

Drive-through Regulations

Planning Commission

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Agenda

- Existing Regulations
- Best Practices
- Discussion



Why Regulate?

- Pedestrian/Bicyclist Safety
- Walkability and Quality of Built Environment
- Air Quality
 - Idling vehicles produce more carbon dioxide
 - Ground level ozone
- Urban Heat Island



Drive-through or up service: Business designed to permit customers to remain in their motor vehicles while being accommodated by the business.

Permitted in Community Commercial, Regional Commercial, Business, and Light Industrial districts.





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Zoning Legend Agriculture/Open Space (AG/OS) Rural Preservation 1 (RP-1) Planned Development (PD) Planning Area Boundary Rural Preservation 2 (RP-2) Regional Commercial (RC) Rural Preservation 3 (RP-3) Community Commercial (CC) ∖★ Planned Unit Development (PUD) Overlay Rural Residential (RR) Business (B) Erie Town Boundary Estate Residential (ER) Downtown District (DT) County Boundary Suburban Residential (SR) Neighborhood Mixed-Use (NMU) 900 Community Gateways Low Density Residential (LR) Community Mixed-Use (CMU) I-25 Interchange Medium Density Residential (MR) Light Industrial (LI) High Density Residential (HR) Public Lands & Institutions (PLI) Airport (AP) Old Town Residential (OTR)



- Community commercial (CC): Full range of communityoriented retail and service commercial uses.
- Regional commercial (RC): Regionally-oriented large retail and service commercial uses, and highway-oriented commercial uses such as shopping centers, big-box retail, gas stations, restaurants, hotels and similar and associated land uses.
- Business (B): Office, research and development, and other similar uses.
- Light industrial (LI): Light industrial uses including warehousing and limited outdoor sales and storage



Drive through car "Stacking" Requirements

Type of Use	Minimum Vehicular Stacking Spaces*	Measured From
Bank, teller lane	4	Teller window
Bank, ATM	3	Teller machine
Restaurant, with drive through	8	Order box
Pharmacy, with drive through	4	Pick-up window
Car Wash, automatic	6	Bay entrance
Car Wash, self-service	3	Bay entrance
Car wash, full-service	4	Bay entrance
Gas Station, gas pump island	30 feet from each end of island	

Use specific standards (10-3-2.3.)

- Shall be located, sized, and designed to minimize traffic, noise, and glare impacts on surrounding properties
- Shall be **buffered from adjacent rights-of-way and properties** through architectural elements, screening, landscaping, or site design
- A landscaping buffer with a minimum width of ten feet is required when drive-through or drive-up uses abut residential lots in a residential or mixed-use district
- Noise generated on the site by talk boxes shall not cause a nuisance



Screening standards (10-6-4)

- Designed and located to reduce the potential visual and acoustic impacts of these functions on adjacent residential property, public streets, and primary internal drive circulation routes in a multi-building complex.
- Ordering and pick-up window areas shall not be oriented toward residential property, arterial streets, and collector streets.
- Minimum landscape setback to drive through service areas and stacking drives from streets, and primary internal drive circulation routes in a multi-building complex shall be ten feet.







Best Practices

Floating Zones or Overlays

Locational & Design Criteria

Conditional or Special Review Uses

Use Specific Criteria
Limits based on
development size

Separation Requirements

- Minimum distance from other drive-throughs
- Distance from less intense uses
- Frontage Requirements
- Screening
- Pedestrian safety
- Noise reduction



DISCUSSION