

CHAPTER 3: GENERAL PROVISIONS

SECTION 3.1: GENERAL PARKING

In all non-single family residential uses, vehicles must be parked on an approved improved surface. For single-family residential uses, see Section 6.2.39, Outdoor Storage.

3.1.1 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

A recreational vehicle shall not be considered a dwelling unit. The use of a recreation vehicle for living, sleeping or housekeeping and its connection to utility services (other than for periodic maintenance and/or repair purposes) shall be prohibited.

3.1.2 COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

Commercial vehicles used primarily for commercial purposes and with more than two axles are prohibited from parking in residential districts, and commercial districts unless in a designated loading area or approved storage area. This shall not be construed as to prevent the temporary parking of delivery trucks, moving vans, and similar vehicles, which deliver goods and services.

No residentially developed lot may be used as the base of operation for any freight hauling truck.

SECTION 3.2: CONTAINMENT AREAS AND COLLECTION PROCEDURES FOR TRASH AND RECYCLABLES

All containment devices for trash and recyclables, including compactors, dumpsters, roll-out containers, and areas for storing cardboard shall be located and designed so as not to be visible from the view of adjacent streets and properties. All containment areas and collection procedures shall meet the following standards:

- A. All commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential containment areas shall be enclosed to contain windblown litter.
- B. Enclosures for commercial and multi-family residential containers shall be at least as high as the highest point of the compactor or dumpster.
- C. Enclosures for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential containers shall be made of a material that is opaque at the time of installation and compatible with the design and materials of the principal building.
- D. All compactors and dumpsters shall be placed on a concrete pad that is large enough to provide adequate support, allows for positive drainage, and conforms to the Mecklenburg County Health Department regulations governing compactor pads.
- E. Enclosures for commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential containers shall contain gates to allow for access and security.
- F. Equal space shall be allocated for both garbage and recycling containers on site plans for all new commercial, industrial, and multi-family residential developments.



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- G. Dumpsters and compactors shall be located within the side or rear yard behind buildings and away from sidewalks or pedestrian circulation. Such locations should be accessible to service vehicles.
- H. Rollout trash containers and recycling bins shall not be placed at the curb more than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection day and shall be removed no more than 24 hours after collection.
- I. Large trash items, such as furniture and appliances, shall not be left at the curbside. Arrangements shall be made for private bulk item pick up.
- J. The use of any Donation Drop Box is expressly prohibited, except on site where principal use of lot is a donation facility, whose primary use is to receive donations of goods and materials for charitable purposes.

SECTION 3.3: FENCES, GARDEN WALLS & RETAINING WALLS

- A. Fence and garden wall height shall be measured at grade.
- B. Fences may be placed on the property line, but cannot be within any required utility easement.
- C. Temporary fencing for construction sites or a similar purpose shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height and are prohibited in the front yard.
- D. Customary fencing provided as part of a permitted recreational facility shall be exempt from the height restrictions of this section.
- E. Fences, garden walls and retaining walls shall be maintained by the property owner or their assigns.
- F. Garden walls shall be constructed a minimum of one foot (1') from the property line.
- G. Residential Uses:
 - 1. Front yard fences and garden walls shall not exceed four feet (4') in height. Side and rear yard fences and garden walls shall not exceed eight feet (8') in height.
 - 2. Driveway gate, posts, and monuments shall be permitted in the front, side, or rear yard and shall be no more than eight feet (8') in height.
- H. Commercial Uses:
 - 1. Fences are permitted only where they are of uniform design, materials and construction.
 - 2. Fences shall be constructed such that the finished (sheathed) side is oriented towards adjoining lots, streets, or the public right-of-way.
 - 3. The use of chain link fences visible from any public street is not permitted, except for commercial, industrial, school, or civic uses where evergreen plant landscaping covers no less than two-thirds (2/3) of the fence area at the time of installation.

