front setback of the abutting residentially zoned property.
- c. Side and Rear Property Lines. Perimeter planters are encouraged where a parking area or driveway adjoins a side or rear property line. Side and rear perimeter planters shall be a minimum of 2 feet wide (inside dimension) when the planters do not include trees and a minimum of 4 feet wide (inside dimension) when the planters include trees.

Sec. 8108-5.14.5 - Interior Landscaping

Parking areas shall include interior landscaping as outlined below. Parking structures and covered parking spaces are exempt from these specific requirements, but may be conditioned on a case-by-case basis to ensure that the purposes of this section are met.

- a. Amount Required. Interior landscaping shall account for 6 percent of the parking area, excluding the area of required perimeter landscaping, except that no interior landscaping is required when the required perimeter landscaping amounts to 10 percent or more of the parking area.
- b. Tree Spacing. Trees shall be spaced out evenly throughout the parking area in order to maximize shading of pavement. At a minimum, 1 shade tree shall be provided in interior planters for every 4 adjacent motor vehicle parking spaces (8 total spaces in double-sided parking rows) or equivalent area of motorcycle spaces.
- c. Interior Planter Dimensions.

Finger Planters. Finger planters are planters adjacent to the long side of parking spaces. Finger planters shall measure at least 5 feet wide (inside dimension) by the length of the parking space, and shall contain 1 tree in single-sided rows and two trees (one per side) in double-sided rows.

Tree Wells. Tree well planters shall measure at least 4 feet by 4 feet (inside dimension).

Strip Planters. Strip planters in front of or between rows of parking spaces shall measure at least 4 feet wide (inside dimension).

- d. Pedestrian-Orientated Design. Landscaping shall be designed so that pedestrians are not likely to cross landscape planters to reach building entrances from parked vehicles. This may be achieved through orientation of the landscape planters away from pedestrian pathways, use of pedestrian pathways or barriers to keep pedestrians out of planters.
- e. Preferred Layout. The preferred layout of interior landscaping of parking areas is set forth below. The Director shall consider this preferred layout, together with any site constraints, in approving parking area landscape plans.
 - (1) Ends of Parking Rows. The ends of each row of parking spaces should be separated from drive aisles, driveways, or buildings by a finger planter (as described in subparagraph (2) below) or sidewalk.
 - (2) Double-sided Parking Rows. One finger planter with 2 trees (1 per row) per 12 adjacent spaces, or fraction thereof, should be provided. Between finger planters either 2 tree wells (1 per 8 spaces) or a continuous planter containing 2 trees (1 per 8 spaces) should be provided.
 - (3) Single-sided Parking Rows. One finger planter with 1 tree per 16 adjacent spaces, or fraction thereof, should be provided. Between finger planters either 2 tree wells (1 per 4 spaces) or a continuous planter containing 2 trees (1 per 4 spaces) should be provided.*
 - (4) Adjacent to On-Site Buildings. Where a parking area or driveway is adjacent to a building on the same site, the area should be separated from the building by a landscaped planter at least 4 feet wide.

Sec. 8108-5.14.6 – Stormwater Management Landscaping

Stormwater management landscape planters in parking areas shall meet the following criteria:

- a. Their location shall not interfere with the movement of vehicles, pedestrians, or bicycles.
- b. The designed water flow shall not cause erosion of pavement or damage to other required parking area features.
- c. They may count toward required parking area landscaping if the following criteria are met:
 - (1) The stormwater management landscaping does not compromise the number, type, size, location, or health of the required trees. Required trees shall be planted well above the flow line of basins or channels.
 - (2) The stormwater management landscaping does not compromise the screening, shading, or other purposes of Section 8108-5.14.1.
 - (3) The stormwater management landscaping is consistent with Ventura County's Landscape Design Criteria and has been approved by the County's landscape architect.
 - (4) Planters containing trees shall be a minimum of 8 feet wide (inclusive of bumper overhang).

Sec. 8108-5.14.7 - Trees

- a. Tree species shall meet the requirements of Ventura County's Landscape Design Criteria.

**Editor's Note: Section 8108-5.14.5(e)3 should read: "...Between finger planters either 3 tree wells (1 per 4 spaces) or a continuous planter containing 3 trees (1 per 4 spaces) should be provided."*

- b. Larger-growing trees shall be planted wherever planter size allows.
- c. Trees shall be a minimum 24-inch box size at planting.
- d. Trees shall be spaced to maximize distance from light poles, in order to maximize the effectiveness of lighting.
- e. Trees shall be kept trimmed to maintain 8 feet 6 inches of ground clearance for parking spaces and pedestrian areas. Trees shall be kept trimmed to maintain 13 feet of ground clearance over driveways and drive aisles.

Sec. 8108-5.14.8 - Curbs

All parking area landscape planters shall be protected from vehicular damage by providing a raised curb or wheel stop of at least 4 inches in height. Where curbs around landscape planters function as wheel stops, plants and other landscape features in the outside 2 feet of these planters shall not extend more than 2 inches above the 4 inch curb or wheel stop. Irrigation equipment should be placed outside of the bumper overhang. Curbs adjacent to landscape planters may contain cuts or notches to allow stormwater to pass into the planter if part of a landscaped stormwater management system.

Sec. 8108-5.14.9 - Materials Loading Area Screening

Materials loading areas shall be visually screened from any adjacent street, residentially zoned parcel, or residential land use. Where such screening is not provided by an intervening building or structure, a landscape screen shall be provided. The landscape screen shall be composed of a solid wall plus plant material that softens the look and breaks up the expanse of the wall. Plant material may be used as the main screening element only if a minimum of 50 percent of the plants are of 15-gallon can size when planted, the rest are of 5-gallon can size, and the plants form a dense hedge.

Sec. 8108-6 - Bicycle Parking Design Standards

The following design standards shall apply to all bicycle parking facilities. The layout and design of required bicycle parking facilities is subject to the review and approval of the Director to ensure safety, security, and convenience.

The Ventura County Parking Design Guidelines illustrate acceptable and unacceptable bicycle rack and bicycle locker designs. Use of bicycle rack or locker designs not listed in the Parking Design Guidelines must be approved by the Director. The Guidelines also provide layout examples that demonstrate clearances and other aspects of bicycle parking facilities.

Sec. 8108-6.1 - Short-Term Bicycle Parking (Bicycle Racks)

Short-term bicycle parking facilities shall have the following characteristics:

- a. Support a bicycle by its frame in 2 places in a stable upright position without damage to the bicycle or its finish.
- b. Enable the frame and 1 or both wheels to be secured with a user-provided U-shaped lock (U-lock) or cable.
- c. Be anchored to an immovable surface or be heavy enough that the rack cannot be easily moved.
- d. Be constructed such that the rack resists being cut, disassembled, or detached with manual tools such as bolt or pipe cutters.
- e. Not have sharp edges that can be hazardous to bicyclists or pedestrians.

- f. Provide easy access to each parked bicycle without awkward movements or moving other bicycles, even when the rack is fully loaded.
- g. The Director may approve other short-term bicycle parking designs that provide adequate safety, security, and convenience, including designs that accommodate the parking of 3-wheeled, recumbent, or other styles of bicycles.

Sec. 8108-6.2 - Long-Term Bicycle Parking

Long-term bicycle parking facilities shall be covered and secured. These facilities shall protect the entire bicycle and accessories from theft, vandalism, and inclement weather by the use of:

- a. Bicycle Lockers. A fully enclosed space for 1 bicycle, accessible only to the owner or operator of the bicycle, or
- b. Restricted-access Enclosure. A locked room or enclosure containing 1 bicycle rack space for each bicycle to be accommodated and accessible only to the owners or operators of the bicycles parked within it. Said racks shall meet the requirements of Section 8108-6.1.
- c. Check-in Facility. A location to which the bicycle is delivered and left with an attendant with provisions for identifying the bicycle's owner. The stored bicycle is accessible only to the attendant, or
- d. Other. Other means that provide the same level of security as deemed acceptable by the Director.

Sec. 8108-6.3 - Location

All required short- and long-term bicycle parking facilities shall be located on-site and provide safe and convenient bicycle access to the public right-of-way and pedestrian access to the main and/or employee entrance(s) of the principal land use. Where access is via a sidewalk or pathway, or where the bicycle parking facility is next to a street, curb ramps shall be installed where appropriate. Long-term employee bicycle facilities may be separated from short-term bicycle facilities.

In addition, the following location criteria shall be met:

Sec. 8108-6.3.1 - Proximity to Main Entrances

Short-term bicycle parking facilities shall be conveniently located no more than 100 feet from the main building entrance(s) or no farther than the nearest non-disabled motor vehicle parking space from the main building entrance(s), whichever is farther. Where there is more than 1 building on a site or where a building has more than 1 main entrance, the short-term bicycle parking shall be distributed to serve all buildings or main entrance(s). Long-term bicycle parking facilities shall be located no more than 400 feet from the building entrance. Bicycle parking shall not obstruct pedestrian access.

Sec. 8108-6.3.2 - Outside Pedestrian Pathway

Bicycle parking racks located on pedestrian pathways shall maintain a minimum of 4 feet of unobstructed pathway outside the bicycle parking space.

Sec. 8108-6.4 - Layout

The following design criteria apply to short-term facilities. Because of the additional security level, the layout of long-term facilities shall be determined on a case-by-case basis.

Sec. 8108-6.4.1 - Bicycle Parking Facility Delineation

Areas set aside for bicycle parking shall be clearly marked and reserved for bicycle parking only.

- a. All parking facility boundaries shall be delineated by striping, curbing, fencing, or by other equivalent methods. Boundaries shall include all applicable dimensions as outlined in Section 8108-6.4.3 and Section 8108-6.4.4.
- b. Bicycle parking locations near roadways, parking areas, or drives shall be protected from damage by motor vehicles by use of bollards, curbs, concrete planters, landscape buffers, or other suitable barriers.

Sec. 8108-6.4.2 - Bicycle Parking Facility Signage

Where bicycle parking facilities are not clearly visible to approaching bicyclists, conspicuous signs shall be posted to direct cyclists to the facilities. Long-term bicycle parking facilities that incorporate bicycle lockers shall be identified by a sign at least 1 foot by 1 foot in size that lists the name or title and the phone number or electronic contact information of the person in charge of the facility.

Sec. 8108-6.4.3 - Bicycle Parking Space Dimensions

Bicycle parking spaces shall have the following dimensions.

- a. Space Length: Each bicycle parking space shall be a minimum of 6 feet in length.
- b. Space Between Racks: The minimum space between bicycle parking posts or racks shall be 2 feet 6 inches.
- c. Space Between Adjacent Walls/Obstructions: A minimum of 2 feet 6 inches shall be provided between the end of a bicycle parking rack and a perpendicular wall or other obstruction (e.g., newspaper rack, sign pole, furniture, trash can, fire hydrant, light pole). A minimum of 2 feet 6 inches shall be provided between the side of a bicycle parking rack and a parallel wall or other obstruction.
- d. The Director may waive or modify bicycle parking space dimensions if the applicant can demonstrate that they are not appropriate to the land use or location, and to accommodate the parking of 3-wheeled or recumbent bicycles or other non-standard bicycles.

Sec. 8108-6.4.4 - Aisle Width

A 48-inch-wide access aisle, measured from the front or rear of the bicycle parking space, shall be provided beside each row or between 2 rows of bicycle parking. In high traffic areas where many users park or retrieve bikes at the same time, such as at schools or colleges, the recommended minimum aisle width is 6 feet.

Where a public sidewalk or pathway serves as an aisle of a bicycle parking facility and the doors of bicycle lockers open toward that sidewalk or pathway, the lockers shall be set back so an open door does not encroach onto the main travel width of the sidewalk or pathway.

Sec. 8108-6.5 - Lighting

Lighting of not less than 1 foot-candle of illumination at ground level shall be provided in both interior and exterior bicycle parking facilities during hours of use.

Sec. 8108-7 - Drive-Through Facilities

Sec. 8108-7.1 - Queuing Lane

A lane that is physically separated from other traffic circulation on the site shall be provided for motor vehicles waiting for drive-through service. The queuing lane for

each drive-through window or station shall be at least 12 feet wide, with sufficient turning radii to accommodate motor vehicles. Queuing lanes shall be designated by paint-striping, curbs, or other physical means as appropriate. Queuing lanes shall be designed to avoid interference with on-site pedestrian access. The principal pedestrian access to the entrance of the drive-through facility shall not cross the drive-through lane.

Sec. 8108-7.1.1 – Planning Director Waiver/Modification

The Director may waive or modify this standard if the applicant can demonstrate through an interior circulation analysis that the relationship of the length of the queuing lane, the nature of the land use, or the physical constraints of the lot make this standard infeasible and that an alternative configuration can safely accommodate vehicle queuing.

Sec. 8108-7.2 - Directional Signs

Signs shall be provided to indicate the entrance, exit, and one-way path of drive-through lanes.

Sec. 8108-7.3 – Location

Drive-through facilities shall not be located between the street and the main building entrance.

Sec. 8108-7.4 - Queuing Capacity

The vehicle queuing capacity for land uses containing drive-through facilities shall be as follows:

Sec. 8108-7.4.1 – Table of Queuing Lane Requirements

Land Use	Queuing Lane Requirements
Restaurants	Queuing for 8 vehicles behind the pickup window
Banks	Queuing for 5 vehicles for each queuing lane
Other Land Uses	Queuing for 6 vehicles for each queuing lane

Sec. 8108-8 - Loading Areas

Sec. 8108-8.1 – Passenger Loading Areas

Safe and convenient off-street passenger loading areas shall be provided for land uses where there are more than 100 parking spaces, as shown in the table below. Passenger loading areas shall be located at the point(s) of primary pedestrian access from the parking area to the adjacent building, or buildings. Passenger loading areas shall be designed as turn-outs a minimum of 9 feet wide and located in such a manner that vehicles waiting in the loading area do not impede vehicular, bicycle or pedestrian circulation.

Sec. 8108-8.1.1 – Table of Required Passenger Loading Areas

Required Parking Spaces	Required Turnout Vehicle Capacity
101-499	1
500+	0.3% of required parking

Sec. 8108-8.2 - Materials Loading Areas

All commercial and industrial land uses shall provide and maintain off-street materials loading spaces as provided herein.

Sec. 8108-8.2.1 – Planning Director Waiver/Modification

The Director may waive or modify this standard if the applicant can demonstrate that the site configuration, nature of the land use, or other considerations make off-street loading spaces unnecessary or infeasible.

Sec. 8108-8.2.2 – Table of Required Materials Loading Areas

Gross Floor Area	Loading Spaces Required
0-15,000	1
15,001-40,000	2
40,001-90,000	3
90,000-150,000	4
150,000 and over	5
Hospitals & Educational Land Uses	
0-50,000	1
50,001-100,000	2
100,000 and over	3
Hotels, motels, and restaurants	1

Sec. 8108-8.2.3 - Location and Design

Commercial and industrial parking areas with materials loading spaces shall be designed to accommodate access and circulation movement for on-site truck circulation.

- a. Location. Loading spaces shall be located on-site, outside of any required front or side setback, near the service entrance(s) to the building(s), and either to the rear or side of the building to alleviate unsightly appearances often created by loading facilities. Loading spaces shall also be located as far away as possible from residential land uses.
- b. Screening. See Section 8108-5.14.9.
- c. Dimensions. Spaces serving single-unit trucks and similar delivery vehicles shall be at least 10 feet wide, 30 feet long, and 14 feet high. Spaces serving larger freight vehicles, including semi-trailer trucks, shall be at least 12 feet wide, 55 feet long, and 15 feet high.
- d. Maneuvering. A minimum of 30 feet of maneuvering area for spaces serving single-unit trucks and similar delivery vehicles shall be provided. A minimum of 50 feet of maneuvering area for spaces serving larger freight vehicles shall be provided. Maneuvering areas for loading spaces shall not conflict with parking spaces or with the maneuvering areas for parking spaces. All maneuvering shall be contained on-site.
- e. Driveways. Industrial developments shall include at least 1 driveway approach capable of accommodating a 48-foot wheel track turning radius.
- f. Safe Design. Loading spaces shall be designed and located to minimize intermixing of truck traffic with other vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian traffic on site. Such facilities shall be located off the main access and parking aisles and away from all pedestrian pathways.

ARTICLE 9:

STANDARDS FOR SPECIFIC ZONES AND ZONE TYPES

Sec. 8109-0 - Standards for All Zones

Sec. 8109-0.1 - Development Criteria

Factors such as the following may be considered in establishing permit conditions and in determining appropriate intensity of development, including residential densities, for the site of a proposed project:

- Air quality impacts;
- Agricultural resources and operations;
- Biological resources, including flora, fauna and ecological systems;
- Circulation of people and goods, including impacts on existing parking and circulation systems, traffic safety and emergency access;
- Contributions of the development to the stock of affordable housing;
- Cultural resources, including archaeological, historical and Native American resources;
- Energy - impacts on energy sources;
- Erosion and flood hazards;
- Fire hazards;
- Geology and soils;
- Health - impacts on human health;
- Infrastructure available to serve the development, and impacts on existing infrastructure (water, sanitation, electricity, natural gas, fire and police protection, recreational facilities, schools and the like);
- Land - unique natural land features and natural resources;
- Noise - increase in noise levels;
- Orderly development principles;
- Paleontology;
- Population growth inducement;
- Relationship of the site to surrounding properties;
- Scenic Highways;
- Seismic hazards;
- Soil stability;
- Solar access;
- Topography;
- Trees - Preservation of existing Protected Trees during construction on the same site (see Tree Protection Guidelines) and replacement of Protected Trees lost due to a new development project;

- Vegetation - impacts on unique native, ornamental or agricultural plant populations;
- Visual quality; and
- Water - degradation of quality or reduction in supply.

(AM. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/86; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8109-0.2 - Sewage Disposal

Sewage disposal for all requested uses and structures shall be provided by means of a system approved by the Environmental Health Division and the Division of Building and Safety.

Sec. 8109-0.3 - Fire Protection

Dwellings shall meet all fire protection requirements of the Ventura County Fire Protection District, including all requirements for construction within High Fire Hazard Area as set forth in the Ventura County Building Code.

Sec. 8109-0.4 - Protection of Agricultural Resources

When establishing permit conditions, the adverse effects on agricultural resources shall be considered. It is specifically intended that non-agricultural uses in proximity to agricultural land should be located, designed, and operated to minimize adverse effects on agriculture, including but not limited to water runoff, siltation, erosion, dust, introduction of pests and diseases, and the potential for trespassing, pilferage, or vandalism; as well as conflicts between agricultural and non-agricultural uses including but not limited to vehicular traffic and the application of agricultural chemicals to agricultural property. Specific measures, including but not limited to use restrictions, buffer zones, fences and walls, and/or screening, may be required in order to ensure that the above standard is met. Said measures shall be developed in consultation with the Agricultural Commissioner. (ADD. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8109-0.5 - Stormwater Quality Protection

Development shall be undertaken in accordance with conditions and requirements established by the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS063339 and the Ventura Stormwater Quality Management Ordinance No. 4142 and as these permits and regulations may be hereafter amended. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8109-0.6 - Landscaping

Landscaping of development projects shall be in conformance with any adopted Ventura County Landscape Design Guidelines and the standards set forth below. Where the standards below may conflict with guidelines, the more restrictive standards shall apply.

Sec. 8109-0.6.1 - CO Zone

The following regulations shall apply to the CO zone:

- a. At least ten percent of any Planned Development Permit area shall be devoted to landscaping.
- b. Parking area landscaping may be counted toward the required ten percent permit area landscaping.
- c. The required landscaping area shall be provided with permanent irrigation systems and may contain pools and pedestrian walks.

- d. Trees, approved as to type, number and location by the Planning Director, shall be planted in the parkway area between the curbs and sidewalks.

Sec. 8109-0.6.2 - C1 Zone

At least ten percent of any permit area in the C1 zone shall be landscaped.

Sec. 8109-0.6.3 - CPD Zone

Except for lots less than 5,000 square feet in area, for developments in the CPD zone, the total area devoted to landscaping shall be no less than ten percent of the overall permit area. Landscape requirements may be modified or waived by the Planning Director for lots of less than 5,000 square feet in area. All landscaping plans including, where required, tree plantings in parkway areas between curbs and sidewalks or in 3' x 3' sidewalk tree wells, shall be submitted to the Planning Division for approval by the Planning Director.

Sec. 8109-0.6.4 - M-Zones

The following regulations shall apply to all industrial zones (M1, M2 and M3):

- a. Required yards adjacent to streets, not used for other purposes, shall be improved with appropriate permanently maintained evergreen plant material or ground cover. Such landscaping shall extend to the street curb line, where appropriate.
- b. Trees, approved as to type, number and location by the Planning Director, shall be planted along the street line of each site. Such street trees may also be located on private property and grouped or clustered as appropriate.
- c. At least ten percent of any permit area in the M1 zone shall be landscaped.
- d. At least five percent of any permit area in the M2 or M3 zone shall be landscaped.

Sec. 8109-0.6.5 - Landscaping in Other Zones

In other zones, minimum landscaping for design or re-vegetation purposes may be required by the Planning Director dependant upon the type of development project.

(ADD. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Sec. 8109-0.7 - Transportation Demand and Trip Reduction Measures

Prior to approval of a discretionary development project, the applicant shall make provision for, as a minimum, all the following applicable transportation demand management and trip reduction measures.

a. Non-Residential Development Standards

- (1) Non-Residential development serving 40 or more employees, based upon the largest shift of employees at the site during working hours, shall provide the following for the Planning Director's review and approval:

A bulletin board, display case, or kiosk displaying transportation information, located where it will be visible to the greatest number of employees. The information for display shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (i) Current maps, routes and schedules for public transit routes serving the site;
- (ii) Ridesharing promotional material supplied by commuter-oriented organizations;

- (iii) Telephone numbers for referrals on transportation information including numbers for the regional ridesharing agency, Dial-A-Route, and local transit operators;
 - (iv) Bicycle route and facility information, including regional/local bicycle maps and bicycle safety information;
 - (v) A listing of facilities and services available at the site for carpoolers, vanpoolers, bicyclists, transit riders and pedestrians.
- (2) Non-Residential development servicing 110 or more employees, based upon the largest shift of employees at the site during working hours, shall provide the following for the Planning Director's review and approval which shall be based upon good planning practices and shall comply with Section 8109-0.7(a)(1) above:
 - (i) Bus stop improvements if determined necessary by the Planning Director to mitigate the project impact. The Planning Director will consult with the local bus service providers in determining appropriate improvements (i.e., bus pullouts, bus pads, shelters, etc.). When locating bus stops and/or planning building entrances, entrances should be designed to provide safe and efficient access to nearby transit stations/stops.
 - (ii) A development design incorporating lunchrooms, cafeterias, eating establishments and other facilities in order to reduce the need for mid-day driving.
- b. Residential Development Standards
 - (1) Residential development of 70 dwelling units up to 349 dwelling units shall provide the following to the satisfaction of the Planning Director based upon good planning practices:

Bus stop improvements if determined necessary by the Planning Director. The Planning Director will consult with the local bus service providers in determining appropriate improvements.
 - (2) Residential development of 350 dwelling units or more shall comply with Section 8109-0.7(b)(1) above, and shall provide the following measure to the satisfaction of the Planning Director based upon good planning practices:

A development design incorporating, to the greatest extent possible and as appropriate based on adjacent land use and markets, services such as dry cleaners, eating establishments, child care facilities, grocery markets, neighborhood work centers and other facilities which will reduce home-based vehicle trips and vehicle miles traveled.

(ADD. ORD. 4407 – 10/20/09)

Sec. 8109-1 - Standards For Open Space, Agricultural and Residential Zones

Sec. 8109-1.1 - General Standards

The following standards shall apply to development in all OS, AE, and R-Zones:
(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-1.1.1

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, there shall not be more than one principal residential structure on any lot. Not more than two (2) dwellings of any

type shall be constructed on any lot in the R2 zone. (AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-1.1.2

Care facilities - see Art. 7. (Sec. 8107-22) (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8109-1.1.3

No item of open storage, or structures intended for accessory use, other than a second dwelling unit, temporary building during construction, or a farm worker dwelling unit, may be used for human habitation. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8109-1.2 - Standards for Residential Planned Development (RPD) Zone (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

The general requirements for the Residential Planned Development Zone are as follows: (AM. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/86; AM. ORD. 3995 - 3/24/92; AM. ORD. 4455 - 10/22/13)

Sec. 8109-1.2.1 - General Standards

The following design criteria shall apply to developments in the RPD zone:

- a. In order to develop an RPD project, there shall be single ownership or unified control of the site, or written consent or agreement of all owners of the subject property for inclusion therein. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)
- b. The landscaping standards of Sec. 8109-0.6 and the parking requirements of Article 8 shall apply in the RPD zone. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- c. Buildings and circulation systems shall be designed so as to be integrated with the natural topography where feasible, and to encourage the preservation of trees and other natural features.
- d. Mechanical heating and cooling equipment shall be screened from public view.
- e. Minimum project density must be equal to at least 60 percent of that permitted by the zoning designation on the project site. (ADD. ORD. 3759 - 1/14/86)

Sec. 8109-1.2.2 - Setback Regulations

The following regulations, in addition to the standards and exceptions set forth in Article 6, shall apply to the RPD zone:

- a. Minimum setback from any public street: ten feet.
- b. Minimum setback from a rear lot line: ten feet.
- c. Minimum distance between structures that are separated by a side lot line and do not share a common wall: six feet.
- d. Sum of side yards on any lot: minimum six feet.
- e. Entrances to garages and carports shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from any public street from which they take direct access in order to prevent vehicle overhang onto sidewalks. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
- f. Detached accessory garages and carports may be constructed along side and rear property lines on commonly-owned land, provided that required setbacks from public streets are maintained.

- g. Structural additions not shown on the originally approved site plan may extend up to 15 feet into common areas, provided that the other setback regulations of this section are adhered to.
- h. In the case of RPD subdivisions involving townhouse developments, the setbacks shall be measured from the exterior property lines surrounding the project.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-1.2.3 - Circulation

Circulation shall be designed as follows, where feasible:

- a. To minimize street and utility networks;
- b. To provide a pedestrian walking and bicycle path system throughout the common areas, which system(s) should interconnect with circulation systems surrounding the development;
- c. To discourage through-traffic in neighborhoods by keeping intersections to a minimum and by the creation of discontinuities such as curvilinear streets, cul-de-sacs and the like; and
- d. To facilitate solar access by orienting neighborhood streets along an east/west axis, except where this is precluded by the natural topography and drainage patterns.

Sec. 8109-1.2.4 - Open Space Requirements

Open space shall be provided for the benefit and recreational use of the residents of each development as follows:

- a. In single-family projects where each dwelling has its own lot, at least 20 percent of the net area of the site shall be private or common open space, or a combination thereof. All open yard areas around dwellings, except for side yards, shall be counted toward the 20 percent requirement.
- b. In all other residential projects, at least 20 percent of the net area shall be preserved as common open space.
- c. Common open space shall be suitably improved for its intended purpose and generally accessible to all the residential areas of the development.
- d. Among the land uses considered as common open space for the purposes of this section are parks, recreational facilities, greenbelts at least ten feet wide, bikeways and pedestrian paths.
- e. At least 50 percent of the area designated as common open space shall be comprised of land with slopes of ten percent or less.
- f. Seventy-five percent of the area of golf courses, lakes and reservoirs may be used in computing common open space.
- g. The following areas may not be used to fulfill the open space requirement:
 - (1) Streets and street rights-of-way;
 - (2) Paved parking areas and driveways;
 - (3) Improved drainage facilities with restricted recreational use.
- h. Appropriate arrangements shall be made, such as the establishment of an association or nonprofit corporation of all property owners within the project area, to insure maintenance of all common open space.

- i. The minimum open space standards above may be modified by the decision-making authority if alternative amenities of comparable value are provided.

Sec. 8109-1.2.5 - Commercial Uses

The Planning Commission may allow, within an area covered by a Planned Development Permit, minor specified retail commercial uses for the convenience of project residents when the Commission finds that:

- a. The commercial uses are designed for the sole use of residents within the permit area; and
- b. The commercial uses are incidental to and compatible with the nature and type of development proposed for the permit area, and shall be confined within the boundaries of the development.

Sec. 8109-1.2.6 - Requests for One Single Family Dwelling Unit In the RPD zone

A single-family dwelling requested on a lot which does not contain an existing principal dwelling, but not requested in conjunction with a subdivision request, shall require only a Zoning Clearance. In such cases, the height and setback standards of the R1 zone shall be used. This exception shall apply only to lots which were in existence as of August 18, 1988. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-1.3 – Standards for the Residential High Density (RHD) Zone

(ADD. ORD. 4436 - 6/28/11)

Sec. 8109-1.3.1 –Definition and Purpose

The RHD zone is established to comply with Government Code Section 65583.2 and to provide for the development of multi-family residential projects at densities considered by state law to be affordable to lower-income households. The purpose of this section is to establish development standards for the Residential High Density (RHD) zone.

Sec. 8109-1.3.2 – Residential High Density Zoning Clearance

A ministerial RHD Zoning Clearance shall be issued for multi-family residential projects in the RHD zone upon the determination by the Planning Director or his/her designee that: 1) a RHD Zoning Clearance Application has been submitted and completed in accordance with Section 8109-1.3.8; and 2) the proposed project complies with the standards set forth in Sections 8109-1.3.3 through 8109-1.3.6 below.

Sec. 8109-1.3.3 – General Density Standards

Multi-family residential projects in the RHD zone must comply with the following general density standards:

- a. Minimum multi-family residential project density shall be no less than that specified by the zone suffix.
- b. Maximum multi-family residential project density shall not exceed 110 percent of the density specified by the zone suffix, unless the applicant is granted a density bonus in accordance with Article 16 Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentives Program (Sec. 8116-2.6).

(AM. ORD. 4461 - (3/18/14)

Sec. 8109-1.3.4 –Residential High Density Development Standards

The site plans or other materials submitted with the RHD Zoning Clearance Application shall establish compliance with the following development standards:

a. Setback Regulations

Setbacks shall be in accordance with standards established in Section 8106-1.1.

b. Open Space Requirements

Open space shall be provided for the benefit and recreational use of the residents of the multi-family residential project in accordance with the following standards:

(1) Common Open Space:

- (a) At least 20 percent of the permit area shall be preserved as common open space.
- (b) Land uses considered as common open space for the purposes of this section include parks, recreational facilities, common gardens, greenbelts at least ten feet wide, bikeways, and pedestrian paths not associated with individual dwelling access.
- (c) At least 50 percent of the area designated as common open space shall be comprised of land with slopes of ten percent or less.
- (d) The following areas may *not* be used to fulfill the common open space requirement:
 - i. Streets and street rights-of-way;
 - ii. Parking areas and driveways, and parking area landscaping;
 - iii. Drainage or retention facilities that are not specifically designed for common recreational uses; or
 - iv. Private Outdoor Open Space
- (e) Property owner(s) are responsible for maintenance of all common open space in compliance with Ventura County Landscape Design Criteria.

(2) Private Outdoor Open Space:

In addition to Common Open Space, private open space shall be provided for each unit. It may be provided in the form of outdoor patios, decks and/or balconies and shall be directly and exclusively accessed by the unit it is intended to serve.

- (a) Ground Floor Level Units: Private outdoor open space must be a minimum of 150 square feet per unit and all dimensions must be a minimum of 8 feet.
- (b) Upper Level Units: Private outdoor open space for upper level units must be provided as balconies or loggias with a minimum 5-foot depth dimension.
- c. Multi-family residential projects located on parcels adjacent to agricultural operations shall include a 300-foot setback between the agriculture and the new residential structures or a 150-foot setback if there is a vegetative barrier between the agriculture and the new residential structures.
- d. Multi-family residential projects located adjacent to railroad right-of-way shall provide six foot high fencing or walls on-site to prevent project residents from accessing the railroad tracks.

- e. The applicant must demonstrate that the Water and Environmental Resources Division of the Watershed Protection District has determined: (1) there is sufficient water supply to serve the proposed multi-family development; and (2) if the proposed multi-family development is located within the service area of a water purveyor that provides water from an overdrafted groundwater basin or provides water from a groundwater basin that is in hydrologic connection with an overdrafted groundwater basin, that the proposed multi-family development will not adversely impact the overdrafted groundwater basin. If the groundwater basin that will serve the development is located within the boundaries of the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency then the Water and Environmental Resources Division of the Watershed Protection District must first consult with the Fox Canyon Groundwater Management Agency prior to making its determination.

Applicants may be required to submit a water demand study prepared by a state-licensed Civil Engineer or Professional Geologist that demonstrates the project will not cause a net increase in average annual groundwater extraction. If a water demand study is required, it must consider the current consumptive water demand of existing land uses on the project site and the estimated consumptive water demand of the proposed project. The effects of changes in percolation rates due to development, water recycling and conservation measures such as low water use appliances and efficient irrigation must be considered in the analysis.

- f. If the proposed multi-family residential project site is located in a dam inundation area as identified in the Hazards Appendix of the General Plan, then an emergency evacuation plan submitted by the applicant must be approved by the County Office of Emergency Services.
- g. Compliance with all other applicable County development and building standards.

Sec. 8109-1.3.5 – Construction and Operational Standards

The construction and operation of the multi-family development must comply with the following standards:

- a. Multi-family residential projects shall comply with the requirements of the Ventura County Construction Noise Threshold Criteria and Control Plan.
- b. Development shall comply with the Ventura County "Paveout Policy", current County Road Standards and the Traffic Impact Mitigation Fee Ordinance.
- c. Multi-family residential projects shall be designed to ensure that outdoor noise levels in outdoor living and recreation areas do not exceed a CNEL of 60 dB or an Leq (1h) of 65dBA during any hour.
- d. In the event that paleontological, archeological, or cultural resources are found during grading or construction, such activities shall halt in the area of the find and the project developer shall notify the Planning Division. The project developer shall hire a qualified consultant approved by the Planning Division who shall prepare a work plan to address the disposition of the paleontological, archeological, or cultural resource encountered. The work plan must comply with the following minimum standards for resource disposition as determined by the Planning Director or designee:

- (1) The work plan shall include a detailed description of the nature, extent, condition and significance of the sensitive resource.

- (2) The work plan shall specify the available options for resource disposition such as avoidance, recovery and curation, photo-documentation, incorporation of the resource into project design, and other methods.
- (3) The work plan shall include a recommendation of a course of action that is most protective of the resource while allowing the project objectives to be fulfilled.

Construction can only proceed in conformity with the approved work plan.

Sec. 8109-1.3.6– Site Design Standards for Projects Not Located Within an Area Plan Boundary

If a proposed multi-family residential project is located within an Area Plan boundary, then the project must be consistent with the design guidelines set forth in the applicable Area Plan. Project application materials must include plans and elevations that demonstrate compliance with the Area Plan design guidelines. If the proposed multi-family residential project is not located within an Area Plan boundary or it is located within an Area Plan that does not have design guidelines, then the project must be consistent with the following site design standards as demonstrated in the plans and elevations submitted with the application:

1. Building Design

(a) Building Form

- i. Multi-family structures shall clearly articulate individual units.
- ii. Buildings shall be designed to create variation in mass and structure height by incorporation of combinations, such as one, one-and-one half, two, and three story units.

(b) Roof Forms

- i. Multi-family buildings shall be designed to create varying roof forms and break up the massing of the building by employing multi-form roofs (e.g., gabled, hipped, and shed roof combinations).
- ii. Varying roof forms/changes in roof plane shall be used on all structure elevations visible from a public street or pedestrian right-of way, and adjacent properties.
- iii. Where applicable to the architectural style, any roof eaves shall extend a minimum of 24 inches from the primary wall surface to enhance shadow lines and articulation of surfaces.
- iv. Rooflines shall be broken at intervals no greater than 50 feet long by changes in height or step-backs.
- v. Rooflines will be designed to screen roof mounted mechanical equipment.
- vi. Ancillary structures shall incorporate similar or complementary roof pitch and materials to the main structure.

(c) Garages and Carports

- i. Vary garage door placement and layout to minimize the dominance of garage doors on the street.
- ii. Carport and garage roofs that are visible from the street shall incorporate roof slopes and materials to match adjacent structures. Flat roofs are allowed if not visible from public streets.

(d) Entries

- i. Individual unit entries that are oriented to the street shall be easily identifiable and distinguishable by articulation or other architectural elements.
- ii. Development projects shall cluster access points and avoid the use of long monotonous balconies and corridors.

(e) Articulation

- i. Similar and complementary massing, materials, and details shall be incorporated into every structure elevation. Articulation shall be used on the front and side façades that are visible from public streets.
- ii. In order to provide scale and character, architectural elements such as, recessed or projecting balconies, trellises, recessed windows, verandas, porches, etc shall be employed.
- iii. Architectural elements (e.g., overhangs, trellises, projections, awnings, insets, material, texture, etc.) shall be used to create shadow patterns that contribute to a structure's character and to achieve a pedestrian scale.
- iv. Exterior stairways shall be designed as an integral part of the overall architecture of the structure, complementing the structure's mass and form.

(f) Materials and Colors

- i. The building façade shall be enhanced by use of varying material and complimentary colors.
- ii. Heavier materials shall be used lower on the structure elevation to form the base of the structure.
- iii. Contrasting, but complementary colors shall be used for trim, windows, doors, and key architectural elements.

2. Site Features

(a) Walls, Fences and Screening

- i. Fences and walls shall be constructed of natural materials or materials that look natural (natural woods, common brick, stone, river rock, etc.), rather than exposed concrete block or chain link, for example.
- ii. Fences and walls shall be constructed as low as possible while still performing screening, noise attenuation, and security functions.
- iii. Non-transparent perimeter walls shall be architecturally treated on sides that are visible to the public and incorporate landscaping to prevent or discourage graffiti.
- iv. Fences and walls shall be of solid material and screened with landscaping.

(b) Trash Enclosures

- i. Enclosures shall be of sufficient size to accommodate equal size containers for both trash and recyclables.
- ii. Enclosures shall not be visible from primary entry drives.
- iii. Enclosures shall have a concrete apron for trash/recycling containers to be rolled onto for collection.
- iv. Enclosures shall be separated from adjacent parking stalls with landscape planters and paved surfaces behind the curb to ensure adequate space is available for individuals to access vehicles.
- v. Enclosures shall be designed with similar finishes, materials, and details as the primary structures within the project and screened with landscaping.

- vi. Enclosures shall provide a pedestrian access in addition to large access doors.

Sec. 8109-1.3.7 – Affordability Requirements

All residential units constructed in the RHD zone shall be affordable to lower-income households as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) unless otherwise exempted by State law.

Sec. 8109-1.3.8 – Development Application Requirements

Requests for development of a multi-family residential project in the RHD zone shall not be reviewed or considered until a fully completed RHD Zoning Clearance Application form provided by the Planning Division is submitted. If additional information is needed to determine whether the standards of this section are satisfied, the RHD Zoning Clearance Application will not be deemed complete until all of the requested information is submitted.

(ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

Sec. 8109-2 - Standards for Commercial Zones

Sec. 8109-2.1 - General Standards

The following standards shall apply to development in all commercial zones:

Sec. 8109-2.1.1 - Enclosed Building Requirements

All uses shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building, unless the use is specifically listed in Article 5 as an outdoor use or is one which must be located outdoors in order to function.

Sec. 8109-2.1.2 - Lighting

There shall be no illumination or glare from commercial sites onto adjacent properties or streets which may be considered either objectionable by adjacent residents or hazardous to motorists. Flashing lights are strictly prohibited.

Sec. 8109-2.1.3 - Undergrounding of Utilities

Utility lines, including electric, communications, street lighting and cable television, shall be placed underground by the applicant, who shall make the necessary arrangements with the utility companies for the installation of such facilities. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director where it would cause undue hardship or constitute an unreasonable requirement, provided that such waiver is not in conflict with California Public Utilities Commission rules, requirements or tariff schedules. This section shall not apply to utility lines which do not provide service to the area being subdivided. Appurtenant structures and equipment such as surface-mounted transformers, pedestal-mounted terminal boxes and meter cabinets may be placed aboveground.

Sec. 8109-2.1.4 - Retail Establishments

Retail establishments may include accessory wholesaling, but not wholesale distribution centers.

Sec. 8109-2.1.5 - Processing Standards

Not more than five employees shall be involved in the permitted manufacturing, processing or packaging of products. Such activities shall be permitted in commercial zones only as accessory to a principal retail use. This section shall not apply to temporary collection activities for waste and recyclables.

Sec. 8109-2.1.6 - Performance Standards

Development in commercial zones is subject to the performance standards of Sec. 8109-3.1.3. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

(AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8109-2.2 - Open Storage

Open storage of materials and equipment shall be permitted in the CPD Zone only when incidental to the permitted use of an office, store or other building located on the front portion of the same lot, provided that such storage area shall be completely screened from view from any adjoining property or roadway by a solid wall or fence at least six feet in height and shall be appropriately landscaped and maintained in good condition. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-2.3 - Accessory Businesses in CO Zone

In the CO zone, accessory barber shops, beauty shops, coffee shops and newsstands may be located in an office building, provided that there are no entrances direct from the street to such businesses, no signs or other evidence indicating the existence of such businesses visible from the outside of any such office building, and provided that such building is of sufficient size and character that the patronage of such businesses may be expected to be furnished substantially or wholly by tenants of the office building.

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-3 - Standards for Industrial Zones**Sec. 8109-3.1 - General Standards**

The following standards shall apply to development in all industrial zones:

Sec. 8109-3.1.1 - Undergrounding of Utilities

Utility lines, including electric, communications, street lighting and cable television, shall be placed underground by the applicant, who shall make the necessary arrangements with the utility companies for the installation of such facilities. This requirement may be waived by the Planning Director where it would cause undue hardship or constitute an unreasonable requirement, provided that such waiver is not in conflict with California Public Utilities Commission rules, requirements or tariff schedules. This section shall not apply to utility lines which do not provide service to the area being subdivided. Appurtenant structures and equipment such as surface-mounted transformers, pedestal-mounted terminal boxes and meter cabinets may be placed aboveground. (AM.ORD.3730-5/7/85)

Sec. 8109-3.1.2 - Private Streets

Private streets may be built as part of an industrial development, in accordance with Article 8.

Sec. 8109-3.1.3 - Industrial Performance Standards

Industrial performance standards are the permitted levels of operational characteristics resulting from processes or other uses of property. Continuous compliance with the following performance standards shall be required of all uses, except as otherwise provided for in these regulations:

- a. Objectionable Factors - The following shall be maintained at levels which are appropriate for the zone and geographic area and are not objectionable at the point of measurement when the use is in normal operation:

- (1) Smoke, odors, vapors, gases, acids, fumes, dust, dirt, fly ash or other forms of air pollution;
- (2) Noise, vibration, pulsations or similar phenomena;
- (3) Glare or heat;
- (4) Radioactivity or electrical disturbance.

The point of measurement for these factors shall be at the lot or ownership line surrounding the use.

- b. Hazardous Materials - Land or buildings shall not be used or occupied in any manner so as to create any fire, explosive or other hazard. All activities involving the use or storage of combustible, explosive, caustic or otherwise hazardous materials shall comply with all applicable local and national safety standards and shall be provided with adequate safety devices against the hazard of fire and explosion, and adequate fire-fighting and fire suppression equipment in compliance with Ventura County Fire Prevention Regulations. The burning of waste materials in open fires without written approval of the Fire Department is prohibited.
- c. Liquid and Solid Wastes - Liquid or solid wastes discharged from the premises shall be properly treated prior to discharge so as not to contaminate or pollute any watercourse or groundwater supply or interfere with bacterial processes in sewage treatment. The disposal or dumping of solid wastes, such as slag, paper and fiber wastes, or other industrial wastes shall not be permitted on any premises.
- d. Exceptions - Exceptions to these regulations may be made during brief periods for reasonable cause, such as breakdown or overhaul of equipment, modification or cleaning of equipment, or other similar reason, when it is evident that such cause was not reasonably preventable. These regulations shall not apply to the operation of motor vehicles or other transportation equipment unless otherwise specified.

Sec. 8109-3.2 - M1 Zone

The following regulations shall apply to the M1 Zone:

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-3.2.1

Uses involving the following kinds of activities and elements are not considered appropriate in the M1 zone: (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

- a. High temperature processes;
- b. Yards for the storage of materials, unless it is determined by the decision-making body that such activity will not create a nuisance or create significant adverse visual impacts in the project area;
- c. Storage of chemicals in excess of that needed as accessory to the main use. This does not apply to accessory recyclable household/CESQG hazardous waste collection facilities;
- d. Explosives in any form;
- e. Obnoxious or dangerous gases, odors, fumes, or smoke;
- f. Assembly-line construction operations.

(AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8109-3.2.2

Predominant activities and operations shall be enclosed within buildings, except as otherwise provided in this Chapter. The Planning Director is authorized to determine the reasonable application of this provision in cases of operation hardship or other showing of special circumstances.

Sec. 81 09-3.2.3

Multi-tenant buildings are permitted, provided that the building is designed to appear as a single building with a unified design.

Sec. 8109-3.2.4

Principal buildings constructed of metal are not permitted. Accessory buildings constructed of metal shall have exterior surfaces of a stainless steel, aluminum, painted, baked enamel or similarly finished surface.

Sec. 8109-3.2.5

Accessory outside storage shall be confined to the area to the rear of the principal building or the rear two-thirds of the property, whichever is the more restrictive, and screened from view from any property line by appropriate walls, fencing, earth mounds or landscaping.

Sec. 8109-3.2.6

Off-street parking spaces may be located within required setbacks from streets under certain circumstances; see Sec. 8106-5.3. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8109-3.3 - M2 Zone

The following regulations shall apply to the M2 Zone:

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-3.3.1

The same criteria given for the M1 Zone (Sec. 8109-3.2.1 above) apply to the M2 Zone, except that the latter allows uses which may involve moderate levels of noise, small-scale assembly-line processes and light metal work. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-3.3.2

Principal buildings constructed of metal shall be faced along any street side with masonry, stone, concrete or similar material, such facing treatment to extend along the interior side yards of such building a distance of at least ten feet. The metal portion of the principal building and all metal accessory buildings shall have exterior surfaces constructed or faced with a stainless steel, aluminum, painted, baked enamel, or similarly finished surface.

Sec. 8109-3.3.3

Outside storage and operations yards shall be confined to the area to the rear of a line which is an extension of the front wall of the principal building and shall be screened from view from any street by appropriate walls, fencing, earth mounds or landscaping. Outside storage located in a required yard shall not exceed a height of 15 feet.

Sec. 8109-3.3.4

Off-street parking spaces may be located within required setbacks from streets under certain circumstances; see Sec. 8106-5.3. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8109-3.4 - M3 Zone

The following regulations shall apply to the M3 Zone:

(AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-3.4.1

Metal buildings, including accessory buildings, either shall have exterior surfaces constructed or faced with a stainless steel, aluminum, painted, baked enamel, or similarly finished surface; or shall be reasonably screened from view from any street by other buildings or by appropriate walls, fencing, earth mounds or landscaping; or shall be located not less than 100 feet from the street centerline.

Sec. 8109-3.4.2

Outside storage and operations yards shall be fenced for security and public safety at the property line.

Sec. 8109-4 - Standards for Overlay and Special Purpose Zones**Sec. 8109-4.1 - Scenic Resource Protection Overlay Zone****Sec. 8109-4.1.1 - Application**

The abbreviated reference for this zone when applied to a base zone shall be "SRP." The provisions of this overlay zone are intended to apply to areas of the County within the viewshed of selected County lakes and State or County-designated highways depicted as "Scenic Resource Area" on the Resource Protection Map of the Ventura County General Plan *Goals, Policies, and Programs* and other scenic areas as determined by an Area Plan. The suffix "SRP" shall be added to the base zone covering land so identified (example: RA-40 ac/SRP), but shall have no effect on the provisions of the base zone, except as provided herein. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4390 – 9/9/08)

Sec. 8109-4.1.2 - Required Permits

In this overlay zone, the permit requirements of Article 5 shall apply and a Planning Director-approved Planned Development Permit is also required whenever any one of the following actions are proposed:

- a. Grading that results in an excavation or fill of more than five feet in height, or involves a cumulative area of 1,000 square feet or larger.
- b. Construction of new structures that meet any of the following characteristics:
 - (1) The proposed structure exceeds 15 feet in height; or
 - (2) Any part of a proposed structure is located within 20 vertical feet of the nearest crest of a prominent ridgeline, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the structure will not be silhouetted on the ridgeline as viewed from the County Regional Road Network, a County designated scenic lake, or public location as prescribed by an Area Plan; or
 - (3) The proposed structure(s) cumulatively exceeds 1,000 square feet, or 20 percent of the floor area of an existing structure located within 40 feet, whichever is greater.
- c. Increase in the height or size of any existing structure that exceeds either one of the following:
 - (1) 20 percent of the existing structure's height where the existing structure is located within 20 vertical feet of the nearest crest of a prominent ridgeline, whichever is more restrictive, unless the applicant can demonstrate that the structure will not be silhouetted on the ridgeline as viewed from the County Regional Road Network, a County designated scenic lake, or public location as prescribed by an Area Plan; or

- (2) 20 percent cumulative increase in the size of an existing structure's floor area or 1,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

d. Destruction or removal of 1,000 square feet or more of native vegetation.

(AM. ORD. 3993 - 2/25/92; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03; AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/9/08;
AM. ORD. 4413 - 4/6/10)

Sec. 8109-4.1.3 - General and Special Exemptions

- a. A discretionary permit is not required if the applicant can demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that proposed grading or structures will not be visible from any road right-of-way within the County General Plan Regional Road Network or scenic lake identified by the County General Plan, or other location as specified by an Area Plan. Visibility from the Regional Road Network shall be measured from the sidewalk, if available, or as close as practical to the edge of pavement.
- b. A discretionary permit is not required for:
 - (1) Restoration of land to its prior condition following floods, landslides or natural disasters;
 - (2) Construction of an at-grade pool on a previously approved graded area;
 - (3) Re-grading of existing or previously irrigated agricultural areas for agricultural purposes so long as no new excavation or fill would exceed five feet in height;
 - (4) Removal of: agricultural crops, vegetation on previously cultivated agricultural areas that have been abandoned for up to five years or on land classified as Prime, Statewide Importance or Unique on the California Department of Conservation Important Farmlands Inventory, landscape vegetation, and non-native invasive plants and escaped exotics found on the list compiled by the California Invasive Plant Council; or
 - (5) Vegetation modification adjacent to existing buildings as required by the Fire Protection District (VCFPD) pursuant to VCFPD Ordinance, or pursuant to a Community Wildfire Protection Plan or similar fuel modification/wildfire protection plan adopted by the VCFPD.

(ADD. ORD. 4413 - 4/6/10)

Sec. 8109.4.1.4 - Required Tree Permit

A ministerial or discretionary Tree Permit shall be obtained from the Planning Director pursuant to Section 8107-25 et seq. to alter or destroy any Protected Tree or any trenching, excavating or applying poisons within the drip line or within 15 feet of the trunk of a Protected Tree. If a Planned Development Permit is required pursuant to Section 8109-4.1.2, any required Tree Permit shall be processed concurrently.

(ADD. ORD. 4390 - 9/9/08)

Sec. 8109-4.1.5 - Development Standards

- a. All discretionary development shall be sited and designed to:
 - (1) Prevent significant degradation of a scenic view or vista;
 - (2) Minimize alteration of the natural topography, physical features and vegetation;

- (3) Utilize native plants indigenous to the area for re-vegetation of graded slopes, where appropriate considering the surrounding vegetative conditions;
 - (4) Avoid silhouetting of structures on ridge tops that are within public view;
 - (5) Use materials and colors that blend in with the natural surroundings and avoid materials and colors that are highly reflective or that contrast with the surrounding vegetation and terrain, such as large un-shaded windows, light colored roofs, galvanized metal, and white or brightly colored exteriors.
 - (6) Minimize lighting that causes glare, illuminates adjacent properties, or is directed skyward in rural areas
- b. All on-site freestanding advertising, identification and non-commercial message signs in excess of five feet in height and all off-site advertising signs are prohibited in the SRP Overlay Zone.

(ADD. ORD. 4390 – 9/9/08; AM. ORD. 4413 – 4/6/10)

Sec. 8109-4.2 - Standards and Procedures for Specific Plan (SP) Zone

Sec. 8109-4.2.1 - Special Standards

Zoning regulations for governing the SP zone, including, but not limited to, the standards, regulations and conditions applicable to the development and uses permitted in the SP Zone, shall be established by a specific plan approved by the County of Ventura with respect to the area within the boundaries of such specific plan.

Sec. 8109-4.2.2 - Procedure and Conditions for Permits

An application for re-zoning to SP shall include a specific plan indicating the location and approximate acreage of all residential, commercial, industrial, institutional and other uses, proposed residential densities, site topography and general circulation plan. The zone change and specific plan shall be approved concurrently by the Board of Supervisors and said specific plan shall be incorporated into the re-zoning ordinance. All subsequent permits shall be in compliance with the approved specific plan. (AM. ORD. 4018 - 12/15/92)

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-4.3 - Standards and Procedures of Timberland Preserve (TP) Zone

Sec. 8109-4.3.1 - Rezoning to TP (Owner-Initiated)

- a. Any property owner may make application to the Board of Supervisors (hereinafter the Board) to zone his or her land TP. The Board by ordinance, after receiving the advice of the Planning Commission and after public hearing, shall zone as Timberland Preserve all lots submitted to it by application, which meet all of the following criteria.
 - (1) The subject land must be timberland. "Timberland" means privately owned land, or land acquired for state forest purposes which is devoted to and used for the growing and harvesting of timber, and compatible uses, and which is capable of growing an average annual volume of wood fiber of at least 15 cubic feet per acre.

- (2) A plan for forest management of the property must be prepared, or approved as to content, by a registered professional forester. The plan shall provide for the eventual harvest of timber within a reasonable period of time, as determined by the preparer of the plan.
 - (3) The property shall meet the timber stocking standards as set forth in Section 4561 of the Public Resources Code and the forest practice rules adopted by the State Board of Forestry for the district in which the property is located, or the owner must sign an agreement with the Board to meet such stocking standards and forest practice rules by the fifth anniversary of the signing of such agreement. If the property is subsequently zoned as timberland preserve, then failure to meet such stocking standards and forest practice rules within this time period provides the Board with grounds for rezoning of the parcel pursuant to Section 8109-4.3.2c.
 - (4) The property shall be in the ownership of one person, as defined in Section 38106 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, and shall be comprised of a single lot or contiguous lots of at least 80 acres in aggregate.
- b. Any owner who has so applied and whose land is not zoned as Timberland Preserve may petition the Board for a rehearing on the zoning.
 - c. Property shall be zoned as TP for an initial term of ten years. On the first and each subsequent anniversary date of the initial zoning, a year shall be added to the initial ten-year term, unless a notice of rezoning is given as provided in Section 8109-4.3.2a or Section 8109-4.3.2c.
 - d. An owner with timberlands in a timberland preserve pursuant to either the mandated rezoning required by Sec. 51112 of the Government Code or the provisions of Section 51113 of said Code may petition the Board to add to the owner's timberland preserve any lands which meet the definition of timberland set forth in Section 8109-4.3.1a above. Except for Section 8109-4.3.1a, the criteria of Section 8109-4.3.1 shall not apply to these lands.
 - e. In the event of land exchanges with or acquisitions from a public agency in which the size of an owner's lot or lots zoned as Timberland Preserve pursuant to Government Code Section 51112 or 51113 is reduced, the TP Zone shall not be removed from the lot(s) except pursuant to Section 8109-4.3.2c and except for a cause other than the small lot size.

Sec. 8109-4.3.2 - Removal from TP Zone

- a. Owner-Initiated Rezoning - An owner may initiate rezoning of a parcel zoned TP to another zone, provided, however, that unless the written notice is given at least 90 days prior to the anniversary date of initial zoning, the zoning term shall be deemed extended.
 - (1) Within 120 days of receipt of the written notice of an owner's desire to rezone a lot, the Board shall, after a public hearing, rule on the request for rezoning. If the Board denies the owner's request for a change of zone pursuant to this Section, the owner may petition for a rehearing.
 - (2) The Board may, by a majority vote of the full body, remove the lot from the TP Zone and specify a new zone for the lot. The new zone shall become effective ten years from the date of approval.
- b. Immediate Rezoning (Owner-Initiated) - The purpose of this section is to provide relief from zoning as Timberland Preserve only when the continued

use of land as a timberland preserve is neither necessary nor desirable to accomplish the purposes of Section 3(j) of Article XIII of the California Constitution, this Ordinance or the applicable sections of Statute 1976, Chapter 176. A Timberland Preserve Zone may be immediately rezoned only at the request of a property owner and as provided in the following subsections:

- (1) If application for conversion is required pursuant to Section 4621 of the Public Resources Code, the provisions of Section 51133 of the Government Code shall apply.
 - (2) If an application for conversion is not required pursuant to Section 4621 of the Public Resources Code, the Board may approve the immediate rezoning request only if by a four-fifths vote of the full Board it makes written findings that all of the following exist:
 - i. The immediate rezoning would be in the public interest.
 - ii. The immediate rezoning would not have a substantial and unmitigated adverse effect upon the continued timber-growing use or open-space use of other land zoned as timberland preserve and situated within one mile of the exterior boundary of the land upon which immediate rezoning is proposed.
 - iii. The soils, slopes, and watershed conditions would be suitable for the uses proposed if the rezoning were approved.
 - iv. The immediate rezoning is consistent with the purposes of subdivision (j) of Section 3 of Article XIII of the Constitution and of the Government Code, Section 51100 et seq.
 - (3) The existence of an opportunity for an alternative use of the land shall not alone be sufficient reason for granting a request for immediate rezoning. Immediate rezoning shall be considered only if there is no proximate and suitable land which allows the desired use.
 - (4) While the uneconomic or unprofitable character of the existing use shall not be sufficient reason for the approval of immediate rezoning, it may be considered if there is no other reasonable or comparable timber-growing use to which the land may be put.
 - (5) Immediate rezoning action shall comply with all the applicable provisions of State law and local ordinances.
- c. County-Initiated Rezoning - The County may initiate rezoning of a lot zoned TP in accordance with the following procedures:
- (1) If the Board, after public hearing and by a majority vote of the full body, desires in any year not to extend the term of the TP zoning, the County shall give written notice of its intent to rezone. A proposed new zone shall be specified. Unless the written notice is given at least 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the initial zoning, the zoning term shall be deemed extended.
 - (2) Upon receipt by the owner of a notice of intent to rezone from the County, the owner may make written protest of the notice and may appeal to the Board within 30 days of receiving notice from the County. The Board may at any time prior to the anniversary date withdraw the notice of intent to rezone.

- (3) The Board shall hold a public hearing on the proposed change and by a majority vote of the full body may reaffirm its intent to change the zoning and specify a new zone. The new zone shall be effective ten years from the date of the reaffirmation vote.

Sec. 8109-4.3.3 - Environmental Impact Report: Exemption

Any action of the Board to rezone a lot to TP is exempt from the requirements of Section 21151 of the Public Resources Code.

Sec. 8109-4.3.4 - Recordation

When land is zoned as Timberland Preserve or subsequently rezoned from TP and after exhaustion of appeals, a notice of Timberland Preserve Zone status, together with a map and assessor's parcel numbers describing such land, shall be filed for record by the County in the recorder's office.

Sec. 8109-4.3.5 - Enforcement and Administration

Land zoned as Timberland Preserve under this Article shall be enforceably restricted within the meaning of Section 3(j) of Article XIII of the Constitution and the restrictions shall be enforced and administered by the County in a manner to accomplish the purposes of that section and of this Article.

Sec. 8109-4.3.6 - Division of Land

Lots zoned as Timberland Preserve under this Article may not be divided into lots containing less than 160 acres, unless a joint timber management plan is prepared or approved as to content by a registered professional forester for the lots to be created. The Plan shall provide for the management and harvesting of timber by the original and any subsequent owners, and shall be recorded with the County Recorder as a deed restriction on all newly created lots. The deed restriction shall run with the land rather than with the owners, and shall remain in force for a period of not less than ten years from the date the division is approved by the Board. The division shall be approved only by a four-fifths vote of the full Board, and only after recording of the deed restriction.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-4.4 - Mineral Resource Protection Overlay Zone

Sec. 8109-4.4.1 - Application

The abbreviated reference for this zone when applied to a base zone shall be "MRP." The provisions of this zone are intended to apply to all areas of the County designated "Protected Mineral Resource Area" on the Resource Protection Maps of Ventura County's General Plan. The suffix "MRP" shall be added to the base zone covering land so identified (example: OS-160 ac/MRP), but shall have no effect on the provisions of the base zone, except as provided herein. (AM. ORD. 3900 - 6/20/89; AM. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97; AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8109-4.4.2 - Permit Standards

Discretionary permits shall not be granted within areas with a "MRP" overlay zone designation if the use will significantly hamper or preclude access to, or the extraction of, a mineral resource, except where one or more of the following findings can be made:

- a. Such use is primarily intended to protect life or property.
- b. Such use provides a significant public benefit.
- c. The resource is not present at the site.
- d. Extraction of the resource is not technically or economically feasible.

- e. Extraction of the resource is not feasible due to limitations imposed by the County.

(ADD. ORD. 3723 - 3/12/85)

Sec. 8109-4.5 - Community Business District Overlay Zone

Sec. 8109-4.5.1 - Application

The abbreviated reference for this zone when applied to a base zone shall be "CBD". This overlay zone applies to community business districts which have been found by the County to have unique historic character which warrants special permit requirements and standards necessary to preserve or re-create the historic character of the district consistent with the design guidelines as adopted under the applicable County Area Plan or Specific Plan. The suffix "CBD" shall be added to the base zone covering land so identified (e.g., CPD/CBD), but shall have no effect on the provisions of the base zone except as provided in Section 8109-4.5 through 4.5.5. In this overlay zone the permit requirements of Article 5 shall apply. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08)

Sec. 8109-4.5.2 - Ministerial Design Permit

In this overlay zone, when no discretionary permit is otherwise required, any alteration of the exterior (including color); remodeling of an existing building or structure, and/or construction of any building or structure (including signs) shall require a Design Permit. A Design Permit shall be issued if the non-discretionary alteration of the exterior (including color); remodeling of an existing building or structure, or construction of any building or structure (including signs) is consistent with the design guidelines adopted in the applicable area plan or specific plan and does not violate any provision of local or state law. (AM. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08)

Sec. 8109-4.5.3 - Permit Standards

Before rendering a final decision approving a discretionary permit or a permit modification in this overlay zone, the decision-making authority shall make findings based on evidence in the public record that the following standards, in addition to those set forth in Sections 8111-1.2.1.1 through 1.2.1.7 (as applicable) will be met: (AM. ORD. 4393 - 12/16/08)

- a. The alteration or construction of the building, structure or feature for which the permit or permit modification is to be issued is consistent with the purposes of the Community Business District overlay zone (Sec. 8104-7.4).
- b. The alteration or construction of the building, structure or feature for which the permit or permit modification is to be issued is consistent with the design guidelines adopted under the applicable County Area Plan or Specific Plan.

Sec. 8109-4.5.4 - Deviations from Development, Parking, Landscape and Sign Standards

Deviations from the following development, landscape and sign standards may be approved by the decision-making authority, provided the deviations meet the standards set forth in subsections (a) and (b) of Section 8109-4.6.3:

- a. Required Minimum Setbacks (Sec. 8106-1.2).
- b. Maximum Structure Height (Sec. 8106-1.2).
- c. Landscaping (Sec. 8109-0.6).
- d. Prohibited Signs: Projecting Signs (Sec. 8110-4i).
- e. General Sign Standards: Location (Sec. 8110-5.2).

f. Window Signs (Sec. 8110-6.13).

(ADD. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97; AM. ORD. 4390 - 9/9/08; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8109-4.5.5 – Mixed-Use Development

Mixed-use development shall comply with the following requirements:

a. Design Considerations. A mixed-use development shall be designed to achieve the following objectives:

1. The design of the structures and site planning shall encourage integration of the street pedestrian environment with the non-residential uses. Design emphasis should be given to the pedestrian through the provision of inviting building entries, street-level amenities such as the use of plazas, courtyards, walkways, and street furniture designed to encourage pedestrian interaction.
2. The design shall provide for internal compatibility between the different uses. Potential noise, hours of operation, odors, glare and other potentially significant impacts on residents shall be minimized to allow a compatible mix of residential and non-residential uses on the same site.
3. The design of the mixed-use development project shall take into consideration potential impacts on adjacent properties and shall include specific design features to minimize potential impacts.
4. The design of a mixed-use project shall ensure that the residential units are of a residential character and that privacy between residential units and between other uses on the site is maximized.
5. Site planning and building design shall be compatible with and enhance the adjacent and surrounding neighborhood in terms of scale, building design, color, exterior materials, roof styles, lighting, landscaping and signage.

b. Mix of Uses. Unless otherwise limited in an applicable County Area Plan or Specific Plan, a mixed-use project may combine residential units with any other use or combination of uses allowed in the base zoning district. Where a mixed-use project is proposed with a use that is otherwise required to have a conditional use permit the entire mixed-use development project shall be subject to the conditional use permit requirement.

c. Maximum Density. The maximum density allowed for a mixed-use development shall be 15 dwelling units per acre, except that if a higher density is permitted on an adjacent residentially zoned parcel, then the density of the mixed-use development may be increased to be consistent with the adjacent residentially zoned parcel.

d. Site Layout and Project Design Standards. Each proposed mixed-use development project shall comply with the development standards of the underlying zoning district as described in Section 8106-1.2 except as may otherwise be provided in an applicable County Area Plan or Specific Plan. Additionally, mixed-use developments shall comply with the following requirements:

- 1. Location of Residential Units.** Residential units shall not occupy ground floor space.
- 2. Loading Areas.** Commercial loading areas shall be located as far as practically feasible from the residential units and shall be screened

from view from the residential portion of the mixed-use development project to the extent feasible.

3. Refuse and Recycling Areas. Shared areas for collection and storage of refuse and recyclable materials shall be located on the site in locations that are convenient for both the residential and non-residential uses.

4. Lighting. Lighting for commercial uses shall be appropriately shielded to avoid or mitigate negative impacts on the residential units.

5. Noise. All residential units shall be designed to minimize adverse impacts from non-residential project noise, in compliance with County noise standards. A noise report prepared by a qualified acoustical engineer may be required to recommend specific measures to ensure compliance with County noise standards.

6. Hours of Operation. Commercial operations within a mixed-use development project will limit operations to normal business hours (8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) unless otherwise specifically approved by the decision-making authority.

7. Open Space. A minimum of 80 square feet of private usable open space shall be provided for each residential unit within the project. The open space requirement may be met through provision of patios, decks or enclosed yard areas.

8. Parking. *Mixed-use development* projects shall comply with the parking requirements set forth in Section 8108, except that the non-residential parking requirement may be modified pursuant to Section 8109-6.4 above.

- e. Required Finding for *Mixed-Use Development*.** In addition to the permit findings required in Section 8109-4.5.3, the decision-making authority must make the finding that the mixed-use development complies with the standards and requirements of Section 8109-4.5.5 (a) through (d).

(ADD. ORD. 4393 – 12/16/08)

ARTICLE 10:

SIGN REQUIREMENTS

(REP./REEN.ORD. 3682 - 3/13/84)

Sec. 8110-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to promote traffic safety and the aesthetics of the visual environment of Ventura County through the regulation of all signs within the unincorporated areas, except in public rights-of-way. Regulations contained herein are the least burdensome regulations to carry out the above stated purpose. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-1 - Definitions

Advertising Sign - A sign which calls attention to products, goods or services for sale or hire, or which otherwise contains a commercial message.

Attached Sign - Any sign posted, painted on, or constructed or otherwise attached to the wall, facade, canopy, marquee, or other architectural part of a building.

Canopy Sign - Any sign attached to or constructed in or on a canopy or marquee.

Directional Sign - Any sign which serves solely to designate entrances or exits, or the location or direction of any on-site area.

Double-faced Sign - A sign structure with messages on both sides of a sign board or panel; or a sign with two faces that are attached to each other on one side and form an angle of not more than 30 degrees; or a sign structure with two attached parallel faces not more than 18 inches apart, with a message on each face. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Freestanding Sign - Any sign which is anchored directly to the ground or supported from the ground, or is attached to a freestanding wall or fence. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Identification Sign - An on-site sign which indicates the premises, occupants, address, neighborhood or entrance location to the premises.

Noncommercial Message - A display or statement on a sign which calls attention to something other than products, goods, or services for sale or hire including personal political statements, unrelated to pending elections. Such messages are permitted on any type of sign provided that all the standards of this Article are followed. "Noncommercial Message" signs shall be regulated in the same manner as "Identification" signs. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Off-site Sign - A sign which displays commercial or noncommercial messages related to property, goods, services, or ideas not found on, or related to, the property on which the sign is located.

On-site Sign - A sign located on the same site as the occupant, business, trade or profession to which it relates.

Permanent Sign - A sign intended to be erected and maintained for a period of more than 60 days.

Political Sign - A temporary sign or handbill erected prior to, and referencing specific individuals or issues in, a pending election, excluding leased space on the face of permanent, legal, off-site advertising signs (billboards). (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Projecting Sign - An attached sign which projects outward perpendicularly or at an angle from a wall or building face.

Real Estate Sign - A sign which advertises the sale, rental or lease of the property on which it is maintained.

Roof Sign - Any sign erected upon, against or directly above a roof or on top of or above the parapet of a building.

Sign - A communication device using words or symbols, illuminated or nonilluminated, which is visible from any public place or is located on private property and exposed to the public and which directs attention to a product, service, place, activity, person, institution, business or solicitation, including any permanently installed or situated merchandise; or any emblem, painting, banner, pennant, placard or temporary display designed to advertise, identify or convey information.

Sign Area

- a. Area of Simultaneously Visible Faces - Where the lettered or illustrative material of a sign is placed upon a sign board or other sign structure having a continuous or essentially continuous surface or face (whether plane, curved, angulated or otherwise), the background or face area of simultaneously visible faces of such sign board or sign structure shall be the sign area. For purposes of computation, single and double faced signs are considered to have the same area; in other words, a double-faced sign having two square feet of sign copy on each face is considered to have two square feet of sign area. The Planning Director may require landscaping or other screening at the open end of a double-faced sign whose faces are not parallel. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)
- b. Framed Area - Where the lettered or illustrative material of a sign is not placed as described in a. above, but is framed either mechanically or visually by the design or layout of the sign itself, then the area so framed shall be the sign area.
- c. Geometric Unframed Figure - Where the lettered or illustrative material is not placed or framed in the manner described in a. or b. above, but is composed either vertically, horizontally, diagonally or otherwise, essentially in the form of a rectangle, triangle or similar geometric figure, the area of the geometric figure within which such material could be enclosed shall be the sign area; except that when the space between the elements comprising the sign exceeds 1½ times the average size of the elements themselves, the area of the elements may be measured separately as provided in d. below.
- d. Area of Abutting Rectangles - Where the lettered or illustrative material is not placed, framed or composed as described in a., b. or c. above, the total area of the abutting rectangles or other simple geometric shapes within which the individual words, letters, illustrations or other elements comprising the sign could be enclosed shall be the sign area.
- e. Clocks and Thermometers - Time and temperature devices without advertising copy will not be included in determining the sign area.

Tract Sign - An off-site sign relating to the original sale of property other than that on which the sign is constructed.

Window Sign - A sign or combination of signs painted on, attached to, or designed or placed so as to be read principally through the windows from outside the structure.

Sec. 8110-2 - Permit Requirements

To ensure compliance with the regulations contained in this Chapter, a Zoning Clearance is required for each nonexempted sign to be erected or maintained, except as required elsewhere in this Chapter. Plot plans and elevation drawings shall be submitted with all

Zoning Clearance applications for signs. Only signs on one property may be applied for on one application. (AM. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97)

Sec. 8110-3 - Exempted Signs

Except as otherwise specified in this Article and subject to regulations locating signs with reference to street intersections, freeways, scenic highways and primary roads, the following signs shall be exempt from the requirements of this Article:

- a. Governmental signs providing general information to the public, and for control of traffic or similar regulatory purposes, including street signs, danger signs and warnings at railroad crossings; (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)
 - b. Memorial tablets or signs, including those indicating names of buildings and dates of construction, when cut into any masonry surface or inlaid so as to be part of the building, or when constructed of bronze or similar noncombustible material;
 - c. Signs required to be maintained by law or governmental order, rule or regulation, with a total surface area not exceeding ten square feet on any lot; or street address numbers with a total surface area not exceeding two square feet;
 - d. Signs which are not visible beyond either the boundaries of the lot on which they are located, or from any public right-of-way, or from any parking area, or circulation area open to the general public;
 - e. Flags or seals of the United States of America or the State of California, or emblems of a civic, philanthropic, educational or religious organization, when such emblems do not exceed four square feet in area and, if freestanding, five feet in height, and such flags or emblems are not used in connection with a commercial promotion or as an advertising device; (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
 - f. Parking area or other private traffic directional signs not exceeding four square feet in area per sign. Each lot is permitted one such sign per entrance to the lot or premises, to direct pedestrian or vehicular traffic on the same property. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
 - g. Signs placed by a public utility, conveying information on the location of facilities in the furtherance of service or safety;
 - h. Freestanding on-site real estate signs 12 square feet or less in area, having a maximum panel length or height of eight feet (excluding real estate tract signs);
 - i. Temporary construction signs, provided that:
 - (1) Only one sign is erected per construction site;
 - (2) The sign does not exceed six square feet in open space, agricultural and R-zones, or 24 square feet in all other zones;
 - (3) The sign is used only to indicate the name of the construction project and the names and locations (state and city or community only) of the contractors, architects, engineers, landscape designers, project or leasing agent, and/or financing company;
 - (4) The sign is displayed during construction only; and
 - (5) The sign does not exceed six feet in height if freestanding.
- (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
- j. On-site real estate "for sale" or "for lease" signs pertaining to the property displayed within a window, subject to Sec. 8110-6.13. Only one such sign is allowed on each street frontage of the property. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

- k. Temporary "open house" signs. Only one such sign is allowed on each street frontage of the property on which the open house is being held. Such sign may be single- or double-faced and is limited to a maximum of three square feet in area and four feet in height. Such signs shall contain only the address of the property where the open house is being held and the name of the real estate agent or party holding the open house. Such signs shall be erected and removed on the same day the open house is held and shall not be fastened or attached in any way to a building facade or architectural element. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
- l. Signs or banners announcing the opening of a new business which, in the aggregate, do not exceed ten square feet or 25 percent of the window area, whichever is greater. Such signs may be erected for a maximum of 60 days during the opening of the new business. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
- m. Other signs, including political and "no trespassing" signs, having noncommercial messages and not exceeding two square feet in area on any lot. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)
- n. Individual window signs not exceeding ten square feet in area that are consistent with the provisions of Sec. 8110-6.13. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8110-4 - Prohibited Signs

The following signs and sign types are prohibited:

- a. Sandwich-board, A-frame and portable freestanding signs;
- b. Bench signs, except at bus stops designated on a valid bus schedule;
- c. Signs which flash, scintillate, move or rotate, except for clocks and time and temperature signs;
- d. Banners, pennants, flags (except as permitted by Sec. 8110-3e; no other flags are permitted);
- e. Captive balloons or signs which change color or appear to change color or where the intensity of light changes or appears to change, except on a temporary basis in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.11;
- f. Portable or trailer-mounted off-site advertising or tract signs;
- g. Any sign which emits sound;
- h. Any sign erected in such a manner that any portion of the sign or its support is attached to or will interfere with the free use of any fire escape, exit or standpipe, or will obstruct any stairway, door, ventilator or window
- i. Projecting signs, unless suspended from a canopy in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.2, or attached to a service station canopy roof in accordance with Sec. 8110-6.9.1;
- j. Roof signs;
- k. Any sign or sign structure which is structurally unsafe or constitutes a hazard to health or safety by reason of design, inadequate maintenance or dilapidation;
- l. Any sign erected or attached to any tree or utility pole within any public right-of-way, or any sign erected within the boundaries of the required right-of-way for any mapped road as shown on the Circulation Element of the Ventura County General Plan;

- m. Any sign erected in such a manner that it will or may reasonably be expected to interfere with, obstruct, confuse or mislead traffic;
- n. The use of any item of merchandise or other commodity related to the business as a sign, except as such commodity may be permanently incorporated into a sign structure as permitted by this Article;
- o. Signs attached to the exterior surfaces of windows; (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)
- p. Off-site signs, except as specifically permitted in Sections 8110-5.1 and 8110-5.6. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8110-5 - General Sign Regulations

Section 8110-5.1 sets forth the standards for sign categories, except bench signs, canopy signs, cooperative display panels, illuminated signs, political signs, service station signs, symbol signs, temporary signs and window signs which are set forth in Sec. 8110-6 below. The latter section also contains more detailed standards and regulations applicable to tract signs.

Sec. 8110-5.1 - Sign Standards

(AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96, AM ORD. 4317 - 03/15/05;
AM. ORD 4390 - 9/9/08)

OPEN SPACE, AGRICULTURAL AND R-ZONES					
Sign Type	On-Site			Off-Site	
	Attached	Freestanding		Freestanding	
	Identification/Noncommercial Messages (l)		Real Estate (a)	Tract (b, k)	
Maximum number per lot	1	1	1	1	
Permitted area (square feet)	Lesser of 20 or F*/20 (o)	Lesser of 25 or F*/10 (square feet)	12(c)	72	
Maximum Height (feet)	Not above wall to which it is attached	5	10	10	
Maximum Length (feet)	(d)	10	16	16	
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES					
Sign Type	On-Site			Off-Site	
	Attached	Freestanding		Freestanding	
	Identification		Real Estate (a)	Advertising (e)	Tract (f, k)
Maximum number per lot	No limit	(g)	1	1, Irrespective of type	
Permitted area (square feet)	(h)	Greater of 10 or F*/5 to max. of 200	12(c)	See Sec. 8110-6.7.5	72
Maximum Height (feet)	(i)	Lesser of 25 or height of highest building on site	16	25	10
Maximum Length (feet)	(d)	25	25	25(j)	16

Regulatory Notes:

*F = Total street frontage of lot in linear feet.

(a) Only those real estate signs over 12 square feet require Zoning Clearance.

(b) Prohibited in open space zones; see also Sec. 8110-6.12.

- (c) Real estate signs may exceed 12 sq. ft. by one square foot for each 10 feet by which the width of the lot, or two or more contiguous lots in single ownership, exceeds 70 feet, to a maximum of 72 square feet.
 - (d) Sign may be as long as the building wall to which it is attached, and may wrap around a corner, but may not project beyond a corner.
 - (e) Permitted in M2 and M3 zones only; see also Sec. 8110-6.7. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
 - (f) Permitted on vacant property in CPD and M-zones only; see also Sec. 8110-6.12. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)
 - (g) Large sites may have signs 500 feet apart; maximum 200 sq. ft. of total freestanding sign area per lot. A drive-through restaurant may have an extra 16-square foot menu board; see Section 8110-6.14.
 - (h) Each wall or building face is permitted one square foot of sign area per linear foot of wall length; maximum 120 square feet, regardless of the number of signs.
 - (i) Sign may not extend above the eaves of a gable roof, nor more than two feet above the face of the canopy or a parapet wall to which it is attached.
 - (j) For 375-square-foot signs, the length may be increased to 36 feet.
 - (k) Prohibited in SRP Overlay Zone; see also Sec. 8109-4.1.4b.
 - (l) Agricultural sales facilities may have additional signs in accordance with Sec. 8107-6.1.6.
 - (m) Assembly Uses may have up to 20 square feet of attached sign regardless of lot width. (AM ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)
 - (n) Assembly Uses may have up to 25 square feet of freestanding sign regardless of lot width. (AM ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)
 - (o) Principal Structures Related to Agriculture, Except Shade/Mist Structures, over 20,000 square feet in size, may have one square foot of sign area per two linear feet of wall length, regardless of the number of signs. The Planning Director may approve additional sign area, to a maximum total of 120 square feet per qualified building, as part of a complete Sign Program for the site. Such Sign Program may be approved as a modification to an existing permit, such as a Conditional Use Permit or Planned Development Permit. If no such permit exists for the site, the applicant shall submit the Sign Program as part of a Planned Development Permit.
- (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4215 - 10/24/00; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00 AM. ORD. 4317 – 3/15/05; AM. ORD 4390 – 9/9/08)

Sec. 8110-5.2 - Location

Sec. 8110-5.2.1

Signs are subject to the structural setbacks set forth in Section 8106-1; the setback shall be measured to the outermost projection of the sign structure on the side where the setback is being measured. Exceptions as follows:

- a. On-site freestanding signs three feet or less in height may be located within a setback adjacent to a street.
- b. A sign attached to an existing wall or fence is exempt from the setback requirements, provided that the sign does not project beyond any edge of such wall or fence.

Sec. 8110-5.2.2

No sign shall be erected within a sight triangle unless such sign, in compliance with the provisions of this Article, is less than two feet or more than eight feet above curb grade, and no part of its means of support has a single or combined horizontal cross section exceeding eighteen inches.

(AM. ORD. 3749 - 10/29/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8110-5.3 - Maintenance

Every sign as permitted by this Article shall be maintained in good condition. The Planning Director may require any improperly maintained sign, temporary or permanent, to be repaired or removed upon the failure of the owner(s) to repair or remedy a condition of any sign declared by the Department of Building and Safety to be unsafe, or declared by the Planning Director to be improperly maintained, within 30 days from the receipt by the owner(s) of a written notice to that effect. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8110-5.4 - Public Rights-of-Way**Sec. 8110-5.4.1**

Installation of any sign within a County right-of-way requires an Encroachment Permit issued by the Transportation Department of the Public Works Agency.

Sec. 8110-5.4.2

No existing tree shall be trimmed, pruned or removed from a County right-of-way to increase the visibility of any sign, unless such work is first approved by the Public Works Agency. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-5.5 - Measurement of Sign Height

Where the average grade of the lot on which a sign is placed is at or above the adjacent street grade, the sign shall be measured from the grade level adjacent to the sign. Where the average grade of the lot is below the adjacent street grade, the sign height shall be measured from the adjacent street grade. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-5.6 - Lots Having No Street Frontage

If a lot has no street frontage, the easement providing for access to the lot shall be considered part of said lot for purposes of sign placement. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8110-6 - Specific Regulations by Type of Sign**Sec. 8110-6.1 - Bench Signs**

are permitted at bus stops designated on a valid bus schedule. The copy area of such signs shall be a maximum of four square feet in open space, agricultural and residential zones, and eight square feet in commercial and industrial zones. No bench sign shall extend beyond the edges of the bench backrest.

Sec. 8110-6.2 - Canopy Signs

may extend to within one foot of the edge of a canopy from which the sign is suspended. Signs painted on or affixed to canopies shall be considered part of the total allowable area of attached signs for that building. Signs suspended under canopies which project over private walks or drives open to the public shall be limited to an area of eight square feet per sign.

Sec. 8110-6.3 - Clocks and Thermometers

Time and temperature devices shall have a maximum area of 24 square feet.

Sec. 8110-6.4 - Display Structures for Pedestrian Viewing

Such structures are allowed subject to conditions stated in a CUP or PD Permit in all commercial zones, and may include enclosed display of products sold or bulletin-type advertising stands which may or may not serve other functional purposes, such as kiosks, covers for inclement weather and the like, or they may serve as an additional structural element visually to enhance pedestrian ways or landscaped or parking areas.

- a. Location - Such structures shall not be located in any required setbacks.
- b. Area - The area of pedestrian sign display structures shall be in accordance with Sec. 8110-5.1 (matrix), and may be allowed in addition to sign area otherwise permitted for the lot.
- c. Lighting - Illumination of pedestrian sign display structures such as kiosks may be by indirect or diffused light only.

Sec. 8110-6.5 - Illuminated Signs

Signs in open space, agricultural and residential zones may have indirect or diffused illumination. Illuminated signs in nonresidential zones shall not exceed the brightness of a diffused light panel having cool white fluorescent 800 milliampere lights spaced at least ten inches on center. Sign illumination shall not result in glare being directed toward surrounding properties.

Sec. 8110-6.6 - Back-Mounted Freestanding Signs

Any sign erected on the back of an existing freestanding sign must have the same exterior dimensions as the existing sign.

Sec. 8110-6.7 - Freestanding Off-Site Advertising Signs

Such signs are permitted only with the granting of a Planning Director Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Article 11, and are subject to the following regulations and standards in addition to those listed in Sec. 8110-5.1:

Sec. 8110-6.7.1

Freestanding off-site advertising signs are prohibited within Scenic Corridors or if visible from a Scenic Highway. No such sign shall be established so as to obstruct the view toward any area of scenic or historic significance designated by the Planning Commission. The view of the ocean from a freeway has scenic significance.

Sec. 8110-6.7.2

Only uni-pole design is permitted for such signs up to 72 square feet in area, and encouraged for all other signs. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-6.7.3

Any such sign shall be located at least 500 feet from any other freestanding off-site sign, at least 500 feet from a freeway interchange, at least 50 feet from the exterior boundaries of a service station site and at least six feet from any other structure. Such sign may not extend beyond the boundaries of the lot on which it is located. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-6.7.4

The back of such sign, if not used for advertising copy, shall be screened if visible from any public right-of-way.

Sec. 8110-6.7.5

Maximum sign size allowed shall be based on the following:

NO. LANES	SPEED LIMIT (in mph)	SIGN SIZE (in square feet)
0-4	35 or less	0-72
0-4	Greater than 35	0-300
5 or more	55	0-375

- a. The number of lanes shall be measured on the side of the road from which the sign is designed to be read.

Sec. 8110-6.7.6

In addition to the permit standards of Sec. 8111-2.1.2, the following design criteria shall be considered in the reviewing of all Conditional Use Permit applications: (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

- a. Sign structures shall be of the most modern design and aesthetically attractive type feasible.
- b. The number of light fixtures shall be kept to a minimum and integrated into the design of the structure.
- c. On developed sites, landscaping shall be used to enhance the appearance of the sign, and to the extent possible, to allow the sign to blend with the remainder of the site.
- d. The use of planter boxes to improve the appearance of the sign base, and trees to mask the unused side of a single-faced sign, are encouraged.
- e. Sign poles and other non-copy elements shall be made to blend visually with the color(s) and texture(s) of the background, including any buildings.

Sec. 8110-6.7.7

Noncommercial messages are permitted on freestanding, off-site advertising signs in accordance with all requirements of Sec. 8110-6.7 and Sec. 8110-5.1.

Sec. 8110-6.8 - Political Signs

The purpose of this section is to prevent damage to Public property, protect the integrity of the electoral process and prevent the erosion of aesthetic quality and historic values within the County. It is specifically recognized that if temporary political signs on private property are not removed after the election is held, the deteriorating signs and accumulating debris become a blight, defacing the landscape. It is therefore an intent of this Article to make provision for the erection and removal of such signs after the election which they publicized has been held.

Sec. 8110-6.8.1 - Political Signs on Private Property

No temporary political sign face shall exceed thirty-two (32) square feet in area. The aggregate area of all temporary signs placed or maintained on any lot in one ownership shall not exceed ninety-six (96) square feet. (AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8110-6.8.2 - Political Sign Registration

In order to keep track of the placement of temporary political signs to assure removal subsequent to an election, such signs shall be registered with the Planning Department by the candidate or his or her registered agent, or, when a ballot proposition is involved, by an authorized agent of the group or organization sponsoring the signs, prior to the distribution of such signs for the attachment or installation on any property. Registration of political signs shall be on forms available in the Planning Department and shall be accompanied by an agreement signed by the candidate or his or her authorized agent, or when a ballot proposition is involved, by an authorized agent of the group or organization sponsoring the signs, that within ten calendar days after the election all political signs shall be removed, and a certified statement by the registrant that consent will be obtained from each owner of the property on which a sign is to be posted.

Sec. 8110-6.8.3 - Location

Political signs may not be affixed, installed, or erected within 100 feet of a polling place or historic site, nor within the right of way of any highway, nor within 660 feet of the edge of a "Scenic Highway" or landscaped freeway, nor in any location where the sign will impair sight distance or create a hazard to traffic or pedestrians, nor on any telephone pole, lamppost, tree, wall, fence, bridge, bench, hydrant, curbstone, sidewalk or other structure in or upon any public right-of-way, nor upon any other public property. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec 8110-6.8.4 - Time Frames

Temporary political signs shall not be posted sooner than 90 days prior to a scheduled election administered by the County Elections Department. Said signs shall be removed within 10 days after the election. (ADD. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8110-6.8.5 - Enforcement

Except for signs remaining posted after the post-election deadline, any political sign not posted in accordance with the provisions of this Article shall be deemed to be a public nuisance and shall be subject to removal by the candidate, property owner, or, when a ballot proposition is involved, the authorized agent of the group or organization sponsoring the sign or, upon their failure to do so after reasonable attempt at notice by the County, by County officers or zoning inspectors. Any political sign which is not removed within the specified period following an election shall be subject to summary removal and confiscation by the County. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8110-6.9 - Service Station Signs

On-site service station signs are permitted in accordance with the following regulations:

Sec. 8110-6.9.1 - Attached Signs

are permitted as follows:

- a. Maximum permitted area in square feet is three times the square root of the area (in square feet) of the wall or canopy face. Maximum 200 square feet for all attached signs, except that when wall area exceeds 5,000 square feet, the sign area may be increased by ten square feet for each additional 500 square feet of wall area over 5,000, to a maximum of 300 square feet. (AM.ORD.3749-10/29/85)

- b. Maximum height - 16 feet, provided that the sign does not extend above the eaves of a gable roof nor more than two feet above the face of the canopy or parapet wall to which it is attached.
- c. Brand name insignia, emblems or medallions may be attached to the building frontage of the service station. Symbol background area may be 14 square feet maximum per symbol, maximum ten feet horizontally and maximum eight feet vertically.

Sec. 8110-6.9.2 - Freestanding Signs

are permitted as follows:

- a. Maximum area in square feet is the lesser of 120 or $0.8F-40$, where F is the lot frontage in linear feet.
- b. Maximum height is 25 feet or 1.8 times the square root of the lot frontage, whichever is less. (AM.ORD.3730-5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-6.9.3 - Overall Area Limit

The maximum total area for all signs on a service station site is 300 square feet.

Sec. 8110-6.9.4 - Numerical Limit

There is no limit on the number of signs on a service station site, except that poster boards are limited to two; see Sec. 8110-6.9.5, below.

Sec. 8110-6.9.5 - Poster Boards -

Two poster boards mounted on permanently anchored footings may be installed in locations which do not obstruct safe visibility from vehicles. Each poster board may have a maximum area of 15 square feet and a maximum height of six feet.

Sec. 8110-6.9.6 - Identification Sign

An identification sign may be mounted on a pole projecting through the roof of a pump island canopy, and a suspended sign may be attached to hang below the canopy.

Sec. 8110-6.10 - Symbol Signs Not on Service Stations

One symbol sign in the form of a graphic presentation of goods or services sold or rendered on the premises or a traditional emblem associated with a trade, which emblem or symbol bears no written message or trademark, shall be permitted on each building frontage of the enterprise provided that it is affixed to the building, canopy or wall which is part of the building frontage and does not project over any publicly maintained right-of-way nor more than two feet above the canopy or wall. No such symbol sign if attached to the building shall exceed 64 square feet in area, and no such symbol sign if hanging from a canopy or fascia shall exceed two square feet in area. Such signs shall be included in the total area of signs allowed on the lot where they are located.

Sec. 8110-6.11 - Temporary Signs

are permitted as follows:

Sec. 8110-6.11.1 - Attraction Devices

The Planning Director may authorize temporary banners, pennants, flags or captive balloons for a period of up to 30 days in any 90-day period for the purpose of advertising a grand opening or other special event.

Sec. 8110-6.11.2 - Removal

No Zoning Clearance for a temporary sign promoting an event shall be issued unless and until the applicant therefor has signed an agreement that the sign involved will be removed within seven days after the expiration of the 30-day

temporary period. Said agreement shall authorize County agents to remove expired signs and shall be accompanied by a cash deposit of \$100.00, which deposit may be used to defray the costs of sign removal in the event the permit holder defaults upon the agreement as aforesaid. Appropriate refunds to the applicant(s) shall be made upon written report to the Planning Director that sign removal has been satisfactorily accomplished.

Sec. 8110-6.12 - Off-Site Tract Signs

Such signs are permitted on agriculturally zoned property, on vacant residentially or industrially zoned property, and on vacant property zoned CPD, only after a final tract map has been recorded, for a period of 18 months from the date of issuance of the Zoning Clearance for such sign or until all lots have been sold, whichever is the first to occur. No tract shall have more than four off-site signs advertising its existence. Such signs may be located adjacent to routes traveled to reach the tract advertised unless such route has been adopted as a freeway or County Scenic Highway on the Ventura County Scenic Highways Element of the General Plan, or is a State-designated Scenic Highway, or if the proposed sign location is within a "Scenic Corridor" adopted by the Board of Supervisors. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8110-6.12.1 - County Restrictions

Tract signs located within the County shall advertise only tracts located within the County or within cities located therein, or may exhibit noncommercial messages for a period of 18 months.

Sec. 8110-6.12.2 - Additional Restrictions

No lot shall have thereon both a tract advertising sign and an on-site identification sign, and no tract sign shall be placed within 500 feet of any other tract sign. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8110-6.13 - Window Signs

Window signs shall not exceed 25 percent of a given window's area. That portion of the total window signage area that exceeds ten square feet on any individual business shall be counted toward the attached sign area permitted for that business. Signs attached to the exterior surfaces of windows are prohibited. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00) See also Sec. 8110-3[n])

Sec. 8110-6.14 - Menu Boards for Drive-Through Restaurants

A drive-in or drive-through restaurant is permitted one menu board not exceeding 16 square feet in area, which shall not be counted toward the sign area or permitted number of signs otherwise allowed for the lot or premises. (ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8110-7 - Abatement of Signs Relating to Inoperative Functions

Signs pertaining to enterprises or occupants that are no longer using a property shall be removed from the premises within 60 days after the associated enterprise or occupant has vacated the premises. Other signs of a temporary nature shall be removed within ten days following the event or other purpose served by the sign in the first instance. Any such sign not removed within the required period shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to summary abatement pursuant to Section 38773 of the California Government Code, and the expense of such abatement shall be a lien against the property on which the sign was maintained and a personal obligation against the property owner. Said

property owner shall first be served with a notice to abate the nuisance and shall be given the opportunity for a hearing before the Planning Director.

Sec. 8110-8 - Nonconforming Signs

Sec. 8110-8.1 - Continuance

In cases where the area of signs existing as a valid nonconforming use on a property exceed the total allowable area for permitted signs, no additional signs shall be permitted on the property. If the size or configuration of a lot or building is changed by the subdivision of the property or by alterations, identification signs and outdoor advertising signs on the resulting properties shall be required to conform to the sign regulations applicable to the newly created lot or lots at the time such change becomes effective.

Sec. 8110-8.2 - Repair

A nonconforming sign may be repaired, provided that it has not been damaged in excess of 60 percent of its value. Such damaged nonconforming sign may not be expanded, reconstructed or relocated without being made to comply in all respects with the provisions of this Article.

Sec. 8110-8.3 - Amortization

All signs rendered nonconforming by the provisions of this Article shall be altered, removed or otherwise made to comply with the provisions of this Article within the following time periods, which shall run from either the effective date of this Article or such later date as the use is made nonconforming:

Political Signs	10 days
Signs painted on structures	1 year
All other signs	5 years

Provided, however, that the following time periods shall apply to signs legally erected, pursuant to a valid sign permit issued within the two years immediately preceding the effective date of this Article:

Signs painted on structures	1 year from effective date of this Article or from the expiration date of the permit
Freestanding off-site advertising sign in open space, agricultural or residential zones	Pursuant to Calif. Business & Professions Code, Sec. 5412.1 et seq.
Freestanding off-site advertising	Not subject to amortization
All other signs	5 years from effective date of this Article or from the expiration date of the permit

Sec. 8110-8.4 - Abatement

Nonconforming signs shall either be made to conform with the provisions of this Article or be abated within the applicable period of time. In the event they are not, the Planning Director shall order the same to be abated by the owner of the property or by any other person known to be responsible for the maintenance of the sign.

Sec. 8110-8.5 - Manner of Abatement

Unless some other mode of abatement is approved by the Planning Director in writing, abatement of nonconforming signs shall be accomplished in the following manner:

- a. Signs Painted on Structures - By removal of the paint constituting the sign or by permanently painting it in such a way that the sign shall not thereafter be or become visible;
- b. Other Signs - By removal of the sign, including its dependent structures and supports; or pursuant to a sign permit duly issued allowing modification, alteration or replacement thereof in conformity with the provisions of this Article.

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ARTICLE 11:

ENTITLEMENTS – PROCESS AND PROCEDURES

(REP./REEN. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85) (REP./REEN. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8111-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to establish procedures for the processing of land use entitlements, including permits and variances and for modification, suspension, or revocation of any permit or variance, and appeals thereto.

Sec. 8111-1 - Entitlements

Entitlements authorized by this Chapter include the following:

Sec. 8111-1.1 - Ministerial Entitlements and Modifications

These entitlements, and modifications thereto, are granted based upon determinations, arrived at objectively and involving little or no personal judgment, that the request complies with established standards set forth in this Chapter. Such will be issued by the Planning Director or his/her designee without a public hearing. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08 – grammar)

Sec. 8111-1.1.1 - Zoning Clearance: Purpose Of

A Zoning Clearance certifies that a proposed use of land or structures, or construction or demolition of structures, is consistent with the provisions of this Chapter and any applicable conditions of any previously issued entitlement, and the use or structure may be inaugurated. Where no other Planning Division issued entitlement is required, a Zoning Clearance also serves as an entitlement granted for as long as the subject use or structure is in compliance with the applicable requirements of this Chapter. More than one Zoning Clearance may be required and issued for the same property and one Zoning Clearance may be issued for multiple purposes.

- a. Zoning Clearance: Applicability Of - A Zoning Clearance is required prior to any of the following actions occurring. To be valid, it must specify for which of the following purposes it is being issued:
 - (1) Inauguration of construction or demolition of a structure, unless exempted pursuant to Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5;
 - (2) Inauguration of a use of land, structures, or facilities, including a change of use where a new use replaces an existing one, unless exempted pursuant to Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5;
 - (3) Issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to the Ventura County Uniform Building Code; and
 - (4) Maintenance, alteration, demolition, improvement, reconstruction and the like of any Cultural Heritage Site enumerated in Sec. 8107-32.2; or any site which is potentially eligible to become a designated Cultural Heritage Site as described in the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance. A Certificate of Appropriateness issued pursuant to the Cultural Heritage Ordinance shall function as a Zoning Clearance for minor work done to a Cultural Heritage Site. Such work includes building exterior surface modifications, re-roofing, installation of new windows and the like for which a zoning clearance is not required for non-coastal cultural heritage sites.

(ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00)

b. Zoning Clearance: Issuance Of - A Zoning Clearance shall be issued if the proposed use of land, structures, or construction:

- (1) Is permissible under the present zoning on the land and complies with the standards of Division 8, Chapter 1 and 2 of the Ordinance Code;
- (2) Is compatible with the policies and land use designations specified in the General Plan;
- (3) Complies with the applicable terms and conditions of any applicable permit or other entitlement granting the use in question, and the decision granting said permit is considered "effective" pursuant to Sec. 8111-4.4;
- (4) Is not located on the same lot where a violation exists of standards found in said Chapters 1 and 2 or of any Ventura County Ordinance regulating land use, such as the Ventura County Building Code or any grading ordinance, or of the terms of an existing permit covering the lot, unless the Zoning Clearance is necessary for the abatement of the existing violation;
- (5) Is not being requested by or for the same party that owes the County fees or billings, fines, civil penalties, or forfeitures associated with this Chapter;
- (6) Is consistent with portions of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan which identify specific sites or siting criteria for hazardous waste facilities;
- (7) Is located on a legal lot;
- (8) Is being undertaken by an owner and/or tenant, who, along with the associated contractors and agents, are in compliance with the Ventura County Business License Tax Ordinance;
- (9) Is determined to be consistent with conditions and requirements established by the Ventura Countywide Stormwater Quality Management Program, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. CAS06339 and the Ventura Stormwater Quality Management Ordinance No. 4142 and as these permits and regulations may be hereafter amended; and
- (10) Has, in the case of a designated or potentially eligible Cultural Heritage Site been issued a Certificate of Appropriateness or is otherwise authorized to proceed with the project in compliance with that ordinance. Any Zoning Clearance requested for a designated historic site issued a Planned Development permit pursuant to Sec. 8107-32 et seq must also comply with the provisions of that permit.

(ADD. ORD. 4220 - 12/5/00; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

c. Zoning Clearance: Expiration Of - Zoning Clearances shall expire in accordance with the following schedule unless specifically indicated otherwise on the Zoning Clearance or specifically indicated elsewhere in this chapter:

- (1) Zoning Clearances issued for the inauguration of construction or demolition of structures and facilities are valid for 180 days. If the structure or facility has received a building permit and has lawfully commenced construction at the site within this 180 day period, the Zoning Clearance is valid until the structure or facility is completed so long as diligent efforts have been made to complete the work. If the

structure or facility has received all other required County entitlements, including a finalized building permit or Certificate of Occupancy, the Zoning Clearance serves as entitlement for the subject structure or facility so long as it is consistent with this Chapter or the conditions of a previously issued entitlement.

- (2) Zoning Clearances issued for uses of land, structures or facilities are valid for 180 days. If the use has received all other required County entitlements including a finalized building permit or Certificate of Occupancy within this 180 day period, the Zoning Clearance serves as an entitlement for the subject use so long as it is consistent with this Chapter or the conditions for a previously issued entitlement.
- (3) Zoning Clearances authorizing issuance of a Certificate of Occupancy pursuant to the Ventura County Uniform Building Code are valid for 180 days. If occupancy has occurred within 180 days, the Zoning Clearance serves as an entitlement for the subject use so long as it is consistent with this Chapter or the conditions of a previously issued entitlement.
- (4) Zoning Clearances issued after the effective date of this section of the Ordinance are invalid unless one of the purposes listed in Section 8111-1.1.1a is clearly stated thereon.

(AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8111-1.1.2 - Zoning Clearance with Waivers

Various uses and structures as noted in Sections 8105-4 and 8105-5 may be allowed with a Zoning Clearance if the surrounding property owners and/or residents sign "waivers" concurring with the proposed use or structure. The wording of the waiver shall be determined in accordance with good planning practices by the Planning Director, unless otherwise specified in the Zoning Ordinance, and shall address such issues as the nature and operation of the use or structure, ordinance provisions to be waived, duration of the waiver, extensions, revocation provisions, and the number of parties required to be notified and to sign. Unless otherwise specified in the waiver, a waiver shall be considered completely signed when signatures have been obtained from all of the property owners of the affected property(s) or their authorized agents, and one adult resident from each legal dwelling unit on the affected property(s). (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar; AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8111-1.2 - Discretionary Entitlements

These entitlements and modifications thereto are granted following determinations that require the exercise of judgement or deliberation, as opposed to merely determining that the request complies with a set of standards.

Sec. 8111-1.2.1 - Discretionary Permits

- a. Planned Development (PD) Permit - A Planned Development Permit is a permit based upon a discretionary decision that is required prior to initiation of specified uses and structures which are allowed as a matter of right, but which are subject to site plan review and which may be conditioned in order to assure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter and with the purposes of the applicable zone. Planned Development Permits may be granted by the Planning Director or his/her designee through an administrative hearing process, or by the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors through a public hearing process.

In the case of a use or development that also contemplates a subdivision of property located within the RPD Zone, the Planned Development Permit shall

be processed simultaneously with the subdivision application. Where the subdivision application would normally be approved by some authority higher than the authority normally specified for approval of the permit by Article 5, the permit may be approved only by that higher authority. Where the subdivision application would normally be approved by some authority lower than the authority normally specified for approval of the permit by Article 5 or this subsection (a), that lower authority shall defer action on the subdivision application to that higher authority. For the purposes of this Section, the Planning Commission is a higher authority than the Planning Director and the Board of Supervisors is a higher authority than the Planning Commission. (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

- b. Conditional Use Permit (CUP) - A Conditional Use Permit is a permit based upon a discretionary decision required prior to initiation of particular uses not allowed as a matter of right. Such permits are subject to site plan review and may be conditioned in order to assure compliance with the requirements of this Chapter and with the purposes of the applicable zone. Such permits may be denied on the grounds of unsuitable location, or may be conditioned in order to be approved. Conditional Use Permits may be granted through a public hearing process by the Board of Supervisors, the Planning Commission, or the Planning Director or designee. Except for projects initiated by a County agency or department, applications for Board of Supervisors-approved Conditional Use Permits shall first be reviewed by the Planning Commission.
- c. Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) - The Planning Director may authorize, by letter and without a hearing, a use or structure in an emergency situation where delay incident to the normal processing of an application would be physically detrimental to the health, safety, life, or property of the applicant or the public. EUAs may only be granted in accordance with the following standards:
 - (1) If directly related to an earthquake, flood, tsunami, landslide, chemical spill, collision, explosion, or similar disaster or catastrophic physical change that has occurred or is imminent. EUAs may also be granted under other circumstances if the magnitude of the impacts on the public or the applicant are, or can be expected to be, comparable to those attributed to the disasters and catastrophic changes referenced above.
 - (2) The EUA shall be valid for a period for no more than 180 days. Where the use or structure is intended to continue beyond 180 days, application for the appropriate permit shall be made to the appropriate decision-making authority in the usual manner within 30 days after issuance of the EUA.
 - (3) The standards of Sec. 8111-1.2.1.1 and the standards of Section 8111-1.2.1.2 through 8111-1.2.1.6 as applicable to the location and use.
- d. Major and Minor Modifications - These are discretionary actions which authorize the modification of existing permits and are granted through a process set forth in Section 8111-6.
- e. Continuation Permits for Nonconforming Uses and Structures – A Continuation Permit for Nonconforming Uses and Structures is a Planning Commission-approved discretionary permit for the time extension of nonconforming uses and structures. These permits are subject to the criteria of Sec. 8113-2 for mobilehomes, and Sec. 8113-5.4 for other nonconforming uses no longer permitted. (AM. ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)

- f. Expansion Permits for Nonconforming Uses - An Expansion Permit for Nonconforming Uses is a Planning Commission-approved discretionary permit for the expansion of existing lawfully permitted uses in the Open Space zone that were made nonconforming by changes to zoning regulations approved on March 2, 2010. Expansion Permits for Nonconforming Uses are subject to the standards in place at the time the use was made nonconforming. (ADD. ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.1 - Permit Approval Standards

Planned Development and Conditional Use Permits may only be granted if all billed fees and charges for processing the application request that are due for payment have been paid, and if all of the following standards, notwithstanding subsection 'e' below, are met, or if such conditions and limitations, including time limits, as the decision-making authority deems necessary, are imposed to allow the standards to be met. The applicant shall have the burden of proving to the satisfaction of the appropriate decision-making authority that the following standards can be met. Specific factual findings shall be made by the decision-making authority to support the conclusion that each of these standards, if applicable, can be satisfied.

- a. The proposed development is consistent with the intent and provisions of the County's General Plan and of Division 8, Chapters 1 and 2, of the Ventura County Ordinance Code;
- b. The proposed development is compatible with the character of surrounding, legally established development;
- c. The proposed development would not be obnoxious or harmful, or impair the utility of neighboring property or uses;
- d. The proposed development would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare;
- e. The proposed development, if allowed by a Conditional Use Permit, is compatible with existing and potential land uses in the general area where the development is to be located; and
- f. The proposed development will occur on a legal lot.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.2 - Additional Standards for AE Zone

In addition to the provisions of Section 8111-1.2.1.1, before any permit is issued for any structure or land use which requires a discretionary permit in the AE Zone, the following standards shall be met or be capable of being met with appropriate conditions and limitations being placed on the use: (AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

- a. That the establishment or maintenance of this use will not significantly reduce, restrict or adversely affect agricultural resources or the viability of agricultural operations in the area;
- b. That structures will be sited to minimize conflicts with agriculture, and that other uses will not significantly reduce, restrict or adversely affect agricultural activities on-site or in the area, where applicable; and
- c. That the use will be sited to remove as little land from agricultural production (or potential agricultural production) as possible.

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.3 - Compliance with Other Documents

When necessary to ensure consistency with other County Planning documents such as area plans, conditions which are more restrictive than the standards of this Ordinance may be imposed on discretionary permits.

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.4 - Additional Standards for Overlay Zones

In addition to the provisions of Sec. 8111-1.2.1.1, development within any overlay zone having specific development standards, pursuant to Article 9, must comply with such standards.

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.5 - Additional Standard for Hazardous Waste Collection, Treatment and Storage Facilities and Hazardous Waste Disposal Facilities

In addition to the provisions of Section 8211-1.2.1.1 and Section 8111.2.1.2 for any proposed development of a hazardous waste collection, treatment and storage facility or a hazardous waste disposal facility, the following additional finding must be made or be capable of being made with conditions and limitations being placed on the use:

- a. That the proposed hazardous waste collection, treatment and storage facility or hazardous waste disposal facility is consistent with the portions of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan which identify siting criteria for hazardous waste facilities.

(AM. ORD. 4214 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.6 - Additional Standards for RPD Zone

In addition to the provisions of Section 8111-1.2.1.1, the provisions of this Section shall apply to any Planned Development Permit for any use or development in the RPD Zone that contemplates a subdivision of the property to which the permit applies. Such a Planned Development Permit may be granted only if an application for the subdivision is approved simultaneously with the granting of the permit. (AM. ORD. 4377 - 1/29/08)

Sec. 8111-1.2.1.7 - Additional Standards for Cultural Heritage Sites

Where a proposed project requiring a discretionary permit is located on the same lot as a designated Cultural Heritage site, a Certificate of Appropriateness shall have been issued pursuant to the Ventura County Cultural Heritage Ordinance for the project in question prior to its approval.

Sec. 8111-1.2.2 - Variances

Variances are adjustments in the regulations and development standards contained in this Chapter. Variances are based on discretionary decisions and may be granted to allow deviations from ordinance regulations governing such development factors as setbacks, height, lot coverage, lot area and width, signs, off-street parking, landscaping and wall, fencing and screening standards. Variances shall be processed in accordance with the provisions of this Article. Variances may not be granted to authorize a use or activity which is not otherwise expressly authorized by the zone regulations governing the property. Except for administrative variances, variance requests shall be heard by the Planning Commission through a public hearing process. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.2.1 - Purpose

The sole purpose of any variance shall be to enable a property owner to make reasonable use of his or her property in the manner in which other property of like character in the same vicinity and zone can be used. For the purposes of this section, vicinity includes both incorporated and unincorporated areas if

the property in question is within the sphere of influence of an incorporated area. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.2.2 - Standards for Variances

Before any variance may be granted, the applicant must establish, and the decision-making authority must determine, that all of the following standards are met:

- a. That there are special circumstances or exceptional characteristics applicable to the subject property with regard to size, shape, topography, location or surroundings, which do not apply generally to comparable properties in the same vicinity and zone; and
- b. That granting the requested variance will not confer a special privilege inconsistent with the limitations upon other properties in the same vicinity and zone; and
- c. That strict application of the zoning regulations as they apply to the subject property will result in practical difficulties or unnecessary hardships inconsistent with the general purpose of such regulations; and
- d. That the granting of such variance will not be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare, nor to the use, enjoyment or valuation of neighboring properties; and
- e. That the granting of a variance in conjunction with a hazardous waste facility will be consistent with the portions of the County's Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CHWMP) which identify specific sites or siting criteria for hazardous waste facilities.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.2.3 - Burden of Proof

The applicant shall have the burden of proving to the satisfaction of the appropriate decision-making authority that the above standards can be met.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.2.4 - Administrative Variances by Planning Director Approval

A request for a minor variance from certain types of zoning regulations may be approved by the Planning Director as an administrative variance, if the standards of Sec. 1.2.2.2 are met. The procedures of Sec. 8111-3 shall be followed. An administrative variance may be granted only in the following situations:

- a. To allow a decrease not exceeding 20 percent in required minimum setbacks; (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- b. To allow walls, fences or hedges to exceed height limit regulations by a maximum of one foot in setback areas, except in the traffic safety sight area;
- c. To allow an increase not exceeding ten (10) percent for maximum building coverage, or sign area or height; and
- d. To allow one of the required parking spaces for a single-family dwelling to be provided in tandem.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.2.2.5 - Duration

Any variance is considered to run with the land. An expiration date may be imposed at the time the variance is granted. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-1.3 - Other Entitlements

Sec. 8111-1.3.1 - Tree Permit

A ministerial or discretionary Tree Permit is required, pursuant to Sec. 8107-25 et seq., for the alteration of Protected Trees in all applicable Base Zones and Overlay Zones; see also Article 9. Ministerial Tree Permits shall be processed in the same manner as Zoning Clearances, and discretionary Tree Permits shall be processed in the same manner as Conditional Use Permits. A Tree Permit may be issued for the alteration of one or more Protected Trees as appropriate.

Sec. 8111-1.3.2 - Film Permit

A ministerial or discretionary Film Permit is required, pursuant to Sec. 8105-4 and 8105-5 and is subject to the standards of Sec. 8107-11. Ministerial Film Permits shall be processed in the same manner as Zoning Clearances, and discretionary Film Permits shall be processed in the same manner as Conditional Use Permits.

(REP./ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-2 - Filing and Processing of Application Requests

Sec. 8111-2.1 - Submission of Applications

Application requests shall be filed with the Planning Division. No application request shall be accepted for filing and processing unless it conforms to the requirements of this Chapter; contains in a full, true and correct form the required materials and information prescribed by the forms supplied by the Ventura County Planning Division; and is accompanied by the appropriate fees in accordance with the Board-adopted fee schedule. The County staff may refer any application request to an independent and qualified consultant for review and evaluation of issues beyond the expertise or staffing capabilities of the County. The costs for all such consultant work shall be borne by the applicant and are independent of the fees paid to the Planning Division for processing of the requests. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-2.2 - Applications

Applications may be filed as provided in the following sections:

- a. Who May Apply - An application for a permit, ordinance amendment or variance may be filed by the owner of the property or his/her authorized agent, by a lessee who holds a lease with terms that permit the use applied for, or by any duly constituted government authority or agent thereof. Regardless of who is the applicant, the property owner shall sign the application. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)
- b. Co-applicants - All holders or owners of any other interests of record in the affected property shall be notified in writing of the permit application and invited to join as co-applicant.
- c. Modification, Suspension and Revocation - An application for modification, suspension or revocation of any variance or permit may be filed by any person listed in the preceding section, or by any person or political entity aggrieved; or by an official department, board or commission of the county affected.

- d. Amendments to this Chapter - An application to amend this Chapter shall be proposed in accordance with Article 15.
- e. Appeals - An appeal concerning any order, requirement, permit, determination or decision made in the administration or enforcement of this Chapter may be filed in accordance with Section 8111-7.
- f. Processing Applications Where Violations Occur - No application request for a new entitlement or time extension of an existing entitlement whose initial term has expired shall be accepted if a violation of Chapter 1 or Chapter 2 exists on the lot, unless the acceptance of the application is necessary to abate the existing violation. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)
- g. Nullification of Applications When Violations Are Discovered - Where a violation is discovered on a lot where an application request has been accepted or is being processed after being deemed complete, said application shall become null and void and returned to the applicant. All new applications shall comply with the provisions of this Chapter including, but not limited to, the filing of Late Filing Fees and the submission of full, true and correct information.
- h. Completeness of Application - Not later than 30 calendar days after the Planning Division has accepted an application under this Chapter, the applicant shall be notified in writing as to whether the application is complete or incomplete, except in the case of zone changes, which are legislative acts and thus are not subject to the 30-day limit. If the application is determined to be incomplete, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the reasons for such determination and of the information needed to make the application complete.
 - (1) Review of Supplemental Information - If any application is deemed incomplete and the applicant subsequently submits the required information, the application is then treated as if it were a new filing, and the 30-day review period begins on the day that the supplemental information is submitted.
 - (2) Termination of Incomplete Application - Upon written notification to the applicant, processing of an incomplete application may be terminated if no reasonable effort has been made by the applicant to complete the application for a period of six months from the date of notification of incompleteness. All unused fees shall be refunded to the applicant. An extension to this six-month period may be granted by the Planning Director on written request by the applicant showing good cause.

Sec. 8111-2.3 - Content of Applications

The form and content of all applications shall be determined by the Planning Division. Additional information may be required to be submitted with an application request such as site plans and elevations (in color, with building materials identified), sample floor plans and samples of exterior finishing materials as deemed appropriate by the Planning Director for complete review of the request. If the project is proposed to be developed in phases, the sequence of such phases shall also be shown. For applications to develop oil or gas resources, see Section 8107-5.6 for additional requirements.

Sec. 8111-2.4 - Applicant's Responsibilities

The names of all persons entitled to notice pursuant to Section 8111-4 shall be obtained by the applicant and filed with the application. The omission by the applicant of the name and address of any such person is grounds for denial or revocation of the permit, variance, or amendment, or such other action as the

Planning Commission or Planning Director may choose to take in regard thereto. Names and addresses of property owners shall be obtained from the last equalized assessment roll, or from such other records of the assessor or tax collector as may contain more recent addresses.

Sec. 8111-2.5 - Review and Conditioning of Applications

Applications and proposed uses shall be reviewed for the appropriate environmental document and also by various County departments as well as interested parties such as cities and special districts which are involved in the review and conditioning of projects.

Sec. 8111-2.5.1 - Earthquake Fault Zones

Any application proposing an activity which is defined as a "project" in the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act (Public Resources Code, Chapter 7.5, Section 2621 et seq.) shall be reviewed by the County Geologist in accordance with the requirements of said Act and the policies and criteria established by the State Mining and Geology Board pursuant to said Act.

Sec. 8111-2.5.2 - Abandoned Oil/Gas Wells

All projects will be reviewed for location over or near any abandoned or idle-deserted oil or gas well, based on maps provided by the Division of Oil and Gas (D.O.G.). In addition, project applicants shall notify the County and D.O.G. immediately when such wells are encountered in site preparation or construction. Applicants shall bear the cost of reabandonment if required prior to project approval. The County will notify D.O.G. of the location of any proposed project that is found to be over or near any such well(s).

Sec. 8111-2.5.3 - Abandoned Water Wells

All projects will be reviewed for location over or near any abandoned water wells in conjunction with Chapter 8, Article 1, of the Ventura County Ordinance Code. Project applicants shall notify the Ventura County Public Works Agency Water Resources Division immediately when such wells are encountered in site preparation or construction. Applicants shall bear the cost of abandonment, if required, prior to project approval. The Planning Division will notify the Public Works Agency of the location of any proposed project that is found to be over or near any such well(s).

Sec. 8111-2.6 - No Vesting of Rights

No person obtains any right or privilege to use land or structures for any purpose or in any manner described in an application request merely by virtue of the County's acceptance of an application or approval of the subject request.

Sec. 8111-2.7 - Nullification

Zoning Clearances and all licenses issued therefrom, and all other entitlements, shall be null and void for any of the following causes, once the applicant has been notified of such nullification:

- a. The application request which was submitted was not in full, true and correct form. Examples of such inadequate submittals are failures to show all existing uses, structures, facilities and improvements, which have been authorized by Chapters 1 and 2 of this Code, or which were commenced without required authorization.
- b. The entitlement issued does not comply with the terms and conditions of the permit originally granting the use under Division 8, Chapters 1 and 2, of the County Ordinance Code.

- c. The entitlement was issued erroneously.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-2.8 - Sureties

Except as otherwise specified in this Chapter, the decision-making authority may impose a penal and/or performance surety on any discretionary entitlement as a condition of such entitlement. The sureties shall be filed in a form acceptable to the County Counsel and certified by the County Clerk.

- a. The required amount of the surety(s) may be increased periodically by the Planning Director in order to compensate for inflation (based on the applicable regional Consumer Price Index) or other factors, so that the same relative value of the surety is maintained over the life of the permit, and to assure that performance sureties continue to reflect the actual anticipated costs for completing a required task. No surety shall be released until after all of the applicable conditions of the permit have been met.
- b. In the event of any failure by the permittee to perform or comply with any term or condition of a discretionary entitlement, the decision-making authority may, after notice to the permittee and after a public hearing, determine by resolution the amount of the penalty, and declare all or part of the surety forfeited. The sureties and principal will be jointly and severally obligated to pay forthwith the full amount of the forfeiture to the County of Ventura. The forfeiture of any surety shall not insulate the permittee from liability in excess of the sum of the surety for damages or injury, nor from expense or liability suffered by the County of Ventura from any breach by the permittee of any term or condition of the permit or of any applicable ordinance or of the surety.
- c. The permittee shall maintain the minimum specified amount of a penal surety throughout the life of the entitlement. Within 30 days of any forfeiture of a penal surety, the permittee shall restore the surety to the required level.

Sec. 8111-2.9 - Fees

Each application request for any purpose subject to the regulations of Division 8, Chapters 1 and 2 of the Ordinance Code, except appeals, shall be accompanied by payment of all required processing fees and all outstanding fees, charges, and penalties billed by and owed to the County under Division 8, Chapters 1 and 2 by the applicant or by persons, partnerships, corporations or other entities owned or controlled by the applicant or owning or controlling the applicant. Furthermore, each application request for any purpose, including appeals and requests for presubmittal review, shall be accompanied by the fee specified by the adopted schedule of fees and charges before it is accepted for filing and processing.

Sec. 8111-2.9.1 - Exemptions

Exemptions, in whole or in part, from application filing fees may be authorized by the fee schedule applicable to the Planning Division.

Sec. 8111-2.9.2 - Late Filing Fees

Where a use actually commences, or construction to that end is commenced, prior to the granting of required County permits or variances, a late filing fee for said permits or variances shall be collected, in addition to the required processing fees, provided that the County has given written notification to the property owner of the violation. If applications for the permits or variances needed to remedy the violation have been filed within 30 days of the issuance of said notification and deemed complete within 90 days of said notification, the late filing fee shall be refunded. The late filing fee shall be equal to the filing fee

or initial deposit of each application request necessary to legalize the violation as set forth in the adopted schedule of fees and charges, but shall not individually exceed \$1,000.00. Payment of a late filing fee does not constitute a vested right and shall not relieve persons from fully complying with the requirements of this Code, nor from any other penalties prescribed herein. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-2.9.3 - Billing Method

Once a project has been acted upon and inaugurated or the application is either withdrawn or closed, the applicant shall be billed for the balance of fees and charges up to the ceiling amount as specified by the adopted schedule of fees and charges. Should final costs be less than the deposit fee, the unused portion of the deposit shall be refunded to the applicant. Upon written request to the Operations Division of the Resource Management Agency, an accounting of all fees and charges billed to the applicant shall be made available. An applicant may request, or the County may require, incremental billing for processing costs of an application request. All fees and charges shall be due and payable within 30 days of the date of any billing invoice. If billed fees and charges are not paid within 30 days of the invoice date, a penalty charge of five percent of the unpaid balance will be added to the balance due. Each month thereafter, an interest charge of two percent of the unpaid balance shall be added and compounded until the bill is paid in full. Whenever fees and charges are not paid as prescribed, the County shall pursue collection of said fees and charges in a diligent manner, and the permit/entitlement is subject to revocation.

Sec. 8111-2.9.4 - Failure to Pay

While the County may choose not to stop processing an application for which the applicable billed fees and charges have not been paid, the County may, after a hearing, deny such application based on the applicant's failure to pay said fees and charges. Such fees shall include those costs associated in processing any environmental documents that might be required as a result of an application.

Sec. 8111-2.10 - Continuance of Permit During Application Renewal Process

Unless otherwise provided in the conditions of the permit, permits being processed for renewal shall remain in full force and effect until the renewal request is acted on, or up to twenty-four (24) months maximum or all administrative appeals have been exhausted, provided that: 1) the renewal application was accepted as complete by the Planning Division prior to the expiration of the permit; and 2) the permittee is in compliance with all terms and conditions of the original permit at the time of the application for renewal. All the terms and conditions of the original permit must be followed at all times. At the sole discretion of the Planning Director, the 24 month period may be extended if the protracted time frame for permit processing was substantially beyond the control of the applicant.

Sec. 8111-3 - Notice and Hearing Procedures

Sec. 8111-3.1 - Notice

Sec. 8111-3.1.1

All hearing notices prepared pursuant to this Article shall include the date, time and place of the hearing, the identity of the hearing body or officer, a general explanation of the matter to be considered, and a general description, in text or by diagram, of the subject property.

Sec. 8111-3.1.2

Whenever a hearing is required under this Article before an application can be acted upon, the Planning Division shall set a date, time and place for the matter to be heard, and shall give public notice of the hearing by publication in a newspaper of general circulation at least ten days prior to the hearing.

Sec. 8111-3.1.3

In addition, if the hearing involves a discretionary permit (other than an Emergency Use Authorization) or modification thereto, a variance or modification or revocation thereof, an appeal regarding any variance or discretionary permit, or a zoning ordinance amendment which affects the permitted uses of property, then a written notice, postage prepaid, shall be mailed to all of the following, pursuant to Government Code Section 65091, as the same may be amended from time to time.

- a. The owner of the subject property, or the owner's duly authorized agent;
- b. The applicant, if different from the owner;
- c. Each local agency whose ability to provide essential services or facilities to the project may be significantly affected by the project; and
- d. The owners of all real property situated within a radius of 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the Assessor's Parcel(s) which is the subject of the application. Names and addresses shall be obtained, or cause to be obtained, by the applicant from the latest equalized assessment roll. If the number of owners exceeds 1,000, a one-eighth page advertisement published at least ten days prior to the hearing in a newspaper of general circulation may be substituted for the direct mailing.

Sec. 8111-3.1.4

Notification shall also be mailed or delivered, at least ten days prior to the hearing, to any person who has filed a written request for such notice with the Planning Director or the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 8111-3.1.5

In the case of appeal hearings, notice shall also be provided to the appellant and, if applicable, to the County official, department, Board or Commission whose order, requirement, permit, decision or determination is the subject of the appeal.

Sec. 8111-3.2 - Hearing Procedures

The decision-making authority(s) shall hold at least one public hearing on any duly filed application that requires a discretionary decision except Permit and Variance Adjustments. Such hearings shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow the applicant and all other interested parties to be heard and present their positions on the case in question, and shall have a record of the decision kept, along with the findings made which supported the decision. Administrative hearings shall be conducted by the Planning Director or designee.

Sec. 8111-3.3 - Public Hearing Quorum

A quorum for a hearing before the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors shall consist of three members. The approval of any discretionary decision or permit, or other matters brought before either body, requires the concurrence of at least three of its members. The secretary shall enter the decision in the minutes or records of the meeting.

Sec. 8111-3.4 - Referrals

A decision-making authority may refer a matter back to the preceding hearing body for further report, information or study.

Sec. 8111-3.5 - Continued Matters

If it is necessary to continue the hearing or decision on any matter before the decision-making authority, the person presiding at the hearing shall, before adjournment thereof, publicly announce the date, time and place to which the matter will be continued. Except for the posting of an agenda containing the continued matter in a public place at least 72 hours before the continued hearing, no further notice need be given.

Sec. 8111-4 - Decisions

Not more than 40 calendar days following the termination of hearings on an application request requiring a discretionary decision, the final decision-making authority shall render its decision either by the adoption of a Resolution (for applications decided by the Planning Commission) or by the issuance of a Determination Letter (for applications decided by the Planning Director or designee). A Resolution or Determination Letter rendering a decision on an application request shall recite such conditions and limitations deemed necessary by the decision-making authority and shall require that all conditions requiring recordation of an interest in property, and other conditions as appropriate, shall be satisfied prior to issuance of a Zoning Clearance for the inauguration of a Planned Development or Conditional Use Permit or variance.

Sec. 8111-4.1 - Deferral of Decisions on Applications

Sec. 8111-4.1.1

The Planning Director may defer any decision on a Planned Development Permit or Conditional Use Permit application or modification, suspension, or revocation thereto, to the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors at any time up to 30 days after the close of the administrative public hearing if the project:

For the Planning Commission:

- a. May result in significant adverse environmental impacts which cannot be mitigated to less than significant levels; or
- b. Involves significant public controversy; or
- c. May be in conflict with County policies, or would necessitate the establishment of new policies; or
- d. May be precedent setting; or
- e. Should be deferred for any other cause deemed justifiable by the Planning Director.

For the Board of Supervisors:

- a. Was heard by the Board of Supervisors as the original decision making body; or
- b. Was last heard on appeal by the Board of Supervisors and the issue involves, or is related to, one of the points of appeal; or
- c. Involves interpretation or new policy making on a substantial issue that clearly requires Board of Supervisors involvement; or
- d. Should be deferred for any other cause deemed justifiable by the Planning Director.

(AM. ORD. 4216 - 10/24/00)

Sec. 8111-4.1.2

The Planning Commission may defer a decision on an entitlement to the Board of Supervisors in cases where two entitlements regarding the same property or site are being processed concurrently, and the Board is the decision-making authority for one of the entitlements.

Sec. 8111-4.2 - Decision Options

The decision-making authority hearing a discretionary matter may approve, deny or modify, wholly or partly, the request being reviewed. The authority may impose such conditions and limitations as it deems necessary to assure that all applicable policies and specific requirements as well as the general purpose and intent of this Chapter and its various Articles will be carried out, and that the public interest, health, safety, convenience and welfare will be served. In the absence of any provision to the contrary in a decision granting a request, said request is granted as set forth in the application. All conditions and restrictions applied to a decision on an application request not appealed shall automatically continue to govern and limit the subject use or structure unless the action of the decision-making authority clearly indicates otherwise.

Sec. 8111-4.3 - Notice of Final Decision

Not later than 4 calendar days following the effective date of a decision, the Planning Division shall cause the decision-making authority's decision to be mailed to the applicant or appellant in resolution or letter form, in care of the address appearing on the application or such other address designated in writing by the applicant or appellant. In addition, the authority and/or agency whose decision is the subject of an appeal shall also be notified of the decision.

Sec. 8111-4.4 - Effective Date of Decisions

Sec. 8111-4.4.1

An administrative decision or a decision of the Planning Commission is effective at the expiration of the decision's appeal period unless an appeal, in proper form and addressed to the appropriate decision-making authority, is filed with the Planning Director prior to the expiration of the appeal period.

Sec. 8111-4.4.2

A decision of the Board of Supervisors is effective on the date it is rendered.

Sec. 8111-4.5 - Effect of an Appeal

The filing of an appeal shall automatically stay all proceedings in furtherance of the subject request. Neither the applicant nor any enforcement agency may rely on an authority's decision until the expiration of the decision's appeal period or until the appeal has been resolved, whichever occurs later. See also Sec. 8111-7.

Sec. 8111-4.6 - Implementation

The Planning Director shall be responsible for preparing the resolutions or letters mentioned in this Article and any other paper or document required by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors in order to discharge their duties and responsibilities under this Article and Chapter. (AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-4.7 - Expiration

Unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance Code or in the permit conditions, any permit hereafter granted that requires a Zoning Clearance becomes null and void if a Zoning Clearance is not obtained by the permittee within the time specified in such

permit. If no date is specified, the permit shall expire one year from the date of issuance unless a Zoning Clearance has been issued. After expiration of a permit, the property affected thereby shall be subject to the regulations of the applicable zone classification and all other provisions of this Chapter. The permittee is solely responsible for the timely renewal of a permit; the County has no obligation to notify the permittee of the imminent expiration of the permit.

Sec. 8111-5 - Reapplication

An application request may be denied with prejudice on the grounds that two or more similar application requests have been denied in the past two years, or that other good cause exists for limiting the filing of applications with respect to the property. If such denial becomes effective, no further application for the denied request shall be filed in whole or in part for the ensuing 18 months except as otherwise specified at the time of the denial, or unless there is a substantial change in the application.

Sec. 8111-6 - Modification, Suspension and Revocation

Sec. 8111-6.1 - Modification of Permits

An application for modification of a permit or variance pursuant to this Section may be filed by any person or entity listed in Sec. 8111-2.2. Any change of an approved discretionary permit is also a discretionary decision and is considered to fall into one of the categories noted below. For all of the following situations, any adjustments or modifications to permits or variances issued without a previously approved environmental document shall be reviewed for its incremental impact on the environment, and subject to the appropriate process.

Sec. 8111-6.1.1 - Permit or Variance Adjustment*

- a. A cumulative increase or decrease of not more than 10 percent in gross floor area; permit area; the area of walls, fences, or similar structures used as screening; height; parking area; landscaping area; or total area of on-site identification signs; provided that any resulting increase in parking space requirements will be accommodated on-site or off-site as described in Section 8108-3.3.1.
- b. Internal remodeling or minor architectural changes or embellishments involving no change in basic architectural style.
- c. A change in use where the new use requires the same or a lesser permit than the existing use; or the establishment of a new use in an unoccupied building that has been granted a permit; provided, in both cases, that any resulting increase in parking space requirements will be accommodated on-site or off-site as described in Section 8108-3.3.1.

(AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97; AM. ORD 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8111-6.1.2 - Minor Modification

Any proposed change that exceeds the criteria of a Permit Adjustment as described above, but is not extensive enough to be considered a substantial or

** Editor's Note: The introductory paragraph of Section 8111-6.1.1 was inadvertently removed, and should read "Any change which would not alter any of the findings made pursuant to Secs. 8111-1.2.1.1 through 1.2.1.6 or Sec. 8111-1.2.2.2, nor any findings contained in the environmental document prepared for the permit or variance, and would not have any adverse impact on surrounding properties, may be deemed a permit or variance adjustment and acted upon by the Planning Director or designee without a hearing. Such changes may include, but are not limited to, the following:"*

fundamental change in land use relative to the permit, would not have a substantial adverse impact on surrounding properties, and would not change any findings contained in the environmental document prepared for the permit, shall be deemed a minor modification and be acted upon by the Planning Director or the Planning Director's designee through an administrative public hearing process.

Sec. 8111-6.1.3 - Major Modification

Any proposed modification which is considered to be a substantial change in land use relative to the original permit, and/or would alter the findings contained in the environmental document prepared for the permit, shall be deemed a major modification and be acted upon by the decision-making authority which approved the original permit.

Sec. 8111-6.2 - Modification, Suspension and Revocation for Cause

Any permit or variance heretofore or hereafter granted may be modified or revoked, or its use suspended by the same decision-making authority and procedure which would normally approve the permit or variance under this Chapter. An application for such modification, suspension or revocation may be filed by any person or entity listed in Sec. 8111-2.1, or by any other aggrieved person. The applicant for such modification, suspension or revocation shall have the burden of proving one or more of the following causes:

- a. That any term or condition of the permit or variance has not been complied with;
- b. That the property subject to the permit or variance, or any portion thereof, is or has been used or maintained in violation of any statute, ordinance, law or regulation;
- c. That the use for which the permit or variance was granted has not been exercised for at least 12 consecutive months, has ceased to exist, or has been abandoned;
- d. That the use for which the permit or variance was granted has been so exercised as to be detrimental to the public health, safety or general welfare or as to constitute a nuisance;
- e. That changes in technology, or in the type or amount of development in the vicinity of the use, or other good cause warrants modification of conditions of operation or imposition of additional conditions of operation to assure that the use remains compatible with existing and potential uses of other property within the general area in which the use is located. This subsection (e) is declaratory of existing law;
- f. That the permittee has failed to pay any fees, charges, fines, or penalties associated with processing or enforcing the permit;
- g. That the permittee has failed to comply with any enforcement requirement established in Article 14.

Sec. 8111-6.2.1 - Modification for Violations

Whenever a violation of this Chapter or permit condition is determined to exist on a site subject to a discretionary permit, said permit shall be automatically modified to:

- a. Require the permittee to submit to the Planning Division, and thereafter maintain, a deposit equal to the applicable amount specified in the then current Fee Schedule adopted by the Board of Supervisors. Said deposit

covers the County's cost for periodic condition compliance reviews of the site pursuant to Sec. 8114-3.4 and abatement of confirmed violations.

The specific condition added to the modified permit shall be provided to the permittee by the Planning Director after the permittee has exhausted his administrative appeal remedies associated with the determination that a violation exists.

Sec. 8111-6.2.2 - Nonwaiver

The failure of the Planning Director, Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors to revoke a variance or permit, or to suspend its use, whenever cause therefor exists or occurs, does not constitute a waiver of such right with respect to any subsequent cause for revocation or suspension of the use.

Sec. 8111-6.2.3 - Prohibition

No person shall carry on any of the operations authorized to be performed under the terms of any permit during any period of suspension thereof, or after the revocation thereof, or pending a judgement of court upon any application for writ taken to review the decision or order of the final appeal body in the County in suspending or revoking such permit; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall be construed to prevent the performance of such operations as may be necessary in connection with a diligent and bona fide effort to cure and remedy the default, noncompliance or violation, for which a suspension of the permit was ordered by the applicable County entity, or such operations as may be required by other laws and regulations for the safety of persons and the protection and preservation of property.

Sec. 8111-7 - Appeals

Unless otherwise provided in this Chapter, an appeal shall be processed in the same manner as other discretionary application requests set forth in this Article and in accordance with the following:

Sec. 8111-7.1 - General

An application for an appeal concerning any order, requirement, permit or decision made in the administration of this Chapter may be filed by an aggrieved party within ten calendar days after the alleged decision-making error, or on the following work day if the tenth day falls on a weekend or holiday. Included within this Section are appeals of the Planning Director's refusal to accept or process an application until the applicant paid all outstanding fees and charges in accordance with Sections 8111-2.1, 8111-2.9 and 8201-5. In hearing and deciding such an appeal of the Planning Director's refusal, the Planning Commission shall consider the correctness of the amount of the outstanding debt or charge and whether the debt or charge is owed by the appellant, if such issues are raised by the appellant. Decisions made regarding enforcement reports, which are not a part of this Chapter, are not appealable. The filing of an appeal shall automatically stay all proceedings in furtherance of the subject request. (*See also Sec. 8111-4.5*)

Sec. 8111-7.2 - Hearing Body

All appeals shall be filed with the Planning Division on the appropriate application forms and be addressed to the decision-making authority hearing the appeal. The appropriate decision-making authorities, unless otherwise stipulated here in this Article, are as follows:

- a. Appeals of Administrative Decisions (by the Planning Director or designee) shall be heard by the Planning Commission, except that Zoning Clearances for Second Dwelling Units are final decisions and are not subject to appeal.
- b. Appeals of Planning Commission decisions shall be heard by the Board of Supervisors.
- c. Appeals relating solely to requests under this Chapter for waivers or modifications of policies of the Board of Supervisors need only be heard by the Board of Supervisors.

(AM. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Sec. 8111-7.3 - Appeal Period

The appeal period for appeals to County decision-making authorities shall end ten calendar days after the decision being appealed is rendered pursuant to Section 8111-4, or on the following workday if the tenth day falls on a weekend or holiday.

Sec. 8111-7.4 - Hearing and Notice

Upon receipt of a complete appeal application form and any required fees, the Planning Division shall establish a date, time and place for the hearing. Notice shall be given in the same manner as required for the original request, and shall also be given to the applicant and appellant, as the case may be.

Sec. 8111-7.4.1

The Planning Director shall deliver all pertinent information relating to the matter on appeal to the authority hearing the appeal prior to the date of the hearing, unless otherwise directed by that authority.

Sec. 8111-7.4.2

A matter on appeal may be referred back to the preceding decision-making authority for further report, information or study.

Sec. 8111-7.4.3

Whenever a matter on appeal has been referred back to the preceding decision-making authority, said authority shall respond within 30 calendar days following the date of such referral, unless otherwise specified by the decision-making authority making the referral.

Sec. 8111-7.4.4

Hearings on multiple appeals may be consolidated.

Sec. 8111-7.5 - Appellate Decision

The decision-making authority shall either approve, deny, or approve with modifications, the appeal request.

Sec. 8111-7.6 - Second Dwelling Unit Procedures

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Article:

- a. No public hearings shall be conducted on applications for second dwelling units under Sections 8105-4, 8107-1.7, and 8108-4.7. (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- b. Decisions of the Planning Director (or designee) on second dwelling units are final County decisions when rendered and are not subject to appeal.

(ADD. ORD. 4282 - 5/20/03)

Sec. 8111-8 - Compliance with Zoning Ordinance Requirements and Permit Conditions

Sec. 8111-8.1 - Responsibility for Compliance with Regulations and Permit Conditions

The permittee and his successors in interest shall be initially responsible for compliance with all applicable regulations and permit conditions. Should the permittee fail to comply with applicable requirements, the property owner and his successors in interest are responsible for such compliance.

Sec. 8111-8.2 - Acceptance of Permit Conditions

The inauguration of a use, construction of a structure, grading, or other preliminary site work, authorized or unauthorized, to establish a use for which an entitlement has been granted, shall constitute acceptance by the permittee and property owner of the conditions imposed on entitlements issued for such use or structure.

Sec. 8111-8.3 - Recording Notice of Responsibilities

As a condition of approval for all discretionary permits, a notice shall be recorded on the deed to the subject property, in a manner acceptable to the County, that describes the responsibilities of the property owner and permittees for compliance with applicable permit conditions and regulations in accordance with Sec. 8111-8 and its applicable subsections.

(ADD. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

Sec. 8111-9 - Reasonable Accommodation

(ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

Sec. 8111-9.1 – Purpose

Pursuant to the Federal Fair Housing Act, and the California Fair Employment and Housing Act (the Acts), it is the policy of the County of Ventura to provide individuals with disabilities reasonable accommodations in land use and zoning rules, policies, practices and procedures that may be necessary to afford disabled persons an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling. Requests for reasonable accommodation shall be processed in accordance with this section.

Reasonable accommodations may include, but are not limited to, setback area encroachments for ramps, handrails, or other such accessibility improvements; hardscape additions, such as widened driveways, parking area or walkways that would not otherwise comply with required landscaping or open space area provisions; and building addition(s) necessary to afford the applicant an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling.

Sec. 8111-9.2 – Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Requests

A "Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request" application form provided by the Planning Division must be completed and filed with the Planning Division. If the project for which the request is being made requires a discretionary entitlement, the applicant shall file the Reasonable Accommodation Request application concurrent with the application for discretionary approval. In this case, the review period for the Reasonable Accommodation request shall be the same as the application review period for the discretionary entitlement.

Although the applicant may be represented by an agent, the applicant must qualify as a protected individual under the Acts. If the applicant needs assistance in making

the Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request or processing any appeals associated with the request, the Planning Division shall provide assistance necessary to ensure that the process is accessible to the applicant.

Sec. 8111-9.3 – Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Determination

Upon receipt of a completed written application for a Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request, the Planning Director shall review the Request and make a determination whether to approve or deny it, in whole or in part. All references to the Planning Director in Sec. 8111-9 shall include his or her designee.

If additional information is needed to make a determination, the Planning Director shall request it of the applicant, specifying in writing the information that is needed. The applicant shall provide the information prior to the Planning Director acting upon and/or making a determination on the Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request.

Sec. 8111-9.4 – Standards for Determining Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Requests

The Planning Director shall consider the following criteria in making a determination on a Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request:

- a. The applicant seeking the accommodation(s) is a qualified individual protected under the Acts.
- b. The accommodation(s) is reasonable and necessary to afford the applicant an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit(s).
- c. The requested accommodation(s) would not impose an undue financial or administrative burden on the County.
- d. The requested accommodation would not require a fundamental alteration in any County program, policy, practice, ordinance, and/or procedure, including zoning ordinances.
- e. Other factors that may have a bearing on the accommodation request.

Sec. 8111-9.5 – Conditions of Approval

The Planning Director may impose conditions on the approval of a Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request, which may include, but are not limited to, any or all of the following:

- a. Periodic inspection of the affected premises by the County's Code Compliance Division to verify compliance with this section and any applicable conditions of approval;
- b. Removal of the improvements by the applicant when the accommodation is no longer necessary to afford the applicant an equal opportunity to use and enjoy the dwelling unit(s), if removal would not constitute an unreasonable financial burden;
- c. Expiration of the approval when the accommodation is no longer necessary to afford the applicant an equal opportunity to use and enjoy the dwelling unit; and/or
- d. A requirement that the applicant advise the Planning Division if the applicant no longer qualifies as an individual with a disability under the Acts or if the accommodation granted is no longer reasonable or necessary to afford the applicant an equal opportunity to use and enjoy a dwelling unit(s).

Sec. 8111-9.6 – Written Determination on the Request for Reasonable Accommodation

Except as provided in Section 8111.9.2, not more than 45 days after receiving a completed Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Request Form, the Planning Director shall issue a written determination and shall set forth in detail the basis for the determination, the findings on the criteria set forth Section 8111-9.4, and the conditions of approval. The determination shall be sent to the applicant by certified mail and shall give notice of the applicant's right to appeal as set forth in Section 8111-9.7.

Upon the request of the Planning Director to the applicant to provide additional information pursuant to Sec. 8111-9.3, the 45 day determination period shall be stopped. Once the applicant provides the Planning Director the information requested, a new 45-day period shall begin.

Sec. 8111-9.7 – Appeals

Within 10 days of the date of the Planning Director's written determination, the applicant may file an appeal of the determination pursuant to Section 8111-7. Appeals will be heard by the Ventura County Planning Commission.

Sec. 8111-9.8 – Limitations on Approvals of Fair Housing Reasonable Accommodation Requests

Any grant of accommodation shall be personal to the applicant and shall not run with the land.

(ADD. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

ARTICLE 12:

LIMITATIONS ON ISSUANCE OF BUILDING PERMITS IN THE OJAI VALLEY TO PROTECT AIR QUALITY

(REP. & REEN. ORD. 3919 - 12/19/89) *Editor's Note: See also ORDs. 3896, 3897, 3901*

Sec. 8112-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to protect the health, safety and general welfare of present and future residents of Ventura County against the adverse effects of poor air quality attributable to population related emissions.

Sec. 8112-1 - Findings

The Ventura County Board of Supervisors, by adopting the Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP) as defined in this Article, has made, and hereby reaffirms, the following findings:

- a. There is a direct relationship between the quality of the County's air and the health, safety and welfare of the County's residents; and
- b. The quality of the County's air has deteriorated to the point where it currently fails to meet state and federal ambient air quality standards designed to protect health, safety and welfare; and (AM. ORD. 3919 - 12/19/89)
- c. Failure to meet such state and federal standards in the County results in aggravation of the illness of persons suffering from asthma or chronic lung disease, an increase in the work of breathing for many healthy persons, impairment of the performance of persons engaged in strenuous activities, significant health care costs attributable to air quality related health problems, and air pollution damage to crops amounting to millions of dollars annually; and
- d. There is a direct measurable relationship between population growth and emissions which contribute to the deterioration of air quality in the County; and
- e. The AQMP has identified all reasonably available control measures for the control of emissions in the Ojai Valley (as defined in this Article) and has established the maximum rate of population growth, as measured by the rate of increase in the number of dwelling units, that can be accommodated in the Ojai Valley, assuming the implementation of all such reasonably available control measures, without precluding ultimate compliance within such area with the state and federal ambient air quality standards; and
- f. Regulation of population growth in the Ojai Valley, as measured by the increase in the number of dwelling units, in accordance with the AQMP, in addition to the implementation of all other reasonably available control measures for the control of emissions, is necessary in order to preserve a reasonable chance of ultimate compliance with federal ambient air quality standards and to protect adequately the public health, safety and welfare; and
- g. Such regulation pursuant to this Article may have the effect of limiting housing opportunities in the Ojai Valley, but that risk is outweighed by the above-described adverse impacts upon the public health, safety and welfare which would result if there were no such regulation.

Sec. 8112-2 - Definitions

As used in this Article, the following terms shall have the meanings set forth in this Section:

AQMP - The Air Quality Management Plan for Ventura County, including all appendices thereto, as amended from time to time.

AQMP Figure E-1 and AQMP Table E-6 - Figure E-1 and Table E-6, respectively, of Appendix E-87 to the version of the AQMP adopted July 26, 1988, or if such figure and table are amended by later versions of the AQMP, the most recent versions of such figure and table, however numbered.

Completed Dwelling Unit - A dwelling unit that is or could be lawfully occupied without the issuance of any further certificate of occupancy, certificate of final inspection or similar document.

Current Number of Dwelling Units - As of any given point in time, the total number of:

- a. Completed Dwelling Units; plus
- b. dwelling units that are not yet Completed Dwelling Units but for which a Current Residential Permit has been issued; plus
- c. dwelling units that are not yet Completed Dwelling Units but for which an unexpired building permit has been issued by the City of Ojai.

Current Residential Permit - A Residential Permit that has been issued and has not yet expired.

Developable Lot - A lot that:

- a. is a legal lot;
- b. meets all of the requirements set forth in Section 8111-2.2.1, subdivision (a), for the issuance of a Zoning Clearance for construction of an additional dwelling unit; and
- c. has been issued all discretionary permits, if any, that are a condition precedent to issuance of a building permit for an additional dwelling unit; provided that, if the lot could lawfully be developed with more than one additional dwelling unit the lot shall, for the purposes of this Article, be deemed to contain one Developable Lot for each such additional dwelling unit.

Maximum Permissible Number of Dwelling Units - As of any given point in time, the total number of dwelling units that, according to AQMP Table E-6, are forecasted to be in the Ojai Valley on January 1 of the second succeeding calendar year. For example, AQMP Table E-6 forecasts that there will be 11,044 dwelling units in the Ojai Valley on January 1, 1992. Hence, the Maximum Permissible Number of Dwelling Units for any given point of time in 1990 is 11,044. The second succeeding calendar year is selected in recognition of the fact that it takes approximately one year to complete a dwelling unit after the requisite permits have been issued.

Ojai Valley - The area comprised of all those areas referred to in AQMP Table E-6 as the "Ojai GA," "Ojai NGA," "Ventura River GA," and "Ventura River NGA," and depicted on AQMP Figure E-1 as the "Growth Area" and the "Nongrowth Area" for "Ojai" and "Ventura River Valley."

Residential Permit - A ministerial permit issued by the Planning Director pursuant to Section 8112-6.

Sec. 8112-3 - Limitations on Issuance of Building Permits

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Code or of any other ordinance or resolution of the County, no building permit may be applied for or issued for the construction or installation of an additional dwelling unit (as opposed to the repair, modification or replacement of an existing dwelling unit), in the unincorporated portion of the Ojai Valley unless a Current Residential Permit has been issued for that unit.

Sec. 8112-4 - Limitations on Issuance of Residential Permits

No Residential Permit may be issued for the unincorporated portion of the Ojai Valley if the issuance of such permit would cause the Current Number of Dwelling Units for the whole of such area (including both the incorporated and unincorporated portions thereof) to exceed the Maximum Permissible Number of Dwelling Units for such area. A Residential Permit respecting a lot located within the unincorporated portion of the Ojai Valley may be issued only if such lot is listed upon a waiting list established for that area pursuant to Section 8112-5.

Sec. 8112-5 - Waiting Lists for Residential Permits

Two waiting lists (designated "Waiting List A" and "Waiting List B") for Residential Permits shall be established for the Ojai Valley.

Sec. 8112-5.1 - Waiting List A

The record owner of a Developable Lot located within the unincorporated portion of the Ojai Valley may cause such lot to be listed on Waiting List A by submitting to the Planning Director a completed application for such listing in the form approved by the Planning Director together with a payment of the processing fee established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. No such application shall be accepted if any record owner, in whole or in part, of such lot is also the record owner, in whole or in part, of any other lot listed on Waiting List A which other lot was placed on such list in the same calendar year in which the application in question was submitted. Each accepted application shall be marked with the time and date of its acceptance by the Planning Director. The lot to which an accepted application relates shall then be listed on Waiting List A in the chronological order of such acceptance.

Sec. 8112-5.2 - Waiting List B

The record owner of two or more Developable Lots located within the unincorporated portion of the Ojai Valley may cause such lots to be listed on Waiting List B, or cause space to be reserved for later listing of such lots on Waiting List B, by submitting a completed application for such listing or reservation in the form approved by the Planning Director together with the payment of the processing fee established by resolution of the Board of Supervisors. No such application shall be accepted if any record owner, in whole or in part, of such lots would, after such lots had been listed or spaces therefor been reserved, be the record owner, in whole or in part, of more than the permitted maximum number of listed lots and reserved spaces in the aggregate on Waiting List B which had been placed on such list in the same calendar year. For the purpose of this Article, the record owner of lots for which spaces have been reserved on Waiting List B shall be deemed to be the record owner of such reserved spaces. Further, no such application shall be accepted if, after such lots had been listed or spaces therefor had been reserved, the total number of lots from a single subdivision listed on Waiting List B plus the total number of spaces reserved on Waiting List B for lots from that same subdivision would be more than the permitted maximum number. Lots are "from a single subdivision" if they are depicted on a single approved tentative map and were created by one or more final

or parcel maps recorded in compliance with such tentative map. The "permitted maximum number" of listed lots and spaces that can be owned by a record owner or be from a single subdivision is 10, unless all of such lots and spaces have received a density bonus and a Planned Development Permit for an affordable or senior housing development pursuant to Article 16 of this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 4455 – 10/22/13)

Sec. 8112-5.2.1 - Specific Lots

If the application is for the immediate listing of specific lots, the following procedures shall apply. Each accepted application shall be marked with the time and date of its acceptance by the Planning Director. The lots to which an accepted application relate shall be listed on Waiting List B in the chronological order of such acceptance.

Sec. 8112-5.2.2 - Reserved Spaces

If the application is for the reservation of one or more spaces on the waiting list, the following procedures shall apply. Each application shall identify the specific lots which could potentially be listed in such space or spaces. For example, the record owner of ten lots could reserve space on the waiting list for five lots. The application would identify each of the ten lots which could potentially be listed in such five spaces, but would not have to specify which five out of the ten would ultimately be listed. Each accepted application shall be marked with the time and date of its acceptance by the Planning Director. The number of spaces to which an accepted application relates shall be reserved on Waiting List B in the chronological order of such acceptance. Such owner may submit multiple applications pertaining to the same group of potentially listed lots provided that the number of spaces reserved for such group of lots in the aggregate does not exceed the total number of such lots which are not yet specifically listed but are still owned as a matter of record by such owner. For example, the record owner of ten lots identified for potential listing for which five spaces had been reserved could later reserve a maximum of five additional spaces farther down the list pertaining to the same ten lots. The person designated on the application for such purposes or such person's designee shall have the authority to specify which particular lot identified in the application for potential listing will actually be listed in each space reserved therefore regardless of whether ownership of the lots has changed. Such specification shall be made by submitting to the Planning Director a completed form satisfactory to the Planning Director. Such form must be submitted prior to submission of an application for a building permit respecting such reserved space. The lot so specified shall then be listed on Waiting List B in the space to which it has been assigned.

Sec. 8112-5.3 - Listing of Lots on Waiting Lists A and B

A lot may simultaneously appear on both Waiting List A and Waiting List B, provided that it meets all other requirements for listing. No specific lot may appear more than once on either one of the lists at any given time. A lot that has been stricken from a waiting list pursuant to this Article may be listed again, provided that it meets all of the requirements for listing at such time.

Sec. 8112-5.4 - Relisting in Event of Water Moratorium

If a lot or reserved space is stricken from a waiting list pursuant to Section 8112-6 because of the owner's failure to submit an acceptable application for a building permit but, within the time period specified in that section for submitting such an application, the current record owner of the lot or reserved space has shown to the satisfaction of the Building Official that such failure was due to a temporary moratorium on connections to the applicable domestic water supply system, then the lot or reserved space shall be automatically restored to its relative position on

the waiting list on the January 1 next following the date on which it was stricken from that list. (ADD. ORD. 3994 - 3/3/92)

Sec. 8112-5.5 - Relisting in Event of Voluntary Withdrawal

If the owner of a lot or reserved space for which a Residential Permit has been issued pursuant to Section 8112-6 submits to the Planning Director, within 90 calendar days following the issuance of the Residential Permit, a request that the lot or reserved space be stricken from the waiting list immediately and restored to the waiting list in the following year, then the lot or reserved space shall be stricken from the waiting list immediately and be automatically restored to its relative position on the waiting list on the January 1 next following, by at least 90 calendar days, the date on which it was stricken. The Residential Permit shall expire when the lot or reserved space to which it pertains is stricken from the waiting list. A given lot or reserved space may be stricken from and then restored to the waiting list pursuant to this Section only once, except as otherwise provided below. A given lot or reserved space may be stricken from and then restored to the waiting list pursuant to this Section any number of times if, at the time the request is submitted to the Planning Director, the owner demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Planning Director that all of the following are true:

- a. The proposed domestic water supply to the lot or reserved space is to be provided by a public water system as defined in Section 4010.1 of the Health and Safety Code;
- b. A binding agreement has been entered into between the owner and the water supplier, enforceable by the owner and the owner's successors in interest to the lot or reserved space, providing, on terms substantially the same as those given the water supplier's customers generally, for the connection to the water supplier's system of the lot or reserved space; and
- c. The agreement was in effect on March 3, 1992, and is still in effect.

(ADD. ORD. 3994 - 3/3/92)

Sec. 8112-6 - Issuance of Residential Permits and Application for Building Permits

From time to time, as it appears to the Planning Director that the provisions of Section 8112-4 would no longer prohibit the issuance of Residential Permits with respect to one or more lots or reserved spaces at the top of the waiting lists, the Planning Director shall mail the Residential Permits to the addresses indicated for such purpose on the applications for listing. The Planning Director shall mail such permits so that within each calendar year, to the fullest extent possible, 50 percent of the lots and reserved spaces to which they relate are listed on Waiting List A and 50 percent are listed on Waiting List B; provided that, if it appears as of December 1 of any calendar year that either list is not long enough to use up its allocation within that calendar year, the Planning Director shall make such unused allocation available to the other list by mailing the Residential Permits in December of that year. The Residential Permit shall state that unless the current record owner of the lot or reserved space submits to the Building Official of the County an acceptable application for a building permit within the time period specified in this Section, the lot or reserved space shall be stricken from the waiting list and the Residential Permit shall expire. If the Residential Permit pertains to a reserved space, it shall further state that, prior to applying for a building permit, the record owner must submit to the Planning Director in compliance with Section 8112-5.2.2 a form specifying the particular lot to be listed in the reserved space. The application for a building permit shall be completed in a manner acceptable to the Building Official. The time period for submitting an acceptable application for a building permit shall be the 90 calendar days

following the day on which the Residential Permit is deposited in the mail; provided, however, that for good cause shown prior to the expiration of such 90-day period, the Building Official may extend such period for an additional period not to exceed 90 calendar days. Any decision to grant or deny such an extension shall be final and conclusive when announced by the Building Official. If the current record owner of the lot or reserved space does not submit an acceptable application for a building permit within such 90-day period or any extension thereof, the lot or reserved space shall be stricken from the waiting list and the Residential Permit shall expire. If the current record owner of the lot does submit an acceptable application for a building permit within such 90-day period or any extension thereof, the date on which such application was accepted by the Building Official shall be marked thereon. (AM. ORD. 3994 - 3/3/92)

Sec. 8112-7 - Issuance of Building Permits

All of the requirements for issuance of the building permit for which a Residential Permit is required must be satisfied within 90 calendar days following the date on which the application for the building permit was accepted pursuant to Section 8112-6; provided, however, that for good cause shown prior to the expiration of such 90-day period the Building Official may extend such period for an additional period not to exceed 30 calendar days. Any decision to grant or deny such an extension shall be final and conclusive when announced by the Building Official. If any of such requirements is not satisfied within such 90-day period or any extension thereof, the building permit shall not be issued, the lot shall be stricken from the waiting list, and the Residential Permit shall expire. If all such requirements are satisfied within such 90-day period or any extension thereof, the building permit shall be issued and the lot shall be stricken from the waiting list. When a building permit is issued, the Residential Permit shall remain in effect until either the building permit expires or the unit becomes a Completed Dwelling Unit, at which time the Residential Permit shall expire.

Sec. 8112-8 - Voluntary Withdrawal From Waiting List

Any lot or reserved space on a waiting list established pursuant to Section 8112-5 shall be stricken from such list at the request of the current record owner of such lot or reserved space. Any Residential Permit pertaining to such lot or reserved space shall expire when the lot or reserved space is stricken pursuant to this Section.

Sec. 8112-9 - Annual Review

The Board of Supervisors shall hold annual public hearings each January to review the effectiveness of this Article. At each hearing, the Planning Director shall report the following for the Ojai Valley:

- a. The Current Number of Dwelling Units as of January 1 of the year of the hearing, broken into the following components:
 - (1) Completed Dwelling Units;
 - (2) Dwelling units that are not yet Completed Dwelling Units but for which a Current Residential Permit has been issued; and
 - (3) Dwelling units that are not yet Completed Dwelling Units but for which an unexpired building permit has been issued by the City of Ojai.
- b. The Maximum Permissible Number of Dwelling Units.
- c. The maximum number of additional dwelling units, if any, for which Residential Permit could be issued in the year of the hearing.

- d. The number of dwelling units for which lots or reserved spaces are listed, as of January 1 of the year of the hearing, on the waiting lists established pursuant to Section 8116-5.

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ARTICLE 13:

NONCONFORMITIES AND SUBSTANDARD LOTS

Sec. 8113-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to provide for the continuation, alteration, conversion or termination of certain classes of lawful, nonconforming uses and structures (other than signs and billboards) under certain conditions, and to regulate substandard lots. These provisions apply to uses and structures which deviate from the regulations of this Chapter.

Sec. 8113-1 - Nonconforming Structures

Where structures have been rendered nonconforming due only to revisions in development standards dealing with lot coverage, lot area per structure, height or setbacks, and the use therein is permitted or conditionally permitted in the zone, such structures are not required to be terminated under this Article and may be continued and expanded or extended on the same lot provided that the structural or other alterations for the expansion or extension of the structure are either required by law, or are in conformance with the regulations in effect for the zone in which such structures are located. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8113-1.1 - Nonconforming Facilities for Nonmotorized Wheeled Conveyances

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Article, any facility or structure for nonmotorized wheeled conveyances that has been rendered nonconforming by the enactment of Section 8107-23 and the subsections thereof shall, on or before September 1, 1989, either be brought into conformance or be removed. (ADD. ORD. 3895 - 4/25/89; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 - grammar)

Sec. 8113-2 - Continuation of Existing Nonconforming Mobilehomes

Sec. 8113-2.1

A nonconforming mobilehome used as a residence under a Continuation Permit in lieu of any and all other residences permitted or conditionally permitted for any purpose may continue to be used as a residence by a new owner if a complete application for a Planning Director Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is received within 60 days of written notice being provided to the owner of the land on which the mobilehome is located that the Continuation Permit has expired and, thereafter, if the CUP is obtained and the following conditions are met:

- a. The mobilehome is in compliance with Sections 8107-1.3.2 and 8107-1.3.3 and the parking requirements of Article 8; and (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)
- b. The mobilehome was being used legally as a residence on the subject site on or before July 24, 1978, and the mobilehome has been so used and has remained continuously in place since the actual commencement of such use.

Sec. 8113-2.2

Mobilehomes used as residences under a Planning Director Conditional Use Permit between July 24, 1978 and July 2, 1981, may continue to be used as such if no other residence was located on the subject site at any time between July 24, 1978

and the time of issuance of the Planning Director Conditional Use Permit, provided that either: 1) a modification to renew the Planning Director Conditional Use Permit is obtained; or 2) the status of the mobilehome as a single family dwelling meets the provisions of Section 8107-1.3.3 and the parking space requirements of Section 8108-4.7. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

(AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8113-3 - Nonconforming Uses Due Only to Changes in Parking Requirements

Where uses have been rendered nonconforming due only to changes in parking requirements, and the use is permitted or conditionally permitted in the zone, such uses are not required to be terminated under this Article and may be continued and expanded or changed according to the procedures outlined in Sections 8108-1, 8108-2, 8108-4.7 and 8111-6. (AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

Sec. 8113-4 - The Keeping of Animals

Nonconformities due to the keeping of animals as a use, number of animals, type of animals, minimum lot area required for animals, or other standards for the keeping of animals as an accessory use to dwellings, shall be brought into conformance not later than three years after the same becomes nonconforming, unless a continuance is granted in accordance with Section 8113-5.4. (AM. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Sec. 8113-5 - Other Nonconforming Uses (No Longer Permitted)

All nonconforming uses which are no longer permitted in the zone in which they are located shall be regulated according to the following provisions:

Sec. 8113-5.1 - Uses Not Involving Permanent Structures

The nonconforming use of land where no permanent structure is involved shall be terminated not later than three years after such use becomes nonconforming.

Sec. 8113-5.2 - Uses Within Structures Subject to Amortization

All nonconforming commercial or industrial uses in Residential (R), Open Space or Agricultural zones, within conforming or nonconforming structures, shall be amortized from the effective date of this Chapter or a later amendment which renders the use nonconforming, based on the square footage of the structure at the time the use is rendered nonconforming, as follows: Ten years for 1,000 square feet, plus 1.25 years for each additional 100 square feet over 1,000 square feet; maximum 60 years. At the end of the amortization period, the use shall be brought into conformance with this Chapter or terminated, unless a continuance is obtained pursuant to Section 8113-5.4. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8113-5.2.1 - Expansion and Change of Use Prohibited

Nonconforming uses under Sec. 8113-5.2 above shall not be changed to another use or be expanded or extended in any way on the same or any adjoining land nor into any other portion of a structure or lot during the amortization period, except for structural alterations which may be required by law, or expansions as allowed by Section 8113-5.5. Furthermore, such nonconforming uses shall not be expanded or extended beyond the scope of specific conditions to a continuance of nonconformity granted pursuant to Sec. 8113-5.4 of this Article, and subsequent to the period of amortization. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8113-5.2.2 - Discontinuance or Change of Use Status

The discontinuance for a period of 180 or more days of a nonconforming use or a change of nonconforming use to a conforming use constitutes abandonment and termination of the nonconforming status of the use.

Sec. 8113-5.2.3 - Notice of Amortization

The Planning Director shall give notice by certified mail of the date upon which an amortization period will end to each owner of record whose property, or use of property, is not in conformance with the regulations of this Chapter, in those instances where the Planning Director has knowledge of such nonconformity. Such notice shall be sent in a timely manner. If the amortization period ends before or less than six months after such knowledge of the nonconformity, notice shall be given that the amortization period in each instance shall be not less than six months from the date the notice is sent. The notice shall set forth all pertinent provisions of this Article, including the declared purposes thereof. Failure to send notice by mail to any such owner where the address of such owner is not a matter of public record shall not invalidate any proceedings under this Article.

Sec. 8113-5.2.4 - Notice of Termination and Order to Comply

Notice of Termination of a nonconforming use and order to comply shall be served by the Planning Director at the end of the amortization period upon the owner of record whose property contains such nonconforming use. In those instances where the Planning Director is unable with reasonable effort to serve such notice to the property owner, such notice and order shall be served within 30 days of the end of the amortization period by delivering same to an occupant of the structure containing the nonconforming use.

(AM. ORD. 4411 – 3/2/10)

Sec. 8113-5.3 - Uses Not Amortized

Upon the effective date of this Chapter or a later amendment thereto, any nonconforming use within a structure not otherwise identified in Section 8113-5.2, such as schools, boardinghouses, residential uses in commercial and industrial zones, uses in excess of the number permitted per lot, commercial uses in commercial zones, and industrial uses in industrial zones, may continue, provided that: (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8113-5.3.1 - Expansion

No additions or enlargements shall be made to such nonconforming use or the structure in which it is located, except for alterations which may be required by law, expansions within the existing structure if no structural alterations are made, expansions as allowed by Section 8113-5.5, or additions to existing principal dwellings in residential zones, which otherwise conform to the specific development standards of the zone in which the use is located. In the case of principal dwellings in excess of the number permitted per lot, only one such dwelling may be expanded. The height and setback standards of the R1 zone shall apply to a nonconforming residential use in a commercial or industrial zone. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8113-5.3.2 - Change of Use

The nonconforming use may be changed to a use that is similar, provided that it has a parking requirement which is the same as or less than the nonconforming use, except that the nonconforming use may not be changed to a use that requires a Conditional Use Permit under this Chapter.

Sec. 8113-5.3.3 - Discontinuance and Change of Use Status

The discontinuance for a period of 180 or more days of the nonconforming use, or a change of the nonconforming use to a conforming use, a dissimilar use or a Conditionally Permitted Use, constitutes abandonment and termination of the nonconforming status of the use.

(AM. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Sec. 8113-5.4 - Continuance of Nonconforming Uses and Structures

a. Grounds for Continuance - A Continuation Permit for Nonconforming Uses and Structures may only be granted if all of the following standards are met, or if the Planning Commission imposes conditions and limitations as necessary to allow the following standards to be met:

- (1) Special circumstances apply to any such use or structure that do not apply generally to other uses and structures in the same vicinity and zone; and
- (2) The continuance is not detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.

b. Application Process for Continuance - Any application for a Continuation Permit for Nonconforming Uses and Structures must be filed with the Planning Division prior to permit expiration or within 30 days following the service of a Notice of Termination and Order to Comply.

(ADD. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Sec. 8113-5.5 - Expansion of Nonconforming Uses in the Open Space Zone

Uses that are no longer permitted in the Open Space zone due to changes to zoning regulations approved on March 2, 2010 may be expanded with an Expansion Permit for Nonconforming Uses. An Expansion Permit for Nonconforming Uses may only be granted if all of the following standards are met, or if the Planning Commission imposes conditions and limitations as necessary to allow the following standards to be met:

- a. The expansion is 25 percent or less of the total square footage of the buildings or use area that existed, or were lawfully permitted, on March 2, 2010; and
- b. The expansion of the use is not detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.

(ADD. ORD. 4411 - 3/2/10)

Sec. 8113-6 - Destruction

The following provisions shall regulate the destruction of structures in the given situations:

Sec. 8113-6.1 - Uses Not Amortized

The following provisions shall apply to nonamortized nonconforming structures and structures containing nonconforming uses not subject to amortization:

Sec. 8113-6.1.1

Whenever any such structure is voluntarily removed, damaged or destroyed to the extent of 50 percent or less of its floor or roof area which existed before destruction, or is involuntarily damaged or destroyed in whole or in part, the structure may be restored to its original state existing before such removal,

damage or destruction. The occupancy or use of the structure or part thereof which existed at the time of the damage or destruction may be continued if the restoration is started within a period of 12 months after the occurrence of the damage or destruction and is diligently pursued to completion. The 50 percent standard is a cumulative figure for voluntary removal. Successive alterations to the same structure that exceed a cumulative 50 percent cannot be made. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8113-6.1.2

Whenever any such structure is voluntarily removed, damaged or destroyed to the extent of more than 50 percent of its floor or roof area which existed before destruction, no structural alterations, repairs or reconstruction shall be made unless every portion of such structure and the use are made to conform to the regulations of the zone classification in which they are located.

Sec. 8113-6.2 - Uses Amortized

The following provisions shall apply to amortized nonconforming structures and structures containing nonconforming uses subject to amortization:

Sec. 8113-6.2.1

Whenever any such structure is voluntarily or involuntarily removed, damaged or destroyed to the extent of 50 percent or less of its floor or roof area before destruction, the structure may be restored to its original state existing before such removal, damage or destruction. The occupancy or use of the structure or part thereof which existed at the time of the partial destruction may be continued if the restoration is started within a period of 12 months after the occurrence of the partial destruction and is diligently pursued to completion. The 50 percent standard is a cumulative figure for voluntary removal. Successive alterations to the same structure that exceed a cumulative 50 percent cannot be made. (AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8113-6.2.2

Whenever any such structure is voluntarily or involuntarily removed, damaged or destroyed to the extent of more than 50 percent of its floor or roof area before such removal, damage or destruction, no structural alterations, repairs or reconstruction shall be made unless every portion of such structure and the use are made to conform to the regulations of the zone classification in which they are located.

(AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8113-7 - Additional Use

While a nonconforming use of any kind except the keeping of animals exists on any lot, no additional principal or accessory use is permitted even if such additional use would be a conforming use.

Sec. 8113-8 - Use of Nonconforming Lots

The use of land as permitted for the zone or subzone in which it is located shall be permitted on a lot of less area than that required by the regulations of such zone or subzone if and only if the lot is a legal lot. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85; AM. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87)

Sec. 8113-9 - Involuntary Nonconformance

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, no lot shall be considered nonconforming within the purview of this Article if such lot is rendered nonconforming as a result of a conveyance of any interest in said lot to a public entity through eminent domain proceedings, under threat of eminent domain proceedings or to meet a requirement of any public entity having jurisdiction. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8113-10 - Effect of Change of Zoning Regulations

Sec. 8113-10.1 - On Authorized Uses Under Discretionary Permits

Any construction, expansion or alteration of a use of land or structures and any required Zoning Clearance therefor, which are authorized by a discretionary entitlement approved on or before the effective date of an ordinance amendment, may be completed as authorized in the entitlement and in accordance with Section 8111-5.7 of this Chapter.

Sec. 8113-10.2 - On Uses Requiring a Ministerial Decision

All uses involving construction, expansion or alteration of a use of land or structures which requires a ministerial decision only, shall be required to comply with the new regulations on the effective date of the ordinance amendment. If the required Zoning Clearance has been issued and the change of regulation is such that the Zoning Clearance no longer conforms to the provisions of this Chapter, a new Zoning Clearance which conforms to the newly adopted regulations must be obtained before a building permit or other necessary entitlement is issued by any agency.

Sec. 8113-10.3 - Where the Only Change is in the Type of Permit Required

If the adoption of this Chapter, or any amendment to this Chapter, results only in a requirement for a different permit for the same existing use or structure, the use or structure shall be governed by the following provisions:

- a. If the use or structure affected is existing lawfully as a permitted or conditionally permitted use or structure, the existing use or structure is hereby deemed to be conforming without any further action.
- b. Except as provided in this Section, any modification or expansion of the use or structure, change of use, or additional use shall conform to the provisions of this Chapter, including the requirements for type of permit. In those instances where a new discretionary permit is required, all uses and structures on the same parcel(s) as the modified or expanded use or structure shall be subject to the discretionary permit. Any conditions imposed on any such new permit shall be reasonably related to the modification or expansion being requested. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- c. Any change to a use or structure which requires a Planned Development Permit or a Conditional Use Permit, but would be exempt from CEQA, not have any adverse impact on adjacent land uses, and would not conflict with the findings otherwise required pursuant to Sections 8111-1.2.1.1 through 1.2.1.6, may be acted upon by the Planning Director or designee through a Zoning Clearance. Such changes may include, but are not limited to the following:
 - (1) A change in use where the new use requires the same or lesser type of permit as the existing use, provided that any resulting increase in parking space requirements will be accommodated on-site or off-site as described in Section 8108-3.3.1.

- (2) A cumulative increase or decrease of not more than 10 percent in gross floor area; permit area; the area of walls, fences or similar structures used as screening; height; parking area; landscaping area; or total area of on-site identification signs; provided that any resulting increase in parking space requirements will be accommodated on-site or off-site as described in Section 8108-3.3.1.*

(AM. ORD. 4281 - 5/6/03; AM. ORD. 4407 - 10/20/09)

- d. Any modification required by law shall not result in a requirement for a new land use permit. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)
- e. If the use affected is under a permit that specifies an expiration date or clause and the new regulation requires a different permit, the use may continue until the specified point of expiration, at which time the permit expires and the use shall terminate, unless the required permit has been applied for under this Chapter prior to the expiration of the existing permit. (AM. ORD. 4092 -6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96)

(ADD. ORD. 3810 - 5/5/87; AM. ORD 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96; AM. ORD. 4144 - 7/22/97)

**Editor's Note: Items 3 and 4 of Section 8113-10.3 were inadvertently removed and should read:*

- (3) Replacements of second dwelling units or farmworker or caretaker dwellings, where said replacements do not exceed the current standards of this Chapter.*
- (4) Internal remodeling or minor architectural changes or embellishments involving no change in basic architectural style.*

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ARTICLE 14:

ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

(AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8114-0 - Purpose

This Article establishes procedures for enforcement of the provisions of this Chapter. The enforcement procedures set forth are intended to assure due process of law in the abatement or correction of nuisances and violations of this Chapter.

Sec. 8114-1 - Pending Violations

No prosecution or action resulting from a violation of zoning regulations heretofore in effect shall be abated or abandoned by reason of the enactment of any ordinance amendment, but shall be prosecuted to finality under the former provisions the same as if the amendment had not been adopted and, to this end, the former provisions shall remain in effect and be applicable until said prosecution or action has been terminated. Any violation of provisions, which occurred prior to the effective date of the amendment, for which prosecution or legal action has not been instituted prior to the effective day of the amendment, may be hereafter subject to prosecution or action as if the amendment had not been adopted and, to this end, the former provisions shall remain in effect and be applicable until said prosecution or action has been terminated.

Sec. 8114-2 - Penalties

Any person who violates any provision or fails to comply with any of the requirements of this Chapter or of any term or condition of, or applicable to any permit, variance or amendment thereto is guilty of a misdemeanor/infraction as specified in Section 13-1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code and, upon conviction thereof shall be punishable in accordance with Section 13-2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code. Each such person shall be guilty of a separate offense for each and every day during any portion of which any violation of any provision of this Chapter is committed, continued, or permitted by such person, and shall be punishable therefore as provided in Section 13-2.

Sec. 8114-2.1 - Public Nuisance

Except as otherwise provided in Section 8114-2.1.1, in addition to the penalties hereinabove provided, any condition caused or permitted to exist in violation of any of the provisions of this Chapter shall be deemed a public nuisance and may be summarily abated as such, and each day that such condition continues shall be regarded as a new and separate public nuisance.

Sec. 8114-2.1.1 - Exception - Agricultural Operations Protection

No agricultural activity, operation, or facility that is consistent with this Chapter and the General Plan, and is conducted or maintained for commercial purposes in a manner consistent with proper and accepted customs and standards as established and followed by similar agricultural operations in the same locality, shall be or become a nuisance, private or public, due to any changed condition in or about the locality, after it has been in operation for more than one year if it was not a nuisance at the time it began.

- a. Exception - This section shall not apply if the agricultural activity, operation, or facility, obstructs the free passage or use, in the customary manner, of any navigable lake, river, bay, stream, canal, or basin, or any public park, square, street, or highway.

- b. Definition - For purposes of this section, the term "agricultural activity, operation, or facility" shall include, but not be limited to, the cultivation and tillage of the soils, dairying, the production, irrigation, frost protection, cultivation, growing, pest and disease management, harvesting and field processing of any agricultural commodity including timber, viticulture, apiculture, or horticulture, the raising of livestock, fish, or poultry, and any practices performed by a farmer or on a farm as incident to or in conjunction with such farming operations, including preparation for market, delivery to storage or market, or delivery to carriers for transportation to market.

(AM. ORD. 4151 - 10/7/97)

Sec. 8114-3 - Enforcement

The Planning Director or the Planning Director's designee is hereby designated as the enforcing agent of this Chapter. Pursuant to the authority vested in the Board of Supervisors of the County of Ventura by California Penal Code Section 836.5, the Planning Director or the Planning Director's designee shall have the power of arrest without warrant whenever he or she has reasonable cause to believe that the person to be arrested has committed in their presence a misdemeanor, misdemeanor/infraction, or infraction, consisting of a violation of the provisions of this Code or any other ordinance or statute which the Planning Director or Planning Director's designee has a duty to enforce. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8114-3.1 - Procedure

In any case in which a person is arrested pursuant to this Section and the person arrested does not demand to be taken before a magistrate, the arresting officer shall prepare a written notice to appear and release the person on the person's promise to appear as prescribed by Chapter 5C (commencing with Section 853.6) of the California Penal Code. The provisions of that Chapter shall thereafter apply with reference to any proceedings based upon the issuance of a written notice to appear pursuant to this Section. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8114-3.2 - Rights of Entry Upon Land

In the performance of their functions, designated personnel may, with either the consent of the occupant or other authorized person, or with a valid inspection warrant, enter upon property and make examinations and surveys in a manner consistent with the consent or the inspection warrant. In cases where no inspection warrant is obtained, designated personnel in the performance of their functions may enter upon property open to the general public and may enter upon property by way of a route normally accessible to visitors or tradespeople, or other persons having legitimate business with the occupants, in order to seek consent to inspect the property.

Sec. 8114-3.3 - Enforcement of Performance Standards

Following the initiation of an investigation, the Planning Director may require the owner or operator of any use which may be in violation of performance standards to submit, in a reasonable amount of time, such data and evidence as is needed by the Planning Director to make an objective determination. Failure to submit data required shall constitute grounds for revoking any previously issued approvals or permits and ceasing of operations until the violation is remedied, as provided for in Section 8111-7 of this Chapter. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8114-3.4 - Monitoring and Enforcement Costs

The County may impose fees and charges on persons as established by resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors, or as established by conditions of the entitlement to cover the full costs incurred by the County or its contractors for enforcing activities related to confirmed violations of the Zoning Ordinance and permit conditions and the monitoring of permits issued pursuant to this Chapter to ensure compliance with permit conditions and the requirements of this Chapter.

Where costs are related to condition compliance work or enforcement of violations associated with a permit, the party holding the permit (the permittee) shall be initially responsible for the costs incurred by the County. If the permittee fails to pay the costs billed to him, then the property owner shall become responsible for the costs since the property owner is the ultimate permittee because the permit goes with the land.

Parties purchasing property with outstanding permit monitoring costs or on which notices of violation are recorded are responsible for the unpaid County monitoring and enforcement costs associated with the property.

Enforcement activities shall be in response to confirmed violations and may include such measures as drafting and implementing compliance agreements, inspections, public reports, penalty hearings, forfeiture of sureties and suspension modification or revocation of permits. The recovery of costs for the abatement of confirmed violations shall be in accordance with the provisions of this Chapter, adopted charge rates, applicable compliance agreement terms and other authorized means such as, but not limited to, small claims court and liens on property. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; AM. ORD. 4291 - 7/29/03)

Sec. 8114-3.5 - Frequency of Monitoring Inspections

To ensure compliance with permit conditions and the provisions of this Chapter, all permits issued pursuant to this Chapter may be reviewed and the sites inspected no less than once every three years, unless the terms of the permit require more frequent inspections. The Planning Director may institute a more frequent monitoring schedule when he/she determines that the intensity of the use or failure to comply with applicable requirements could have a significant effect on the environment, surrounding properties and the public; or there have been violations which suggest the permittee is not assuming responsibility for monitoring his/her own compliance. (ADD. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8114-3.6 - Notice of Violation and Notice of Noncompliance

For purposes of this section and section 8114-3.7, the following definitions apply: (a) "violation" means the lack of compliance with a provision of Division 8, Chapter 1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code or any term or condition of any permit entitlement, variance or amendment thereto issued pursuant to this Chapter or any term or condition imposed and adopted as mitigation measures pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, including restrictive covenants; (b) "violation" means the owner of the property on which a violation exists and, if applicable, a permittee responsible in whole or in part for the violation. All notices required by this section shall be sent by first class mail to the last known address of the violator and shall be deemed served three days after the date of mailing.

Sec. 8114-3.6.1 - Notice of Violation

Whenever the Planning Director determines that a violation exists, the Planning Director shall send the violator a Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation shall: 1) state the violation(s); 2) state how the violation(s) may be corrected; 3) advise that if the violation(s) is not corrected by the specified deadline, a

Notice of Noncompliance may be recorded against the property in the Office of the County Recorder; 4) advise that all enforcement costs are recoverable pursuant to Section 8114-3.4; 5) advise that civil penalties may be imposed pursuant to Section 8114-3.7; and 6) advise that the determination that a violation exists may be appealed, but that the appeal must be filed in accordance with section 8111-7.

Sec. 8114-3.6.2 – Recorded Notice of Noncompliance

If the violation is not corrected pursuant to the Notice of Violation as determined by the Planning Director within the time allotted or if the violation is upheld after an appeal pursuant to section 8111-7, a Notice of Noncompliance may be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder. The Notice of Noncompliance shall describe the property and specify the Ordinance section(s) or permit terms or conditions violated. The Planning Director shall record a Release of Notice of Noncompliance with the Office of the County Recorder only if and after the violations have been fully corrected and all County's enforcement costs and fees have been paid to the satisfaction of the Planning Director. The violator must pay a fee for recordation of the Release of Notice of Noncompliance as determined in the adopted schedule of fees.

(ADD. ORD. 3807 - 3/31/87; AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; REP./REEN. ORD. 4354 - 12/5/06)

Sec. 8114-3.7 – Civil Administrative Penalties

Civil administrative penalties may be imposed for final violations. For purposes of this section, a violation, as defined in 8114-3, is "final" if the Notice of Violation issued pursuant to section 8114-3.6 is not appealed in accordance with section 8111-7 or, if properly appealed, the appeal process is complete and the Notice of Violation is upheld. All notices required by this section shall be sent by first class mail to the last known address of the violator(s), as defined in 8114-3.6, and shall be deemed served three days after the date of mailing. The Planning Director or his/her designees shall be Enforcement Officers authorized to impose civil administrative penalties as provided herein.

Sec. 8114-3.7.1 – Notice of Impending Civil Penalties

Once a violation is confirmed, a Notice of Impending Civil Penalties shall be served upon the violator separately, or as part of the Notice of Violation. The Notice of Impending Civil Penalties shall: (1) state the violation(s); (2) state a range of the amount of the impending daily civil penalty per violation; (3) state the date by which the violation must be corrected, which date shall not be less than thirty days from the date of service of the notice; and (4) advise that the civil penalties will begin accruing on a daily basis if the violation is not corrected by the date established in the notice. If the Planning Director determines that a violation creates an immediate danger to health or safety, penalties may be imposed after a period of time that is less than thirty days.

The date upon which the daily penalty will begin to accrue may be extended by the Planning Director upon a showing that the time frame allotted in the Notice of Impending Civil Penalties is not a reasonable period of time to correct the violation.

Sec. 8114-3.7.2 – Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties

Once the violation is final and if it has not been corrected by the date stated in the Notice of Impending Civil Penalties or an amendment thereto, then a Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties shall be served upon the violator.

The Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties shall describe the property and state the following for each violation: (1) the amount of the penalty that will accrue daily per violation as determined pursuant to section 8114-3.7.4; (2) the date the penalty will begin accruing, which may be the same date the notice is served; (3) that the daily penalty will continue to accrue until the violation is corrected as determined by the Planning Director; (4) that the amount of the daily penalty may be increased in the future if the violation is not corrected; (5) that the accrued penalties are immediately due and owing and that a lien will attach to the property for all unpaid penalties; and (6) that the amount of the daily penalty may be administratively appealed in accordance with section 8114-3.7.5 within ten (10) days of the date of service of the Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties.

Sec. 8114-3.7.3 – Notice of Increase in Civil Penalties

Notwithstanding an appeal of a previously imposed penalty pursuant to section 8114-3.7.5, the Enforcement Officer may increase the amount of the penalty if the violation continues uncorrected and the circumstances warrant an increase considering the factors set forth in section 8144-3.7.4. To impose the increase, the Enforcement Officer must first serve a Notice of Increase in Civil Penalties upon the violator that shall state: (1) the amount of the increase of the daily civil penalty; (2) the effective date of the increase, which date shall not be less than thirty days from the date of service of the notice; and (3) that the amount of the increase, if contested, may be appealed, but only in accordance with section 8114-3.7.5. The amount of the penalty then in effect prior to the increase may not be appealed.

Sec. 8114-3.7.4 – Factors Considered in Determining the Amount of Civil Penalties

The amount of the penalty imposed for each separate violation may be up to, but not exceed, \$1,000 per day. In determining the amount of the penalty, the Enforcement Officer shall consider the known relevant circumstances in light of various factors which include, but are not limited to, the following: (1) the actual or potential extent of the harm caused; (2) the likelihood to cause harm; (3) the seriousness or gravity of the violation (i.e., the level of threat to property, health, or safety of people and animals or the environment); (4) whether the violation is subject to correction by obtaining a permit or cannot be corrected by permit; (5) the culpability of the violator in causing the violation; (6) the length of time over which the violation occurs; (7) the history of past violations, either of a similar or different nature, on the same or different property under the same ownership; (8) the cooperation of the violator in resolving the existing and past violations; (9) the financial burden to the violator; (10) the factors and policies set forth in the Civil Administrative Penalty Guidelines adopted by the Board of Supervisors; and (11) all other relevant circumstances.

Once imposed, the daily penalty will continue to accrue until the violation is corrected to the satisfaction of the Planning Director. The Planning Director may stay the imposition of penalties or decrease the amount of penalties, either temporarily or permanently, if the Planning Director determines that: (1) substantial progress is being made toward correcting the violation and that decreasing the penalties would further the goal of correcting the violation; or (2) circumstances exist that were either beyond the control of the violator or were unknown at the time the penalties were imposed and warrant the reduction or suspension of the penalties. If the amount of the civil penalties is modified or suspended, the Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties shall be amended stating the modified terms and shall be served on the violator.

The daily civil penalty imposed for a violation that is prosecuted as an infraction by the District Attorney shall not exceed the amount of the maximum amount of fines or penalties for infractions set forth in Government code sections 25132 subdivision (b) and 36900 subdivision (b).

Sec. 8114-3.7.5 – Administrative Appeal of Civil Penalties

If disputed, the amount of the penalty must first be contested by filing an administrative appeal as provided herein and as required by Government Code section 53069.4 before seeking judicial relief. Only the violator may challenge the amount of the penalty. Only a Notice, or Amended Notice, of Imposition of Civil Penalties or a Notice, or Amended Notice, of Increase in Civil Penalties may be appealed.

If an appeal is not timely filed, then the imposition of the penalties pursuant to the Notice, or Amended Notice, of Imposition of Civil Penalties or the Notice, or Amended Notice, of Increase of Civil Penalties, as the case may be, shall be final and no longer subject to appeal either administratively or judicially.

Appeals will be heard by a Hearing Officer selected by the Board of Supervisors or the County Executive Officer.

- a. Pre-Appeal Procedures and Requirements – An appeal must be filed with and received by the Planning Division no later than ten (10) days from the date of service of the notice or amended notice from which the appeal is taken. An appeal form shall be provided by the Planning Division upon request. In order to be deemed timely submitted, the appeal form must include the following: (1) the violation case number and date stated on the notice or amended notice being appealed; (2) the facts and bases supporting the appellant's position that the amount of penalties should be reduced; (3) the name and address of the appellant; and (4) the filing fee established by the Board of Supervisors.

At least ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing, the appellant shall be notified by first class mail at the address stated on the appeal form of the location, time and date of the hearing.

A continuance may be requested in writing to the Hearing Officer which must be received no later than ten (10) days before the date of the hearing. If timely filed, the hearing date will be continued to the next scheduled hearing date and the appellant and Planning Division will be so notified.

- b. Hearing and Hearing Officer's Final Administrative Order – The jurisdiction of the Hearing Officer is limited solely to reviewing the amount of the penalty determined by the Enforcement Officer.

Both parties (appellant(s) and the County) may present relevant evidence in support of their contention of the proper amount of the penalty. The content of the County's files submitted to the Hearing Officer which may include, but is not limited to, the Notice of Violation, the Notice of Noncompliance, the Notice of Impending Civil Penalties, the Notice of Imposition of Civil Penalties and the Notice of Increase in Civil Penalties (if applicable), and any amendments thereto, shall constitute prima facie evidence of the facts stated therein.

If the appellant or the appellant's representative does not appear at the hearing, the Hearing Officer shall only consider, on behalf of the appellant, the evidence submitted with the appeal form and the evidence submitted by the appellant to the Hearing Officer ten (10) days prior to the date of the hearing.

The Hearing Officer must evaluate the evidence presented in light of the factors set forth in section 8114-3.7.4 and, based thereon, shall either affirm or reduce the amount of the daily penalty imposed by the Enforcement Officer for each day the penalties have accrued and may continue to accrue into the future. The amount of the daily penalty determined by the Hearing Officer shall continue to accrue until the violation is corrected as determined by the Planning Director or until the amount of the daily penalty is increased in accordance with section 8114-3.7.3.

The Hearing Officer's determination shall be set forth in a written order served upon the appellant by first class mail at the address stated on the appeal form submitted by the appellant. The order shall be considered the Final Administrative Order for purposes of Government Code section 53069.4.

Penalties shall continue to accrue while the appeal is pending. If some or all of the penalties have been paid and the Hearing Officer orders a reduction in the amount of the penalty that exceeds the total amount due and owing the County, including enforcement costs, then the County shall refund the difference to the person who paid the penalty unless penalties are continuing to accrue.

- c. Appeal of Hearing Officer's Final Administrative Order - Pursuant to Government Code section 53069.4 subdivision (b)(1), if the Final Administrative Order is contested, review must be sought in the Superior Court as a limited civil case within twenty (20) days after the date of service of the Final Administrative Order. A copy of the Notice of Appeal must be served on the County of Ventura, Planning Director either in person or by first class mail.

If no notice of appeal is timely filed with the Superior Court, the Final Administrative Order issued by the Hearing Officer shall be deemed confirmed and final.

Sec. 8114-3.7.6 - Enforcement

A penalty that is final either by termination of appeal rights or by completion of the appeal process may be collected by any lawfully authorized means including but not limited to filing a civil action to recover the amount of the unpaid penalties.

In addition, the County shall have a lien against the subject property in the amount of the unpaid penalties accrued and to be accrued until the violation is corrected. The lien may be recorded in the Office of the County Recorder by the recording of the Notice, or Amended Notice, of Imposition of Civil Penalties or the Notice, or Amended Notice, of Increase in Civil Penalties, whichever is applicable.

The lien shall remain in effect until released and shall run with the land.

Upon correction of the violation(s) and payment of all penalties and costs associated with the imposition, enforcement and collection of the penalties, the Planning Director shall record a release of lien pertaining to the paid penalties

(ADD. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94; REP./REEN. ORD. 4354 - 12/5/06)

Sec. 8114-4 - Administrative Process

Before any enforcement action is instituted pursuant to this Chapter, the person alleged to be responsible for a confirmed violation of regulations of this Chapter or conditions of a permit issued pursuant to this Chapter, may be given an opportunity to resolve the

complaint through an administrative process. This process involves an informal office hearing to attempt to negotiate a solution to the violations and/or a compliance agreement and payment of office hearing fees and Compliance Agreement fees as set forth by the schedule of fees and charges adopted by the Board of Supervisors. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

ARTICLE 15:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CHAPTER

Sec. 8115-0 - Purpose

The purpose of this Article is to establish procedures for amending this Chapter. These procedures shall apply to all proposals to change any property from one zone to another or to amend the text of this Chapter. This Chapter may be amended by the Board of Supervisors whenever the public health, safety, or general welfare, good zoning practice, and consistency with the General Plan justify such action and, for amendment to this chapter in conjunction with a hazardous waste facility whenever such amendments are consistent with the portions of the County Hazardous Waste Management Plan (CHWMP) which identify specific sites or siting criteria for hazardous waste facilities. (AM. ORD. 3945 - 7/10/90; AM. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8115-1 - Amendments

Changes to the boundaries of any zone, changes to the zoning or land use classifications of any property, and amendments to the text of this Chapter shall be considered to be amendments to this Chapter.

Sec. 8115-1.1 - Initiation of Amendments

Proposals to amend this Chapter may be initiated by any of the following methods:

- a. By the adoption of a Resolution of Intention by the Board of Supervisors requesting the Planning Commission to set the matter for study, hearing and recommendation within a reasonable time;
- b. By the adoption of a Resolution of Intention by the Planning Commission setting the matter for study, hearing and recommendation;
- c. By a request from the Planning Director to the Planning Commission, followed by the adoption of a Resolution of Intention by the Planning Commission setting the matter for study, hearing and recommendation;
- d. By filing with the Planning Division a complete application for (1) a zone change by the owner of the property, by a person with a power of attorney from the owner or by the attorney at law of the owner; or (2) a proposal for an ordinance text amendment by an interested person, in which case such person shall be directed to make the request directly to the Board of Supervisors; or (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)
- e. By Planning Director action, for proposed amendments to the text of this Chapter. (ADD. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

Sec. 8115-1.2 - Study of Additional Area

The Planning Director, upon review of an application or Resolution of Intention for an amendment, may elect to include a larger area or additional land in the study of the amendment request.

Sec. 8115-2 - Hearing and Notice Requirements

The decision-making authority(s) shall each hold at least one public hearing on any amendment request. The notice and hearing requirements shall be the same as those prescribed in Section 8111-3. For rezonings involving TP zoned property, see Section

Sec. 8115-3 - Decisions

Sec. 8115-3.1 - Planning Commission Approval

The Planning Commission shall forward to the Board of Supervisors by resolution those requests for which the Planning Commission recommends approval of the adoption of an ordinance amendment. Such recommendation must include the reasons for the recommendation and the relationship of the proposed ordinance or amendment to applicable general and specific plans. Said resolution shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors within 40 days following the close of the Planning Commission hearing thereon, unless the 40 days is waived by the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 8115-3.2 - Planning Commission Denial

Amendment requests initiated by private parties, the Planning Director, or the Planning Commission which the Planning Commission has recommended for denial shall not be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors, and the action of the Planning Commission shall be final unless an appeal is filed in accordance with Article 11. Amendment requests initiated by the Board of Supervisors for which the Planning Commission has recommended denial shall be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors within 40 days following the close of the Planning Commission hearing.

Sec. 8115-3.3 - Planning Commission Failure to Act

If the Planning Commission fails to act upon a request initiated by the Board of Supervisors within a reasonable time, the Board may by written notice require that the report be rendered up within 40 days of such notice. Upon receipt of the written notice the Planning Commission, if it has not done so, shall conduct the public hearing as required. Failure to so report to the Board of Supervisors within the 40 days shall be deemed to be approval by the Planning Commission.

Sec. 8115-3.4 - Action by the Board of Supervisors

Following a public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may approve, modify or disapprove any Planning Commission recommendation regarding an amendment request; provided that any modification of the proposed ordinance or amendment by the Board of Supervisors not previously considered by the Planning Commission during its hearing shall first be referred to the Commission for a report and recommendation, and the public hearing shall be continued to allow sufficient time for the Planning Commission to report back. The Planning Commission shall not be required to hold a public hearing thereon. Failure of the Commission to report within 40 days after such referral or within a period of time designated by the Board of Supervisors shall be deemed to be approval by the Commission of the proposed modification. A modification shall be deemed "previously considered" if the modification of the proposed ordinance or amendment by the Board of Supervisors is based upon the issues and evidence initially heard by the Planning Commission.

Sec. 8115-3.5 - Denial With Prejudice

A zone change may be denied with prejudice, in which event no further application shall be filed affecting all or part of the property for the ensuing 18 months except as otherwise specified at the time of denial. A zone change may be denied with prejudice on the grounds that two or more similar applications for zone change have been denied in the past two years, or that other good cause exists for limiting the filing of applications with respect to the property. The Planning Commission, upon

being presented with good cause, may permit an applicant to apply for a zone change on the same property within 18 months. Upon denial by the Planning Commission the applicant may appeal to the Board of Supervisors.

Sec. 8115-3.6 - Decision of the Board of Supervisors

The Board shall announce its decision by resolution within 30 days after the conclusion of the hearing. The resolution need not contain a recital of findings upon which the decision is predicated if its decision is based upon the report of findings, summaries of hearing and recommendations of the Planning Commission, and those findings are incorporated by reference in its decision. The Board may impose reasonable conditions on any amendment request for the protection of public health, safety, and general welfare.

Sec. 8115-3.7 - Notice of Decisions

Decisions of the Planning Commission or Board of Supervisors, as the case may be, shall be noticed in accordance with Section 8111-5.3. (AM. ORD. 3730 - 5/7/85)

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ARTICLE 16:

DENSITY BONUS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVES PROGRAM

(REP. AND REEN. ORD. 3995 – 3/24/92; REP. AND REEN. ORD. 4455 – 10-22-13)

Sec. 8116-0 – Title and Purpose

This Article 16 shall be referred to as the Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentive Program. The purpose of this Article is to implement the statutory requirements set forth in Government Code section 65915, et seq. (known as the Density Bonus Law) and programs related to the Housing Element of the Ventura County General Plan. To the extent practicable, the citation to the governing statutory provision is included next to the implementing ordinance section. If any provision of this Article conflicts with state law, the latter shall control. Applicable statutes should be consulted for amendments prior to applying the ordinance provision.

Sec. 8116-1 – Definitions

In addition to the definitions in Article 2, the following definitions in this section apply to this Article and shall control where there is a conflict with the definitions in Article 2. State law definitions, as they may be amended from time to time, control over the definitions in this section. Where the definitions are provided by state law, the citation to the statute follows. In this Article, defined terms are capitalized.

Affordable Housing Benefits - means one or more of the following:

- a Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2;
- an Incentive pursuant to Section 8116-3;
- a Development Standard Waiver or Modification pursuant to Section 8116-4; and
- a Parking Standard Modification pursuant to Section 8116-5.

Affordable Housing Cost - means the definition set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 50052.5. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(1).)

Affordable Housing Developer - means the applicant or permittee of a Qualified Housing Development and its assignees or successors in interest.

Affordable Rent - means the definition set forth in Health and Safety Code Section 50053. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(1).)

Affordable Unit - means a residential dwelling unit that is guaranteed by the Affordable Housing Developer to be rented or sold in accordance with the requirements of this Article to either (a) a Very Low Income Household; (b) a Low Income Household; or (c) a Moderate Income Household within a Common Interest Development. (Gov. Code §§ 65915(c)(1)-(c)(2).)

Child Care Facility - means a child day care facility other than a family day care home, including, but not limited to, infant centers, preschools, extended day care facilities, and school age child care centers. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(4).)

Common Interest Development - means any of the following: a community apartment project, a condominium project, a planned development, and a stock cooperative pursuant to Civil Code section 1351(c) through December 31, 2013, and pursuant to Civil Code section 4100 on and after January 1, 2014. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2).) All

Common Interest Development units must be offered to the public for purchase. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(D).)

Condominium Conversion Project – means a residential project in which the applicant proposes to convert apartment units to condominiums pursuant to Government Code section 65915.5(a).

County – means County of Ventura or its designee.

Density Bonus – except as used in Section 8116-10 of this Article, means a density increase over the otherwise Maximum Allowable Residential Density as of the date of application to the County for a Qualified Housing Development. (Gov. Code § 66915(f).) As used in Section 8116-10, 'Density Bonus' shall be defined as set forth in section 8116-10.2. (Gov. Code § 66915.5(b).)

Density Bonus Units – means dwelling units granted pursuant to Section 8116-2 which exceed the otherwise Maximum Allowable Residential Density.

Development Standard – means a site or construction condition, including, but not limited to, a height limitation, a setback requirement, a floor area ratio, an onsite open-space requirement, or a parking ratio, that applies to a residential development pursuant to the Zoning Ordinance, the General Plan or other County condition, law, policy, resolution, or regulation. (Gov. Code § 65915(o)(1).)

Housing Development – means a development project of five or more residential units and includes a subdivision or Common Interest Development that is approved by the County and consists of residential units or unimproved residential lots and either a project to substantially rehabilitate and convert an existing commercial building to residential use or the substantial rehabilitation of an existing multifamily dwelling where the result of the rehabilitation would be a net increase in available residential units. (Gov. Code § 65915(i).)

Household Income Category Definitions

Very Low Income Household – means a household whose income does not exceed fifty percent (50%) of the County's median household income as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50105. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(B).)

Low Income Household – means a household whose income does not exceed eighty percent (80%) of the County's median household income as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50079.5. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(A).)

Moderate Income Household – means persons or families whose income does not exceed one hundred and twenty percent (120%) of the County's median household income as defined in Health and Safety Code Section 50093. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(D).)

Incentive – means "incentives and concessions" as that phrase is used in Government Code section 65915.

Market-rate Unit – means a dwelling unit that is not an Affordable Unit.

Maximum Allowable Residential Density - means the density allowed under the Zoning Ordinance and the Land Use Element of the General Plan, or if a range of density is permitted, means the maximum allowable density for the specific zoning range and Land Use Element of the General Plan applicable to the project. Where the density allowed under the Zoning Ordinance is inconsistent with the density allowed under the Land Use Element of the General Plan, the General Plan density shall prevail. (Gov. Code § 65915(o)(2).)

Minimum Affordable Housing Component: - means a Housing Development project which includes a minimum of any of the following:

Very Low Income Minimum Affordable Housing Component - Provides at least five percent (5%) of the Total Units for Very Low Income Household residents (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(B)); or

Low Income Minimum Affordable Housing Component - Provides at least ten percent (10%) of the Total Units for Low Income Households (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(A)); or

Moderate Income Minimum Affordable Housing Component - Provides at least ten percent (10%) of the Total Dwelling Units in a Common Interest Development for moderate income households (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(D)).

Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value - means the reduction or waiver of requirements which the County might otherwise apply as conditions of condominium conversion approval, but shall not be construed to require the County to provide cash transfer payments or other monetary compensation. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(c).)

Qualified Housing Development - means a Housing Development that meets the requirements of Section 8116-2.2, .3, .4, or .5 for Density Bonus.

Qualified Land - means land offered for donation in accordance with Section 8116-2.5 that meets the criteria set forth in Section 8116-2.5.1(c).

Senior Citizen Housing Development - means a residential development that is developed, substantially rehabilitated, or substantially renovated for, senior citizens and that has at least thirty-five (35) Senior Citizen Housing Development Units. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(C).)

Senior Citizen Housing Development Unit - means a residential dwelling unit within a Senior Citizen Housing Development that is available to, and occupied by, a senior citizen as defined in Civil Code Section 51.3.

Specific, Adverse Impact - means a significant, quantifiable, direct, and unavoidable impact, based on objective, identified written public health or safety standards, policies, or conditions as they existed on the date the application for the Housing Development was deemed complete. Inconsistency with the zoning ordinance or general plan land use designation shall not constitute a specific, adverse impact upon the public health or safety. (Gov. Code § 65589.5(d)(2).)

Total Units and Total Dwelling Units - means dwelling units other than Density Bonus Units. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(3).)

Zoning Ordinance - means the County Non-Coastal Zoning Ordinance set forth in Division 8, Chapter 1 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code.

Sec. 8116-2 – Density Bonuses

Sec. 8116-2.1 – Eligibility for Density Bonus

Density Bonuses are available to Affordable Housing Developers in accordance with this Article for the following:

- a. Housing Developments which include a Minimum Affordable Housing Component (Section 8116-2.2);
- b. Housing Developments which include a Minimum Affordable Housing Component and a Child Care Facility (Section 8116-2.3);
- c. Senior Citizen Housing Developments (Section 8116-2.4); and
- d. Land Donations for Very Low Income Housing (Section 8116-2.5).

For the purpose of calculating a Density Bonus, the residential units must be on contiguous sites that are the subject of one development application, but do not have to be based upon individual subdivision maps or parcels. (Gov. Code § 65915(i).)

Sec. 8116-2.2 - Density Bonus for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component

Sec. 8116-2.2.1 - Criteria for Density Bonus for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component

To be granted a Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2.2.2 for including a Minimum Affordable Housing Component in a Housing Development, the Affordable Housing Developer must comply with all of the following requirements:

- Submit an application for a Housing Development in accordance with Section 8116-7 that includes a Minimum Affordable Housing Component. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1).)
- State in the application the specific Minimum Affordable Housing Component proposed for the Housing Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(2).)
- Enter into an agreement with the County or its designee pursuant to Section 8116-9 to maintain and enforce the Minimum Affordable Housing Component of the Housing Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(c).)

Sec. 8116-2.2.2 - Density Bonus Allowance for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component

If the requirements of Section 8116-2.2.1 are met, then the Affordable Housing Developer is entitled to a Density Bonus pursuant to Government Code section 65915(f) as follows:

Table 8116-2.2 – Density Bonus Allowance for Housing Development Projects with Minimum Affordable Housing Components				
Household Income Category	Minimum Affordable Units	Density Bonus	Additional Density Bonus for each 1% increase in Affordable Units	Maximum Possible Density Bonus
Affordable Housing Development				
Very Low Income	5%	20%	2.50%	35%
Low Income	10%	20%	1.50%	35%
Moderate Income (Common Interest Developments)	10%	5%	1%	35%

As demonstrated in Table 8116-2.2, the amount of Density Bonus to which the applicant is entitled shall vary according to the amount by which the percentage of Affordable Units offered by the applicant exceeds the percentage of the Minimum Affordable Housing Component. (Gov. Code § 65915(f).)

The applicant may also elect to accept a lesser percentage of Density Bonus. (Gov. Code § 65915(f).)

All density calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. (Gov. Code § 65915(f)(5).)

Sec. 8116-2.3 - Density Bonus for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component and Child Care Facility

Sec. 8116-2.3.1 - Criteria for Density Bonus for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component and Child Care Facility

For a Density Bonus to be granted pursuant to Section 8116-2.3.2 for including a Minimum Affordable Housing Component with a Child Care Facility in a Housing Development, all of the following must be satisfied:

- a. Compliance with each requirement in Section 8116-2.2.1. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(1).)
- b. The Housing Development must include a Child Care Facility that will be located on the premises of, as part of, or adjacent to, the Housing Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(1).)
- c. Approval of the Housing Development must be conditioned to ensure that both of the following occur:
 - (1) The Child Care Facility must remain in operation for a period of time that is as long as or longer than the period of time during which the Affordable Units are required to remain affordable pursuant to Section 8116-9.1 (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(2)(A)); and
 - (2) Of the children who attend the Child Care Facility, the children of Very Low Income Households, Low Income Households, or Moderate Income Households must equal a percentage that is equal to or greater than the percentage of dwelling units that are required under the respective Minimum Affordable Housing Component Income Category for which the Density Bonus is sought (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(2)(B)).
- d. The County has not made a finding based upon substantial evidence that the community has adequate Child Care Facilities. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(3).)

Sec. 8116-2.3.2 - Density Bonus Allowance for Housing Development with Minimum Affordable Housing Component and Child Care Facility

If the requirements of Section 8116-2.3.1 are met, then an applicant for a Housing Development with a Minimum Affordable Housing Component and Child Care Facility is entitled to:

- a. A Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2.2.2; and
- b. An additional Density Bonus that is an amount of square feet of residential space that is equal to or greater than the amount of square feet in the Child Care Facility. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(1)(A).)

Sec. 8116-2.4 – Density Bonus for Senior Citizen Housing Development

An applicant for a Senior Citizen Housing Development or a mobilehome park that limits residency based on age requirements for housing for older persons pursuant to Civil Code Sections 798.76 or 799.5 is entitled to a Density Bonus of twenty percent (20%) of the number of Senior Citizen Housing Development Units. (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1)(C)&(f)(3).)

Sec. 8116-2.5 - Density Bonus for Land Donations

Sec. 8116-2.5.1 - Density Bonus Criteria for Land Donation for Very Low Income Housing

For a Density Bonus for a Qualified Land donation to be granted pursuant to Section 8116-2.5.2, all the requirements of this section must be met.

- a. The applicant must be applying for a tentative subdivision map, parcel map, or other residential development approval. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(1).)
- b. The application must include at least a ten percent (10%) Minimum Affordable Housing Component for Very Low Income Households. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(1).)
- c. The applicant must agree to donate and transfer Qualified Land which is land that meets both the following criteria:
 - (1) The developable acreage and zoning classification of the land being transferred must be sufficient to permit construction of units affordable to Very Low Income Households in an amount not less than ten percent (10%) of the number of residential units of the proposed development pursuant to Section 8116-2.5.1(a) (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(B)); and
 - (2) The transferred land must be at least one acre in size or of sufficient size to permit development of at least 40 units, have the appropriate General Plan designation, be appropriately zoned with appropriate development standards for development at the density described in Government Code Section 65583.2(c)(3), and is or will be served by adequate public facilities and infrastructure (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(C)).
- d. The Qualified Land must be transferred to the County or to a housing developer approved by the County. The County may require the applicant to identify and transfer the land to an approved housing developer. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(F).)
- e. The Qualified Land must have all of the permits and approvals, other than building permits, necessary for the development of the Very Low Income Housing Affordable Units on the Qualified Land, not later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application filed pursuant to Section 8116-2.5.1(a). However, the County may subject the proposed development to subsequent design review to the extent authorized by Government Code section 65583.2(i) if the design is not reviewed by the County prior to the time of transfer. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(D).)
- f. The Qualified Land must be donated and transferred no later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application filed pursuant to Section 8116-2.5.1(a). (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(A).)
- g. The Qualified Land and the Affordable Units must be subject to a deed restriction ensuring continued affordability of the units consistent with Section 8116-9, which must be recorded against the Qualified Land at the time of the transfer. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(E).)

- h. The Qualified Land must be within the boundary of the proposed development or, if the County agrees, within one-quarter mile of the boundary of the proposed development. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(G).)
- i. A proposed source of funding for the Very Low Income Household units must be identified not later than the date of approval of the final subdivision map, parcel map, or residential development application filed pursuant to Section 8116-2.5.1(a). (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2)(H).)

Sec. 8116-2.5.2 - Density Bonus Allowance for Qualified Land Donation for Very Low Income Housing

If the requirements of Section 8116-2.5.1 are satisfied, the applicant shall be entitled to at least a 15-percent increase above the otherwise Maximum Allowable Residential Density for the entire development, as follows (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(1)):

Table 8116-2.5 – Density Bonus Allowances for Qualified Land Donation Projects				
Household Income Category	Minimum Percentage of Very Low Income Units	Density Bonus	Additional Density Bonus for each 1% increase in Very Low Income Units	Maximum Possible Density Bonus
Land Donation				
Very Low Income Housing	10% of entire development	15%	1%	35% (max. combined)

The increase in Density Bonus authorized by this section shall be in addition to any increase in density allowed for providing a Minimum Affordable Housing Component in accordance with Section 8116-2.2, up to a maximum combined mandated density increase of 35 percent if an applicant seeks an increase pursuant to both this section and Section 8116-2.2. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(1) & (2).)

All density calculations resulting in fractional units shall be rounded up to the next whole number. (Gov. Code § 65915(g)(2).)

Sec. 8116-2.6 – Additional Density Bonus for Qualified Housing Development with 100% Very Low or Low Income Affordable Housing Component

Sec. 8116-2.6.1 – Eligibility for an Additional Density Bonus

To qualify for consideration of an additional Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2.6.2 that is above the Density Bonus authorized by Sections 8116-2.2.2 and 8116-2.3.2, all lots or units within the Qualified Housing Development (i.e., 100 percent) must be affordable to Very-Low or Low-Income Households for a minimum 30-year period in accordance with Section 8116-9.1.

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Sec. 8116-2.6.2 – Allowance and Criteria for Granting an Additional Density Bonus

If the requirements of Section 8116-2.6.1 are met, then the decision-maker for the Qualified Housing Development may grant an additional Density Bonus of between 1% and 15%, but not to exceed a total maximum Density Bonus granted under this Article of 50 percent (50%). In determining whether to grant an additional Density Bonus and the amount of the additional Density Bonus, the decision-maker must find that the additional Density Bonus requested would not render the proposed Qualified Housing Development, with Density Bonus granted pursuant to Section 8116.2.2, incompatible with the character of surrounding, legally established development and would not be detrimental to the public interest, health, safety, convenience, or welfare.

Sec. 8116-3 – Affordable Housing Incentives

Government Code section 65915(d), (j), (k) and (l) govern the following provisions regarding affordable housing incentives.

Sec. 8116-3.1 – Qualifications for Incentives

Subject to Section 8116-3.4, all of the following applicable requirements must be satisfied to be granted an Incentive(s) pursuant to Sections 8116-3.2 and 3.3:

- a. The applicant for an Incentive must qualify for a Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2 (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1));
- b. A specific written proposal for an Incentive(s) must be submitted with the application for Density Bonus in accordance with Section 8116-7 (Gov. Code § 65915(b)(1) and (d)(1));
- c. If an Incentive(s) pursuant to Section 8116-3.2(a) or (c) is sought, the applicant must establish that each requested incentive would result in identifiable, financially sufficient, and actual cost reductions for the Qualified Housing Development (Gov. Code § 65915(k)(1) & (3));
- d. If an Incentive(s) pursuant to Section 8116-3.2(b) is sought, the applicant must establish that requirements of Section 8116-3.2(b) are met (Gov. Code § 65915(k)(2)); and
- e. If an additional Incentive for a Child Care Facility is sought pursuant to Section 8116-3.3(d), the applicant must establish that requirements of Section 8116-3.3(d) are met (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(1)(B)).

The granting of an Incentive shall not be interpreted, in and of itself, to require a General Plan amendment, Local Coastal Plan amendment, zoning change, or other discretionary approval. (Gov. Code § 65915(j).) An Incentive is applicable only to the project for which it is granted. An applicant for an Incentive may request a meeting with the Planning Director and, if requested, the Planning Director will meet with the applicant to discuss the proposal. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1).)

Sec. 8116-3.2 – Types of Incentives

For the purposes of this Article, Incentive means any of the following:

- a. A reduction in site Development Standards or a modification of zoning code requirements or architectural design requirements that exceed the minimum building standards approved by the California Building Standards Commission as provided in Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code, including, but not limited to, a reduction in setback and square footage requirements and in the ratio of vehicular parking spaces that

would otherwise be required that results in identifiable, financially sufficient, and actual cost reductions. (Gov. Code § 65915(k)(1).)

- b. Approval of mixed use zoning in conjunction with the Qualified Housing Development if commercial, office, industrial, or other land uses will reduce the cost of the Qualified Housing Development and if the commercial, office, industrial, or other land uses are compatible with the Qualified Housing Development and the existing or planned development in the area where the proposed Qualified Housing Development will be located. (Gov. Code § 65915(k)(2).)
- c. Other regulatory Incentives proposed by the Affordable Housing Developer or the County that result in identifiable, financially sufficient, and actual cost reductions. (Gov. Code § 65915(k)(3).)

Nothing in this section limits or requires the provision of direct financial incentives by the County for the Qualified Housing Development, including the provision of publicly owned land, or the waiver of fees or dedication requirements. (Gov. Code § 65915(l).)

Sec. 8116-3.3 – Number of Incentives Granted

Subject to Section 8116-3.4, the applicant who meets the requirements of Section 8116-3.1 above shall receive the following number of Incentives described below and as shown in Table 8116-3.3:

- a. One Incentive for Qualified Housing Development projects that include at least 10 percent (10%) of the Total Units for Low Income Households, at least 5 percent (5%) for Very Low Income Households, or at least ten percent (10%) for persons and families of Moderate Income Households in a Common Interest Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(2)(A).)
- b. Two Incentives for Qualified Housing Development projects that include at least 20 percent (20%) of the Total Units for Low Income Households, at least 10 percent (10%) for Very Low Income Households, or at least 20 percent (20%) for persons and families of Moderate Income Households in a Common Interest Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(2)(B).)
- c. Three Incentives for Qualified Housing Development projects that include at least 30 percent (30%) of the Total Units for Low Income Households, at least 15 percent (15%) for Very Low Income Households, or at least 30 percent (30%) for persons and families of Moderate Income Households in a Common Interest Development. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(2)(C).)
- d. Subject to Section 8116-3.4(d), a Qualified Housing Development proposal that includes a Child Care Facility shall be granted an additional incentive that contributes significantly to the economic feasibility of the construction of the Child Care Facility. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(1)(B).)

Table 8116-3.3 – Incentive Allowances for Qualified Housing Developments			
Income Category	Minimum % of Affordable Units		
Very Low Income	5%	10%	15%
Low Income	10%	20%	30%
Common Interest Development (Moderate Income)	10%	20%	30%
Incentives Allowed	1	2	3

Sec. 8116-3.4 – Criteria for Denial of Application for Incentives

Except as otherwise provided in this Article or by state law, if the requirements of Section 8116-3.1 are met, the County shall grant the Incentive(s) that are authorized by Sections 8116-3.2 and 8116-3.3 unless a written finding, based upon substantial evidence, is made with respect to any of the following, in which case the County may refuse to grant the Incentive(s):

- a. The Incentive is not required in order to provide Affordable Housing Costs or Affordable Rents for the Affordable Units subject to the Qualified Housing Development application. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1)(A).)
- b. The Incentive would have a Specific Adverse Impact, as defined in Government Code Section 65589.5(d)(2), upon public health and safety or the physical environment or on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources and for which there is no feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the Specific Adverse Impact without rendering the development unaffordable to low- and moderate-income households. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1)(B); Gov. Code § 65915 (d)(3).)
- c. The Incentive would be contrary to state or federal law. (Gov. Code § 65915(d)(1)(C).)
- d. The community has adequate Child Care Facilities, in which case the additional Incentive for a Child Care Facility pursuant to Section 8116-3.3(d) may be denied. (Gov. Code § 65915(h)(3).)

Sec. 8116-4 – Waiver or Modification of Development Standards

Sec. 8116-4.1 - Requirements for Waiver or Modification of Development Standards

- a. Application. To qualify for a waiver or reduction of one or more Development Standards, the applicant must submit a written application (together with an application for a Qualified Housing Development) that states the specific Development Standard(s) sought to be modified or waived and the basis of the request. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).) An applicant for a waiver or modification of Development Standard(s) pursuant to this section may request a meeting with the Planning Director to review the proposal. If requested, the Planning Director shall meet with the applicant. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).) An application for the

waiver or reduction of Development Standard(s) pursuant to this section shall neither reduce nor increase the number of Incentives to which the applicant is entitled pursuant Section 8116-3. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(2).)

b. Findings. All of the following findings must be made for each waiver or reduction requested:

- (1) The Development Standard for which a waiver or reduction is requested will have the effect of physically precluding the construction of the proposed Qualified Housing Development at the densities or with the Incentives permitted under this Article. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).)
- (2) The requested waiver or reduction of a Development Standard will not have a Specific, Adverse Impact, as defined in Government Code section 65589.5(d)(2), upon health, safety, or the physical environment or, if such a Specific, Adverse Impact exists, there is a feasible method to satisfactorily mitigate or avoid the Specific Adverse Impact. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).)
- (3) The requested waiver or reduction of a Development Standard will not have an adverse impact on any real property that is listed in the California Register of Historical Resources. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).)
- (4) The requested waiver or reduction of a Development Standard is not contrary to state or federal law. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).)

Sec. 8116-4.2 - Granting Application for Waiver or Modification of Development Standards

If the requirements of Section 8116-4.1 are satisfied, the application for waiver or modification of Development Standard(s) shall be granted. If the requirements of Section 8116-4.1 are satisfied, the County shall not apply a Development Standard that will have the effect of physically precluding the construction of a Qualified Housing Development at the densities or with the Incentives permitted by this Article. (Gov. Code § 65915(e)(1).)

Sec. 8116-5 - Parking Standard Modifications for Qualified Housing Developments

Sec. 8116-5.1 – Requirements for Parking Standard Modifications

Parking standard modifications pursuant to Section 8116-5.2 are available only for Qualified Housing Developments. An application for parking standard modifications stating the specific modification requested pursuant to Section 8116-5.2 must be submitted with the Qualified Housing Development application. (Gov. Code § 65915(p)(3).)

Sec. 8116-5.2 – Parking Standard Modifications

- a. If the requirements of Section 8116-5.1 are met, the vehicular parking ratio, inclusive of handicapped and guest parking, shall not exceed the following ratios (Gov. Code § 65915(p)(1)):
- b. Zero to one bedroom: one onsite parking space.
- c. Two to three bedrooms: two onsite parking spaces.
- d. Four and more bedrooms: two and one-half parking spaces.
- e. If the total number of parking spaces required for the Qualified Housing Development is other than a whole number, the number shall be rounded up to the next whole number. For purposes of this section, “onsite parking” may be

provided through tandem parking or uncovered parking, but not through on-street parking. (Gov. Code § 65915(p)(2).)

- f. Except as otherwise provided in this section, all other provisions of Section 8108 (Parking and Loading Requirements) applicable to residential development apply.
- g. An applicant may request additional parking Incentives beyond those provided in this section if applied for pursuant to Section 8116-3. (Gov. Code § 65915(p)(3).)

Sec. 8116-6 – Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentive Program - Project Design and Phasing

Subject to Section 8116-4, projects seeking an Affordable Housing Benefit pursuant to this Article must comply with the following requirements, unless otherwise specified in writing by the Planning Director:

- a. Location/Dispersal of Units. Affordable Units shall be reasonably dispersed throughout the development where feasible and shall contain on average the same (or greater) number of bedrooms as the Market-rate Units.
- b. Phasing. If a project is to be developed in phases, each phase must contain the same or substantially similar proportion of Affordable Units and Market-rate Units.
- c. Exterior Appearance. The exterior appearance and quality of the Affordable Units must be similar to the Market-rate Units. The exterior materials and improvements of the Affordable Units must be similar to, and architecturally compatible with, the Market-rate Units.

Sec. 8116-7 - Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentive Program Application Requirements

An application for one or more Affordable Housing Benefits must be submitted as follows:

- a. Each Affordable Housing Benefit requested must be specifically stated in writing on the application form provided by the County.
- b. The application must include the information and documents necessary to establish that the requirements of this Article are satisfied for each Affordable Housing Benefit requested, including:
 - (1) For Density Bonus requests, that the requirements of Section 8116-2 are met;
 - (2) For Incentive requests, that the requirements of Section 8116-3 are met;
 - (3) For Development Standard Waiver or Modification requests, that the requirements of Section 8116-4 are met; and/or
 - (4) For Parking Standard Modification requests, that the requirements of Section 8116-5 are met.
- c. The application must be submitted concurrently with a complete application for a Qualified Housing Development.
- d. The application must include a site plan that complies with and includes the following:
 - (1) For Senior Citizen Housing Development projects - the number and location of proposed Total Units and Density Bonus Units.
 - (2) For all Qualified Housing Development projects other than Senior Citizen Housing Development projects – the number and location of proposed Total Units, Affordable Units and Density Bonus Units. The Density Bonus Units shall be

permitted in geographic areas of the Qualified Housing Development other than the areas where the Affordable Units are located. (Gov. Code § 65915(i).)

- (3) The location, design and phasing criteria required by Section 8116-6, including any proposed Development Standard(s) modifications or waivers pursuant to Section 8116-4.
- e. The application for a Qualified Housing Development must state the level of affordability of the Affordable Units and include a proposal for compliance with Section 8116-9 for ensuring affordability.
 - f. If a Density Bonus is requested for a Qualified Land donation pursuant to Section 8116-2.5, the application must show the location of the Qualified Land in addition to including sufficient information to establish that each requirement in Section 8116-2.5 has been met.
 - g. If an additional Density Bonus or Incentive is requested for a Child Care Facility pursuant to section 8116-2.3 and/or section 8116-3.3, the application shall show the location and square footage of the Child Care Facility in addition to including sufficient information to establish that each requirement in Section 8116-2.3 and/or section 8116-3.3 has been met.

An application for an Affordable Housing Benefit under this Article will not be processed until all of the provisions of this section are complied with as determined by the Planning Director and shall be processed concurrently with the application for the Qualified Housing Development project for which the Affordable Housing Benefit is sought.

Prior to the submittal of an application for a Qualified Housing Development, an applicant may submit to the Planning Director a preliminary proposal for Affordable Housing Benefits. The Planning Director shall, within 90 days of receipt of a written proposal, notify the applicant of the Planning Director's preliminary response and schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the proposal and the Planning Director's preliminary response.

Sec. 8116-8 – Determination on Density Bonus and Affordable Housing Incentive Program Requests

The decision making body for the underlying Qualified Housing Development application is authorized to approve or deny an application for an Affordable Housing Benefit in accordance with this Article.

Sec. 8116-8.1 – Affordable Housing Benefit Determinations

An application for an Affordable Housing Benefit shall be granted if the requirements of this Article are satisfied unless:

- a. The application is for an Incentive for which a finding is made in accordance with Section 8116-3.4; or
- b. The underlying application for the Qualified Housing Development is not approved independent of and without consideration of the application for the Affordable Housing Benefit.

Sec. 8116-8.2 – Affordable Housing Benefit Compliance Provisions

To ensure compliance with this Article and state law, approval of an application for an Affordable Housing Benefit may be subject to, without limitation:

- a. The imposition of conditions of approval to the Qualified Housing Development, including imposition of fees necessary to monitor and enforce the provisions of this Article;
- b. An affordable housing agreement and, if applicable, an equity sharing agreement pursuant to Section 8116-9; and
- c. Recorded deed restriction implementing conditions of approval and/or contractual or legally mandated provisions.

A decision regarding an Affordable Housing Benefit application is subject to the appeal provisions of Section 8111-7.

Sec. 8116-9 – Affordable Housing Agreement and Equity Sharing Agreement

No Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2 shall be granted unless and until the Affordable Housing Developer, or its designee approved in writing by the Planning Director, enters into an affordable housing agreement and, if applicable, an equity sharing agreement, with the County or its designee pursuant to and in compliance with this section. (Gov. Code § 65915(c).) The agreements shall be in the form provided by the County which shall contain terms and conditions mandated by, or necessary to implement, state law and this Article. The Planning Director may designate a qualified administrator or entity to administer the provisions of this section on behalf of the County. The affordable housing agreement shall be recorded prior to, or concurrently with, final map recordation or, where the Qualified Housing Development does not include a map, prior to issuance of a building permit for any structure on the site. The Planning Director is hereby authorized to enter into the agreements authorized by this section on behalf of the County upon approval of the agreements by County Counsel for legal form and sufficiency.

Sec. 8116-9.1 - Affordable Housing Agreements

Sec. 8116-9.1.1 – Density Bonus Granted for Qualified Housing Development based upon Low or Very Low Income Minimum Affordable Housing Component or for Senior Citizen Housing Development

The Affordable Housing Developer of a Qualified Housing Development based upon the inclusion of Low Income and/or Very Low Income Affordable Units must enter into an agreement with the County to maintain the continued affordability of the Affordable Units for 30 years, or a longer period if required by the construction or mortgage financing assistance program, mortgage insurance program, or rental subsidy program, as follows (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(1)):

- a. Rental units. Rents for the Low Income and Very Low income Affordable Units that qualified the Housing Development for the Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2 shall be set and maintained at an Affordable Rent. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(1).)
- b. For-Sale Units. Owner-occupied Low Income and Very Low Income Affordable Units that qualified the Housing Development for the Density Bonus pursuant to Section 8116-2 shall be available at an Affordable Housing Cost. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(1).)
- c. Senior Units. At least thirty-five (35) Senior Citizen Housing Development Units are maintained and available for rent or sale to senior citizens as defined in Civil Code section 51.3.

Sec. 8116-9.1.2 – Density Bonus Granted for Qualified Housing Development based upon Moderate Income Minimum Affordable Housing Component

The Affordable Housing Developer of a Qualified Housing Development based upon the inclusion of Moderate Income Affordable Units in a Common Interest Development must enter into an agreement with the County ensuring that: (a) the initial occupants of the Moderate Income Affordable Units that are directly related to the receipt of the Density Bonus are persons and families of a Moderate Income Household; and (b) the units are offered at an Affordable Housing Cost. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2).)

Sec. 8116-9.1.3 – Density Bonus Granted for Qualified Housing Development based upon Minimum Affordable Housing Component and Child Care Facility

If an additional Density Bonus or Incentive is granted because a Child Care Facility is included in the Qualified Housing Development, the affordable housing agreement shall also include the Affordable Housing Developer's obligations pursuant to Section 8116-2.3.1(c) for maintaining a Child Care Facility, if not otherwise addressed through conditions of approval.

Sec. 8116-9.2 – Equity Sharing Agreement for Moderate Income Affordable Units

In addition to the affordable housing agreement pursuant to Section 8116-9.1.2, the Affordable Housing Developer of Qualified Housing Development based upon a Moderate Income Minimum Affordable Component shall enter into an equity sharing agreement for a Common Interest Development with the County. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2).) The County shall enforce the equity sharing agreement unless it is in conflict with the requirements of another public funding source or law. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2).) The equity sharing agreement shall include at a minimum the following provisions:

- a. Upon resale, the seller of the unit shall retain the value of improvements, the down payment, and the seller's proportionate share of appreciation. The County shall recapture any initial subsidy, as defined in subparagraph b., and its proportionate share of appreciation, as defined in subparagraph c., which amount shall be used within five years for any of the purposes described in Health and Safety Code Section 33334.2 (e) that promote home ownership. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2)(A).)
- b. The County's initial subsidy shall be equal to the fair market value of the unit at the time of initial sale minus the initial sale price to the Moderate-Income Household, plus the amount of any down payment assistance or mortgage assistance. If upon resale the market value is lower than the initial market value, then the value at the time of the resale shall be used as the initial market value. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2)(B).)
- c. The County's proportionate share of appreciation shall be equal to the ratio of the County's initial subsidy to the fair market value of the unit at the time of initial sale. (Gov. Code § 65915(c)(2)(C).)

Sec. 8116-10 – Density Bonus or Incentive for Condominium Conversion Projects

Sec. 8116-10.1 – Requirements for Density Bonus or Incentive for Condominium Conversion Projects

When an applicant to convert apartments to a condominium project agrees to provide at least thirty-three percent (33%) of the Total Units of the proposed condominium project to persons and families of Moderate Income Households or fifteen percent (15%) of the Total Units of the proposed condominium project to Low Income Households, and agrees to pay for the reasonably necessary administrative costs incurred by the County pursuant to this section, the County shall either: (1) grant a Density Bonus or (2) provide Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(a).)

Sec. 8116-10.2 – Definition of Density Bonus for Condominium Conversion Projects

If the requirements of Section 8116-10.1 are met, then the Condominium Conversion Project will be entitled to an increase in units of 25 percent over the number of apartments, to be provided within the existing structure or structures proposed for conversion from apartments to condominiums. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(b).)

Sec. 8116-10.3 – Pre-Submittal Preliminary Proposals for Density Bonus or Incentive for Condominium Conversion Projects

Prior to the submittal of a formal request for subdivision map approval or other application for necessary discretionary approvals, an applicant to convert apartments to a condominium project may submit to the Planning Director a preliminary proposal for Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value. The Planning Director shall, within 90 days of receipt of a written proposal, notify the applicant of the Planning Director's preliminary response and schedule a meeting with the applicant to discuss the proposal and the Planning Director's preliminary response. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(d).)

Sec. 8116-10.4 – Application for Density Bonus or Incentives for Condominium Conversion Projects

An applicant must submit a completed application provided by the County for a Density Bonus or for Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value. The application must be submitted concurrently with the application for the Condominium Conversion Project. The application must include the following:

- a. All information and documentation necessary to establish that the requirements of Section 8116-10.1 are met;
- b. The proposal for a Density Bonus or the proposal for Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value;
- c. Site plans demonstrating the location of the units to be converted, the Affordable Units, the Market-rate Units, and the Density Bonus units within the Condominium Conversion Project; and
- d. Any other information and documentation requested by the County to determine if the requirements of Section 8116-10 are met.

Both the application for a Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value and the application for the condominium conversion must be complete before the application for a Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value will be considered.

Sec. 8116-10.5 – Granting Density Bonus or Incentive for Condominium Conversion Projects

Sec. 8116-10.5.1 – Approval Authority

If the requirements of Section 8116-10.1 are met, the decision-making body for the Condominium Conversion Project application is authorized to grant an application for a Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value, subject to Section 8116-10.5.2. Reasonable conditions may be placed on the granting of a Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value that are found appropriate, including, but not limited to, entering into an affordable housing agreement pursuant to Section 8116-9 which assures continued affordability of units to subsequent purchasers who are persons and families of Moderate Income Households or Low Income Households. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(a).)

Sec. 8116-10.5.2 – Ineligibility

An applicant shall be ineligible for a Density Bonus or Other Incentives of Equivalent Financial Value if the apartments proposed for conversion constitute a Qualified Housing Development for which a Density Bonus as defined in Section 8116-1 or other Incentives were provided. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(f).)

Sec. 8116-10.6 – Decision on Condominium Conversion Project

Nothing in this section shall be construed to require the County to approve a proposal to convert apartments to condominiums. (Gov. Code § 65915.5(e).)

Sec. 8116-11- Enforcement Provisions

- a. Compliance with Affordable Unit Occupancy Requirements. Throughout the restricted time periods set forth in section 8116-9, the eligibility of a household to occupy an Affordable Unit must be met at initial occupancy and at any change in ownership or tenancy, including subletting, of the Affordable Unit. Upon request, compliance with this Article and the terms of the Affordable Housing Agreement must be demonstrated. Upon 30-day written notice, the County may perform an audit to determine compliance with this Article and the terms of any agreement or restriction.
- b. Enforcement. The County or its designee has the authority to enforce the provisions of this Article, the terms of Affordable Housing Agreements and Equity Sharing Agreements, deed restrictions, covenants, resale restrictions, promissory notes, deed of trust, conditions of approval, permit conditions, and any other requirements placed on the Affordable Units or the approval of the Qualified Housing Development. In addition to the enforcement powers granted in this Chapter, including recording of Notices of Non Compliance, the County may, at its discretion, take any other enforcement action permitted by law, including those authorized by County ordinances. Such enforcement actions may include, but are not limited to, a civil action for specific performance of the restrictions and agreement(s), damages for breach of contract, restitution and injunctive relief. The remedies provided for herein shall be cumulative and not exclusive and shall not preclude the County from seeking any other remedy or relief to which it otherwise would be entitled under law or equity.

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ARTICLE 17:

MOBILEHOME PARK CLOSURE PERMIT REQUIREMENT

(ADD. ORD. 3873-10/4/88)

Sec. 8117-0 - Purpose

Mobilehome parks offer affordable ownership housing to the citizens of Ventura County, especially to residents over the ages of 62, many of which are on fixed or limited incomes. Mobilehome parks are a relatively low intensity land use, and in growing urban areas, older parks are coming under economic pressure to redevelop to more profitable uses. In these urban areas and throughout the County, vacant mobilehome park spaces are usually rare. Park residents evicted because of change of use of the park may be unable to find space in other parks to move their home to, or cannot afford the move even if a space were available. For these reasons, it is deemed necessary to protect the owners of mobilehomes from unreasonable evictions and undue financial hardship from a mobilehome park closure, while at the same time recognizing the rights of park owners to pursue changes in land use.

Sec. 8117-1 - Definitions

Unless the provision or context otherwise requires, the definitions of words and terms as follows shall govern the construction of this Article.

Mitigation or Measures to Mitigate - as used in this ordinance are measures to alleviate adverse impacts of the conversion, closure, or cessation of a mobilehome park, including but not limited to: relocation of mobilehomes to another park; payment of security deposits; reimbursement of utility connection fees; moving expenses; purchase of mobilehomes which can't be moved or other related moving assistance for residents of a park.

Mobilehome - A structure with dimensions larger than eight (8) feet by forty (40) feet or a size larger than three hundred twenty (320) square feet designed for human habitation, transported over streets and highways to a permanent occupancy site, and installed on the site either with or without a permanent foundation. A recreational vehicle shall be treated as a mobilehome under this Article, provided it has been used as a principal residence for nine consecutive months.

Mobile Home Park Closure, Conversion or Change of Use - Mobile Home Park Closure, Conversion or Change of Use means changing the use of a mobile home park such that it no longer contains occupied mobile or manufactured homes, as described in and regulated by Government Code Section 66427.4. Such conversions are governed by this Article 17. (ADD. ORD. 4382 – 3/18/08)

Mobile Home Park Conversion to Resident Ownership - Mobile Home Park Conversion to Resident Ownership means the conversion of a mobile home park composed of rental spaces to a condominium or common interest development, as described in and/or regulated by Government Code Section 66427.5 and/or Section 66428.1. Unless otherwise provided therein, such conversions are governed by Article 13 of Division 8, Chapter 2 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code. (ADD. ORD. 4382 – 3/18/08)

Mobilehome Park, Trailer Park or Park - An area of land where two or more spaces are rented or leased for mobilehomes used as residences. Mobilehome park does not include County park campgrounds and County parking meter zones.

Mobilehome Park Owner or Owner - The owner, lessor, operator, or manager of a mobilehome park in the unincorporated area of Ventura County.

Mobilehome Tenant or Resident - Any person entitled to occupy a mobilehome or recreational vehicle which is located within a mobilehome or trailer park in the unincorporated area of Ventura County.

Recreational Vehicle - A vehicle for human habitation, which is self-propelled or towed by a light-duty vehicle, in which the plumbing, heating, and electrical system contained therein may be operated without connection to outside utilities.

Space Rent - The consideration, including any security deposits, bonuses, benefits, or gratuities demanded or received in connection with the use and occupancy of a space in a mobilehome or trailer park, or for housing services provided, but exclusive of any amount paid for the use of a mobile dwelling unit, or utility charges or trash charges which are billed to units separately whether or not the units are individually metered. "Space rent" does not include reasonable user fees for services actually rendered to some, but not all, of the residents of a park.

Sec. 8117-2 - Exemptions

The following mobilehome parks or portions thereof are exempt from the provisions of this Article.

- a. Mobilehome or trailer parks managed or operated by the United States Government, the State of California, or the County of Ventura.
- b. Mobilehome or trailer parks used for farm labor housing.
- c. Those sections of existing parks utilized for recreational vehicles which have an approved permit identifying a separate area with reduced size spaces specifically designated for Recreational Vehicles, provided the permit was approved prior to the effective date of this Ordinance.
- d. Mobilehome park spaces rented for non-residential uses.
- e. Recreational vehicle parks specifically designed for recreational vehicles.
- f. Closure or cessation of use of a mobilehome park resulting from an adjudication of bankruptcy.

Sec. 8117-3 - Mobilehome Park Closure Permit

Except as otherwise provided by law, prior to the conversion of a mobilehome park to another use, or prior to the closure of a mobilehome park or the cessation of the use of land as a mobilehome park, in whole or in part, a Mobilehome Park Closure Permit must be obtained pursuant to provisions of this Article.

Sec. 8117-4 - Notice to Residents

Prior to filing of an application for a mobilehome park closure permit, the park owner shall provide at least 60 days of written notice to all residents and mobilehome owners that the park is being proposed for closure. A copy of the required notice shall be obtained from the Planning Division. No other notice shall be used unless prior approval by the Planning Manager is given. The park owner shall continue to give said notice to all new and potential residents throughout the closure permit process.

Sec. 8117-5 - Mobilehome Park Closure Permit Application Procedures

A person or entity seeking to convert a mobilehome park to another use, or to close a mobilehome park or to cease a use of land as a mobilehome park, in whole or in part, shall apply for a Mobilehome Park Closure Permit on forms provided by the Resource Management Agency's Planning Division. The application shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee listed in the Land development processing fee schedule to cover costs of processing the request in accordance with Section 8111-3 of the Ventura County Ordinance Code.

Sec. 8117-6 - Application Filing Requirements

The application shall be accompanied by the following:

- a. Concept Plan - A plan indicating the proposed use the park site is intended to accommodate, including the approximate number of proposed residential units, if any; approximate square footage and use of any buildings proposed; and the probable impacts/benefits to the community created by the proposed project.
- b. Site Plan - A site plan of the existing mobilehome park showing the existing layout, with all existing mobilehome spaces identified by number and indicating whether the space is currently occupied, and other site features.
- c. Residents List - A list of the names and addresses of all current residents of the mobilehome park.
- d. Housing and Financial Impact Report - A report on the housing and financial impacts of the removal of the mobilehomes upon all displaced residents including:
 - (1) Rental rate history for each space for the previous five years;
 - (2) Monthly vacancy rate for each month during the preceding two years;
 - (3) Makeup of existing resident households, including family size, length of residence, age of residents, estimated household income, and whether they are receiving federal or State rent subsidies;
 - (4) The date of manufacture, size and condition of each mobilehome in the park.
 - (5) An analysis of moving existing mobilehomes which shall include, but not be limited to, the availability of other sites; the total costs of relocating mobilehomes to a new location; and the feasibility of existing mobilehomes being accepted at other locations.
- e. Relocation Assistance Plan - A plan which clearly states all measures proposed by the applicant to mitigate any identifiable adverse impacts of the proposed closure or conversion of use on the residents of the mobilehome park who would be displaced thereby. Displaced residents must be provided with relocation benefits that bear a relationship to the cost of displaced residents' finding alternative housing. Relocation benefits shall be determined on a case by case basis. With regard to mobilehomes which cannot be moved to another mobilehome park, consideration shall be given to the purchase of such mobilehomes by the applicant at their appraised fair market value as determined by an independent appraiser utilizing principles applicable in relocation matters. The foregoing applies when the mobilehome owner resides in the unit. However, a nonresident mobilehome owner shall not be eligible for any other relocation benefits except those associated with the relocation or purchase of a qualifying mobilehome.

Persons who own mobilehomes or who are tenants in the mobilehome park at the time notice of closure is given will be eligible for relocation assistance as determined in the finally approved Relocation Assistance Plan. Persons who become mobilehome owners or tenants after the time notice is provided pursuant to Sec. 8117-4 may be only eligible for partial relocation assistance as determined in the Relocation Assistance Plan as finally approved.

- f. Proof of Service of Notice - The applicant shall provide evidence, by proof of service or by other means, that he/she has given the notice required by Sec. 8117-4 to all applicable residents and mobilehome owners, and continues to give such notice to all new potential residents.
- g. List of Surrounding Property Owners - A list of all real property owners within a radius of 300 feet of the exterior boundaries of the Assessor Parcel(s) which is subject of the application. Names and addresses shall be obtained from the latest equalized assessment roll.
- h. Other Information - The applicant shall provide any other information which the Planning Director reasonably believes is necessary for the purposes of properly evaluating the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit request. (AM. ORD. 4054 - 2/1/94)

Sec. 8117-7 - Completeness of Application

Not later than 45 calendar days after an application has been filed, the applicant shall be notified in writing as to whether the application is complete or incomplete for application purposes. If the submittal is determined to be incomplete, the applicant shall be notified in writing of the reasons for such determination and of the information needed to make the application complete.

Sec. 8117-8 - Review of Supplemental Information

If an application is deemed incomplete and the applicant subsequently submits all the required information, the application is then treated as if it were a new filing, and the 45-day review period begins on the day that the supplemental information is submitted.

Sec. 8117-9 - Termination of Incomplete Application

Upon written notification to the applicant, processing of an incomplete application may be terminated if no reasonable effort has been made by the applicant to complete the application for a period of six months from the date of notification of incompleteness. All unused fees shall be refunded to the applicant.

Sec. 8117-10 - Service of Housing and Financial Impact Report and Relocation Assistance Plan

The Planning Division shall provide a notice of the hearing date and location, along with a copy of the Housing and Financial Impact Report and Relocation Assistance Plan to each resident of the mobilehome park 30 days prior to the Board of Supervisors hearing on the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit application. All costs for duplication of said Impact Report and Relocation Assistance Plan shall be borne by the applicant.

Sec. 8117-11 - Hearing on the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit

Hearings shall be held on the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit application before the Ventura County Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors. The Planning

Commission shall make recommendations to the Board, and the action by the Board shall be final. The Board shall only approve the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit if it finds that:

- a. The conversion, closure, or cessation of use of the land as a mobilehome park will not be substantially detrimental to the housing needs and public interest of the affected neighborhood and of the County as a whole; and
- b. The measures to reasonably and adequately mitigate any adverse impact of the proposed conversion, closure, or cessation of use on the mobilehome park residents who will be displaced are incorporated as conditions of permit approval.

Sec. 8117-12 - Denial for Incompleteness

If either the Housing and Financial Impact Report or Relocation Assistance Plan are found to be inadequate, insufficient, or incomplete, the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit may be denied without prejudice. If the applicant thereafter cures the deficiencies, the applicant may re-apply and provide any necessary fee deposits.

Sec. 8117-13 - Application of Permit Conditions

Reasonable conditions may be imposed by the Board to mitigate adverse impacts on mobilehome park residents who will be displaced by these measures include but are not limited to relocation assistance requirements, phasing of the conversion, closure or cessation of use, bonding requirements, and any other reasonable requirements in the facts and circumstances of the particular permit request. In no case shall the measures required to be taken to mitigate any impacts exceed the reasonable costs of relocation to another mobilehome park.

Sec. 8117-14 - Notice of Approval of Mobilehome Park Closure Permit

Written notices will be mailed to all residents residing in the mobilehome park by County staff within 10 days after the approval of a Mobilehome Park Closure Permit. Such notice will either include all of the conditions of approval of the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit, or a statement where the conditions of approval can be publicly viewed and/or purchased.

Sec. 8117-15 - Denial of Permit for Coercion

A permit may be denied where there is substantial evidence that mobilehome park residents have been coerced to publicly support or approve closure, proposed conversion of a mobilehome park to another use, or cessation of the use of land as a mobilehome park, or to refrain from publicly opposing the same, or to forego any assistance to which they might be entitled.

Sec. 8117-16 - Duration of Permit

The Mobilehome Park Closure Permit granted pursuant to this Ordinance shall be valid for a period of two years. Any and all rights to close a park pursuant to such a permit shall lapse at the expiration of the permit.

Sec. 8117-17 - Decision of the Board

The decision of the Board of Supervisors is final.

Sec. 8117-18 - Termination of Tenancy

Upon the approval of the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit, the mobilehome park owner shall serve a Notice of Termination of Tenancy, in accordance with the provisions of Section 798.56 of the California Civil Code, to each park resident informing them that they will be given two years from the date of the Board of Supervisors approval of the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit to terminate their tenancy in the park. The two year termination period may be reduced to no less than 180 days upon the written agreement of the park owner and two-thirds of all mobilehome park residents over age 18.

Sec. 8117-19 - Effect on Existing Permits

The requirements of this Ordinance shall apply to all existing mobilehome parks within the County not herein exempt, regardless of any time limitation conditions that may exist in any previously issued permit for any mobilehome park. The use of any property covered by such a permit may lawfully continue and the permit shall be deemed to remain in full force and effect while the approved Mobilehome Park Closure Permit for conversion, closure, or cessation of use is being implemented.

Sec. 8117-20 - Affidavit of Compliance

Prior to the commencement of any construction on the property vacated as a result of the approval of a Mobilehome Park Closure Permit, the owner or developer of the property shall provide the County, or City if annexed, with an affidavit stating that the conditions imposed on the approval for the Mobilehome Park Closure Permit have been satisfied, and that all tenancies on the property have been terminated pursuant to the conditions of approval of the permit.

Sec. 8117-21 - Public Policy

It shall be against public policy to subvert any provisions of this Ordinance by coercing the waiver of any rights or privileges created or protected thereby. Any provision of a lease or agreement which purports directly or indirectly to waive or require waiver of a resident's rights under said sections or which requires prior consent to the conversion, closure, or cessation of use of land as a mobilehome park shall be null, void and unenforceable.

Sec. 8117-22 - Penalties

Any person, firm, or corporation violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and such person shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each and every day or portion thereof during which any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance is committed, continued, or permitted, and upon conviction of any such violation, such person shall be punishable by a fine of not more than \$1,000.00 (one thousand dollars), or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or both such fine and imprisonment.

Sec. 8117-23 - Notice to New and Prospective Tenants

Prior to or at the time of agreeing to rent space to a new tenant in a park subject to closure, the owner shall provide each new tenant or prospective tenant with a copy of this Ordinance, as currently in force, a copy of the Notice of Closure, a copy of the approved Housing and Financial Impact Report and the Relocation Assistance Plan.

ARTICLE 18: OFFICIAL ZONING DATA

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08)

Sec. 8118-0 - Consolidation of Zoning Data

The adoption and the progressive amendment of zoning data on lots represented in the Official Zoning Data from time to time has been associated with various Articles of this Chapter. All such past actions are incorporated in the Official Zoning Data and made a part of this Article. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95; AM. ORD. 4123 - 9/17/96 – grammar)

Sec. 8118-0.1 - Zone Change Ordinance Numbers

The establishment and amendment of the Official Zoning Data constitute sequential additions to this section. Said numbers are assigned in numerical order to each successive zoning data amendment. (ADD. ORD. 4092 - 6/27/95)

Sec. 8118 et seq. consists of Ventura County Official Zoning Data, accessible in the GIS Department, Resource Management Agency.

(AM. ORD. 4377 – 1/29/08; AM. ORD. 4436 – 6/28/11)

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ARTICLE 19: DELETED

(ADD. ORD. 3995 - 3/24/92; REP. AND REEN. ORD. 4455 – 10/22/13, see Article 16)

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