

Code of the City of Virginia Beach - Article 6. Apartment Districts

Use	A-12
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, bees, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Assembly uses	C
Bed and breakfast inns	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools or religious uses	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communications towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Day-care centers	P
Dwellings, attached (townhouses)	P
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, multiple-family	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family additions	P
Facilities for the production of live theater and allied purposes including education in the theater arts	C
Family day-care homes, foster homes or group homes	C
Fraternity and sorority houses, student centers and student dormitories	C
Golf courses, nonilluminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Maternity homes	C
Mobile home parks	C
Museums and art galleries when not operated by a public agency	C
Nurse's homes and similar housing for institutional employees, monasteries and convents	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens and other public buildings and uses	P
Public elementary, intermediate and high schools; colleges and universities	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substation so other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Private schools when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C

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Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed	C
Religious uses	C
Single room occupancy facility	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted	C

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Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, bees, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Assembly uses	C
Bed and breakfast inns	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools or religious uses	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communications towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Day-care centers	P
Dwellings, attached (townhouses)	P
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, multiple-family	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family additions	P
Facilities for the production of live theater and allied purposes including education in the theater arts	C
Family day-care homes, foster homes or group homes	C
Fraternity and sorority houses, student centers and student dormitories	C
Golf courses, nonilluminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Maternity homes	C
Mobile home parks	C
Museums and art galleries when not operated by a public agency	C
Nurse's homes and similar housing for institutional employees, monasteries and convents	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens and other public buildings and uses	P
Public elementary, intermediate and high schools; colleges and universities	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substation so other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Private schools when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C

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Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed	C
Religious uses	C
Single room occupancy facility	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted	C

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Use	A-24
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, bees, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Assembly uses	C
Bed and breakfast inns	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools or religious uses	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communications towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Day-care centers	P
Dwellings, attached (townhouses)	P
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, multiple-family	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family additions	P
Facilities for the production of live theater and allied purposes including education in the theater arts	C
Family day-care homes, foster homes or group homes	C
Fraternity and sorority houses, student centers and student dormitories	C
Golf courses, nonilluminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Maternity homes	C
Mobile home parks	C
Museums and art galleries when not operated by a public agency	C
Nurse's homes and similar housing for institutional employees, monasteries and convents	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens and other public buildings and uses	P
Public elementary, intermediate and high schools; colleges and universities	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substation so other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Private schools when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C

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Use	A-24
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed	C
Religious uses	C
Single room occupancy facility	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted	C

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Use	A-36
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, bees, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Assembly uses	C
Bed and breakfast inns	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools or religious uses	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communications towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Day-care centers	P
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, multiple-family	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family additions	P
Facilities for the production of live theater and allied purposes including education in the theater arts	C
Family day-care homes, foster homes or group homes	C
Fraternity and sorority houses, student centers and student dormitories	C
Golf courses, nonilluminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Maternity homes	C
Mobile home parks	C
Museums and art galleries when not operated by a public agency	C
Nurse's homes and similar housing for institutional employees, monasteries and convents	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens and other public buildings and uses	P
Public elementary, intermediate and high schools; colleges and universities	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substation so other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Private schools when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C

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Use	A-36
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed	C
Religious uses	C
Single room occupancy facility	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted	C

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Use	I-1
Airports, heliports and helistops	P
Animal hospitals, veterinary establishments, pounds, shelters, and commercial kennels	C
Automobile museums	C
Automobile service stations, provided that where there is an adjoining residential or apartment district without an intervening street, alley or permanent open space over twenty-five (25) feet in width and where lots separated by the district boundary have adjacent front yards, a six-foot solid fence with Category VI screening shall separate the automobile service station use from the adjacent residential district and no ground sign shall be within fifty (50) feet of the residential or apartment district	C
Automotive rental, parts and supply stores; provided that no outside storage is included (excluding operative equipment)	P
Automotive repair garages	C
Bars or nightclubs	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Business, medical, financial, nonprofit, professional and similar office buildings	P
Car wash facilities, subject to the provisions of Section 228.1	C
Collection depots for recyclable materials	C
Commercial parking lots	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Craft breweries, subject to the provisions of Section 230	C
Craft distilleries, subject to the provisions of Section 230	C
Craft wineries, subject to the provisions of Section 230	C
Day-care and child care education centers	C
Eating and drinking establishments	P
Establishments such as linen suppliers, freight movers, communication services and canteen services	P
Establishments which deliver merchandise in bulk by truck or van	P
Facilities for construction, maintenance and repair of boats and vessels	C
Fiber-optics transmission facilities meeting the requirements of Section 233.15	P
Firewood preparation facility	C
Heavy equipment sales and services	P
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C

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Use	I-1
Hotels and motels, provided the following conditions are met: (i) Frontage shall be on a major or secondary street or highway; (ii) the minimum lot size shall be forty thousand (40,000) square feet and a minimum lot width of one hundred fifty (150) feet; (iii) density regulations of the H-1 Hotel District shall apply; (iv) accessory uses shall be limited to eating and drinking establishments, gift shops and travel agencies; (v) parking requirements of at least one (1) space per one (1) lodging unit shall be provided in addition to the requirements for an accessory use; (vi) front yards shall have a minimum depth of thirty (30) feet and, except for necessary driveways, shall be maintained in landscaping and shall not be used for parking; (vii) signs shall conform to the sign requirements applicable within H-1 Hotel District regulations	C
Low explosives storage with a valid federal explosives permit or license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATF)	P
Manufacturing, processing, extracting, packaging or fabricating establishments; provided that the following uses shall not be allowed: (i) Explosive manufacturing, storage and distribution; (ii) petroleum processing; (iii) processing or outside storage of salvage, scrap or junk	P
Mobile home sales	C
Motion picture studios	P
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Printing, lithographic or publishing establishments	P
Public buildings and grounds	P
Public schools, colleges and universities, and private schools, colleges and universities having similar academic curriculums	C
Public utilities installations and substations including offices; provided storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations, other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category VI screening solid, except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require only Category I screening, solid except for access opening	P
Public utility transformer stations and major transmission lines and towers (fifty thousand (50,000) volts or more)	C
Radio or television transmission and relay stations	C
Recreational facilities of an outdoor nature, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis with approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed as a conditional use or otherwise	C
Recreational facilities other than those of an outdoor nature	P
Religious uses, except freestanding, with a floor area greater than 4,000 square feet	C
Religious uses, except freestanding with a maximum floor area of 4,000 square feet	P
Repair establishments; provided that no outside storage is included (excluding mobile operative equipment)	P
Satellite wagering facility	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Truck and trailer rentals, provided that they shall comply with the requirements of section 242.2	P
Vocational, technical, industrial and trade schools	P
Wholesaling, warehousing, storage or distribution establishments	P

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Use	I-1
Wildlife rehabilitation centers	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, in excess of two (2)	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1) per principal structure	C

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Use	I-2
Airports, heliports and helistops	P
Animal hospitals, veterinary establishments, pounds, shelters, and commercial kennels	C
Automobile museums	C
Automobile service stations, provided that where there is an adjoining residential or apartment district without an intervening street, alley or permanent open space over twenty-five (25) feet in width and where lots separated by the district boundary have adjacent front yards, a six-foot solid fence with Category VI screening shall separate the automobile service station use from the adjacent residential district and no ground sign shall be within fifty (50) feet of the residential or apartment district	C
Automotive rental, parts and supply stores; provided that no outside storage is included (excluding operative equipment)	P
Automotive repair garages	P
Bars or nightclubs	C
Borrow pits	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Business, medical, financial, nonprofit, professional and similar office buildings	P
Commercial parking lots	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Day-care and child care education centers	C
Eating and drinking establishments	P
Establishments such as linen suppliers, freight movers, communication services and canteen services	P
Establishments which deliver merchandise in bulk by truck or van	P
Facilities for construction, maintenance and repair of boats and vessels	P
Fiber-optics transmission facilities meeting the requirements of Section 233.15	P
Firewood preparation facility	C
Heavy equipment sales and services	P
High explosives manufacturing, storage and distribution	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Low explosives manufacturing and distribution	C
Low explosives storage with a valid federal explosives permit or license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATF)	P
Manufacturing, processing, extracting, packaging or fabricating establishments; provided that the following uses shall not be allowed: (i) Explosive manufacturing, storage and distribution; (ii) petroleum processing; (iii) processing or outside storage of salvage, scrap or junk	P
Military installations	P
Motion picture studios	P
Passenger vessels permitted by U.S. Coast Guard regulations to carry more than one hundred forty-nine (149) passengers and used for commercial purposes	C
Petroleum processing	C
Piers, wharves and docks	P
Printing, lithographic or publishing establishments	P

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Use	I-2
Public buildings and grounds	P
Public utilities installations and substations including offices; provided storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations, other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category VI screening solid, except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require only Category I screening, solid except for access opening	P
Public utility transformer stations and major transmission lines and towers (fifty thousand (50,000) volts or more)	C
Radio or television transmission and relay stations	C
Recreational facilities other than those of an outdoor nature	P
Religious uses, except freestanding, with a floor area greater than 4,000 square feet	C
Religious uses, except freestanding with a maximum floor area of 4,000 square feet	P
Repair establishments; provided that no outside storage is included (excluding mobile operative equipment)	P
Satellite wagering facility	C
Ship supply establishments and facilities	P
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Solid waste management facilities	C
Storage or processing of salvage, scrap or junk	C
Terminals for freight or passengers arriving or departing by ship	P
Truck and trailer rentals, provided that they shall comply with the requirements of section 242.2	P
Vocational, technical, industrial and trade schools	P
Wholesale and retail establishments dealing primarily in bulk materials delivered by ship, or by ship and railroad or ship and railroad or ship and truck in combination	P
Wholesaling, warehousing, storage or distribution establishments	P
Wildlife rehabilitation centers	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, in excess of two (2)	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1) per principal structure	C

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Code of the City of Virginia Beach - Article 3. Preservation District

Use	P-1
Borrow pit	C
Building-mounted antennas meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Building-mounted antennas other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Colleges and universities, but not including dormitories or other housing facilities	C
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j)	P
Communication towers	C
Environmental education centers other than those operated by a governmental entity	C
Fish hatcheries and fish ponds	P
Forests and forestry; provided that the harvesting of timber shall be in accordance with the requirements of subsection (a1)	P
Game preserves	P
Golf courses, private, nonilluminated, including par 3, but not including miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres	C
Harvesting of timber where all requirements of subsection (a1) are not met	C
Marinas, noncommercial	C
Open agricultural and horticultural uses, provided that intensive cultivation shall not be allowed	P
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, golf courses, marinas and other public buildings and uses	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit.	
Recreational campgrounds	C
Riding academies, horses for hire or boarding	C
Small wireless facilities meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Storage and maintenance installations for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Temporary communication towers not meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Watersheds, wells, water reservoirs and water control structures	P
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted	C

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Use	R-2.5
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dwellings, attached	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home occupation	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P

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Use	R-2.5
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C

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Use	R-5S
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P

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Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide resident of the dwelling shall be permitted	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P

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Use	R-5R
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P

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Use	R-5R
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide resident of the dwelling shall be permitted	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P

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Use	R-5D
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, duplex	P
Dwellings, semidetached	P
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal u	C
Religious uses	C

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Use	R-5D
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide r	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P

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Use	R-7.5
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P

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Use	R-7.5
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide resident of the dwelling shall be permitted	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P

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Use	R-10
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal u	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide r	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C

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Use	R-10
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1)	C

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Use	R-15
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Hospitals and sanitariums	C
Housing for seniors and disabled persons	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P

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Use	R-15
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall not be permitted; and provided, further, that utilities substations other than individual transformers, shall be surrounded by Category V screening, solid except for entrances and exits; and provided also, transformer vaults for underground utilities and the like shall require Category I screening, solid except for access openings	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide resident of the dwelling shall be permitted	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1)	C

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Use	R-20
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal u	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide r	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C

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Use	R-20
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1)	C

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Use	R-30
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and	P
Public utility installations and substations; provided offices, storage or maintenance facilities shall	P
Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal u	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide r	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C

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Use	R-30
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1)	C

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Use	R-40
Agricultural and horticultural uses except for the keeping of poultry, livestock, fish ponds and fish hatcheries	P
Borrow pit	C
Cemetery, columbarium, crematory and mausoleum	C
Child care centers and child care education centers in conjunction with public or private elementary schools	P
Colleges and universities, public	P
Columbarium located in cemetery	P
Communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers meeting the requirements of Section 207	P
Communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 232(j) and temporary communication towers other than those meeting the requirements of Section 207	C
Community centers	C
Commuter or satellite parking when conducted in conjunction with another conditional use for which a minimum of thirty (30) parking spaces is required	C
Day-care centers and child care education centers in religious uses	C
Dormitories, student provided that they are located within a one mile radius of an established college or university	C
Dwellings, single-family	P
Family day-care homes	C
Foster homes	C
Flex suites, subject to the provisions of section 507	P
Fraternity and sorority houses provided that they are located within a one-mile radius of an established college or university	C
Golf courses, non-illuminated, including par 3 but not miniature, with a minimum area of 10 acres, together with such uses which are incidental to golf courses, provided that such uses shall be designed and scaled to meet only the requirements of the members, guests, or users of the golf course, and no signs or other indications of such uses shall be visible from any public way	C
Group homes	C
Home-based wildlife rehabilitation facilities	C
Home occupation	C
Horse stables, including barns or other structures built for the purpose of boarding horses, provided that no stable or barn shall be located within 300 feet of a property line	C
Kennels, residential	C
Marinas, noncommercial and community boat docks	C
Museums and art galleries, private	C
Personal watercraft rentals	C
Private sewage treatment facilities	C
Public parks, recreational areas, botanical and zoological gardens, and other public buildings and uses	P

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Use	R-40
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Recreation and amusement facilities of an outdoor nature other than those specified as principal uses, which may be partially or temporarily enclosed on a seasonal basis, with the approval of city council, except that riding academies and recreational campgrounds shall not be allowed. Such facilities may include permanently enclosed components, provided such components do not exceed a total of twenty (20) percent of the area encompassed by the conditional use permit and the activities conducted therein are identical to those conducted outdoors or specifically permitted by the conditional use permit	C
Religious uses	C
Residential care for seniors, provided that no more than two (2) employees including a bona fide resident of the dwelling shall be permitted	P
Schools, private when having academic curriculums similar to public schools	C
Schools, public	P
Small wireless facilities not placed on existing structures	C
Storage or maintenance installation for public utilities	C
Television or other broadcasting stations	C
Theaters for live production	C
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, freestanding, in excess of one (1)	C
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, except as provided below	P
Wind energy conversion systems, roof-mounted, in excess of one (1)	C

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