### Article 9. Special Contexts and Districts

#### Division 9.1 Industrial Context

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9.1.5.18 **Automobile Towing Service Storage Yard**
An automobile towing service storage yard plant shall be located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District. This requirement may be reduced or eliminated by the Zoning Administrator if the applicant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the proposed use, site design, its traffic generation, and other external effects indicates a smaller separation will have no significant effect on the nearby Residential Zone District.

9.1.5.19 **Wholesale Trade or Storage, General**
All wholesale trade or storage, general uses shall be located a minimum of 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.

9.1.5.20 **Husbandry, Animal**
This use shall be located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.

9.1.5.21 **Husbandry, Plant**

   A. **All Zone Districts**
   Growing of marijuana is permitted only as a “husbandry, plant” use, and shall occur only within a completely enclosed structure.

   B. **I-A Zone District**
   When not operated inside a completely enclosed structure, the Plant Husbandry This use shall be located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.

9.1.5.22 **Plant Nursery**

   A. **I-MX Zone District**
   In the I-MX Zone District, a Plant Nursery use shall be operated within a completely enclosed structure.

   B. **I-A and I-B Zone Districts**
   This use shall be located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.
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#### Division 9.3 Open Space Context

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**Agriculture Primary Use Classification**

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| Aquaculture* | Vehicle: 0.5 / 1,000 s.f. GFA  
Bicycle: No requirement | L-ZP | NP | §11.6.1 |
| Garden, Urban* | Vehicle: 0.5/ 1,000 s.f. GFA  
Bicycle: No Requirement | L-ZP | NP | §11.6.2 |
| Husbandry, Animal* | Vehicle: 0.5 / 1,000 s.f. GFA  
Bicycle: No Requirement | L-ZP | NP | §9.3.5.5 |
| Husbandry, Plant* | Vehicle: 0.5/ 1,000 s.f. GFA  
Bicycle: No Requirement | PL-ZP | NP | §9.3.5.6 |
| Plant Nursery* | Vehicle: 0.5/ 1,000 s.f. GFA  
Bicycle: No Requirement | L-ZP | NP | §9.3.5.62 |
C. No portion of any recreation facility that is not in a completely enclosed structure (e.g., basketball or racquet sport courts) shall be located nearer than 50 feet from the boundary of a Single Unit (SU) or Two Unit (TU) Zone District. All distance and spacing requirements shall be measured according to the rule of measurement found in Section 13.1.6.

D. Any other type of accessory structure or use may be allowed only if the Zoning Administrator finds the proposed structure or use meets the general criteria for Accessory Uses stated in Division 11.7, Accessory Use Limitations, and finds that the proposed structure or use will not adversely affect properties adjoining the Open Space Zone District. See Section 12.4.6, Code Interpretations and Determination of Unlisted Uses for the applicable procedure to determine unlisted uses.

9.3.5.4 Sports and/or Entertainment Arena or Stadium

Sports and/or Entertainment Arena or Stadium uses shall comply with the following limitations:

A. All sports and/or entertainment arena or stadium uses shall be a minimum of 500 feet from a Residential Zone District. All distance and spacing requirements shall be measured according to the rule of measurement found in Section 13.1.6, Measurement of Separation or Distance.

B. The minimum spacing requirement may be reduced by the Zoning Administrator if the applicant proves by a preponderance of the evidence that an analysis of the proposed use, its traffic generation, and other external effects indicates a smaller separation will have no significant effect on the nearby residential district.

9.3.5.5 Husbandry, Animal

In the OS-B Zone District, this use is limited to the raising and/or grazing of livestock animals and any confinements for such animals, provided such use is located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.

9.3.5.6 Husbandry, Plant

In the OS-B Zone District, growing of marijuana is permitted only as a “husbandry, plant” use, and shall occur only within a completely enclosed structure.

9.3.5.7 Plant Nursery

This use shall be located at least 500 feet from a Residential Zone District.
conflicts with a limitation specific to an accessory use found in Divisions 11.8, Uses Accessory To Primary Residential Uses - Limitations, 11.9, Home Occupations Accessory to a Primary Residential Use - All Zone Districts, or 11.10, Uses Accessory to Primary Nonresidential Uses - Limitations.

2. Limitations in the Primary Structure
If an accessory use is operated partially or entirely within the structure containing the primary use, the gross floor area within such structure utilized by the accessory use (except loading docks, and dining rooms for the exclusive use of occupants or persons employed in the structure) shall not be greater than:

a. In a Residential Zone District, 20 percent of the gross floor area, but not to exceed 300 square feet, of a single unit dwelling use, two-unit dwelling use, or multi-unit dwelling use in a structure containing 8 or less dwelling units.

b. In a Residential Zone District, 10 percent of the gross floor area occupied by a primary use other than a single unit dwelling use, two-unit dwelling use, or a multi-unit dwelling use in a structure containing 8 or less dwelling units.

c. In a Mixed Use Commercial Zone District or Industrial Context Zone District, 20 percent of the gross floor area of the structure containing the primary use.

When more than one accessory use is associated with a single primary use, the above limitations shall apply to the cumulative total gross floor area of all the accessory uses in the same principal structure.

11.7.1.3 Prohibited Accessory Uses in Residential Zone Districts

A. In a Residential Zone District, the sale, lease, trade or other transfer of firearms or ammunition by a firearms dealer is prohibited.

B. The accessory parking/storage of vehicles, trailers, commercial vehicles, and RVs are governed by Division 10.9, Parking, Keeping and Storage of Vehicles.

C. The growing of medical marijuana is prohibited as accessory to a primary nonresidential use established in a Residential Zone District.
SECTION 11.8.3 DOMESTIC EMPLOYEES
In all Zone Districts, where permitted with limitations, housing of one or more domestic employee(s), as defined in Article 13, Rules of Measurement and Definitions, is allowed as accessory to all primary residential household living uses.

SECTION 11.8.4 GARDEN

11.8.4.1 All Zone Districts
In all Zone Districts, where permitted with limitations, the growing of medical marijuana shall comply with the following:

A. No more than 6 plants may be grown for each patient registry identification card holder or for each adult 21 years or older residing in a dwelling unit, not to exceed 12 plants per dwelling unit.
B. Growing and/or storage of medical marijuana shall occur within a completely enclosed structure.
C. Growing and/or storage of medical marijuana shall not occur in a common area associated with the dwelling unit.
D. Growing shall be for personal use only by patient registry identification card holders residing in the dwelling unit; retail or wholesale sales of goods or products derived from the growing of medical marijuana and any off-site distribution of such plants or derived products are prohibited.

11.8.4.2 All Residential Zone Districts
In a Residential Zone District, where permitted with limitations, retail or wholesale sales of goods or products derived from a Garden accessory to a primary residential use are prohibited in a Residential Zone District.

SECTION 11.8.5 KEEPING OF HOUSEHOLD ANIMALS

11.8.5.1 All Zone Districts
In all Zone Districts, where permitted with limitations:

A. Animals Allowed Without a Zoning Permit
The keeping of domestic or household animals is allowed as accessory to a primary dwelling unit use, subject to compliance with the following standards regarding number and kinds of animals:

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<td>Combination of dogs and cats</td>
<td>No more than 5 dogs and cats combined provided there are no more than 3 dogs as part of the total.</td>
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<td>Pigeons or doves</td>
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<td>Fish</td>
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vii. Air courier pickup and delivery "drop-off points";
viii. Personnel services;
ix. Computer programming, data processing and other computer-related services;
x. Mailing, addressing, stenographic services; and
xi. Special business services such as travel bureaus, news service, importer, interpreter, appraiser, film library.
xii. Business to business brokers or agents that arrange for the purchase or sale of goods for others, and which services do not include the warehousing of goods, are classified as "office" uses.
d. The wholesale trade, distribution, or storage of products in the following SIC groups:
i. 502 Furniture and home furnishings;
ii. 503 Lumber and construction materials;
iii. 504 Professional and commercial equipment;
iv. 506 Electrical goods;
v. 507 Hardware, plumbing, and heating equipment;
vi. 509 Miscellaneous durable goods (except scrap and waste materials, SIC group 5093);
vii. 511 Paper and paper products;
viii. 512 Drugs, proprietaries, and sundries;
ix. 513 Apparel, piece goods, and notions;
x. 514 Groceries and related products;
xi. 518 Beer, wine, and distilled beverages;
xii. 519 Miscellaneous nondurable goods (except farm supplies, SIC group 5191).
e. The following specific uses:
i. Storage services, as defined in Subsection B.3 above.
f. Operations with more than 25 percent of sales to retail customers shall be categorized as "retail sales" rather than as "wholesale trade" uses.

SECTION 11.12.6 PRIMARY AGRICULTURE USES

A. Definition of Agriculture Use Category
Agriculture Use Category includes cultivation, production, keeping, or maintenance for personal use, donation, sale or lease, of: (1) plants, including but not limited to: forages and sod crops; grains and seed crops; fruits and vegetables; herbs; and ornamental plants; and (2) livestock, including but not limited to: dairy animals and dairy products; poultry and poultry products; cattle and cattle products; or horses.

B. Specific Agriculture Use Types and Definitions
1. Aquaculture
An agricultural use in which food fish, shellfish or other marine foods, aquatic plants, or aquatic animals are cultured or grown in order to sell them or the products they produce. Includes fish hatcheries, growing tanks or raceways; the processing, storage, packaging and distribution of shellfish and fish; and accessory uses such as feed storage and water treatment facilities. This use does not include or permit the growing of marijuana.
2. **Garden, Urban**
   Land that is (1) managed by a public or nonprofit organization, or by one or more private persons, and (2) used to grow and harvest plants for donation, for personal use consumption, or for off-site sales by those managing or cultivating the land and their households. This use does not include or permit the growing of marijuana.

3. **Husbandry, Animal**
   The cultivation, production, and management of animals and/or by-products thereof, including, but not limited to grazing of livestock and production of meat, fur, or eggs; excluding, however, feed lots (see definition below), hog farms, dairies, poultry and egg production facilities, bee-keeping and apiaries, horse boarding, and riding stables.
   
   a. **Feed Lot**
      A feed lot shall be determined to be any of the following facilities:
      
      i. Any tract of land or structure wherein any type of fowl or the by-products thereof are raised for sale at wholesale or retail; or
      
      ii. Any structure, pen or corral wherein cattle, horses, sheep, goats and swine are maintained in close quarters for the purpose of fattening such livestock before final shipment to market; or
      
      iii. The raising of swine under any conditions.

4. **Husbandry, Plant**
   An agricultural use, other than a Plant Nursery, in which plants are cultivated or grown for the sale of such plants or their products, or for their use in any other business, research, or commerce; excluding, however, forestry and logging uses. This use includes the cultivation or growing of marijuana.

5. **Plant Nursery**
   An agricultural use in which plants are grown, cultivated, produced, or managed for the on-site or off-site sale of such plants or their products, or for their use in any other business, research, or commerce. Other customarily incidental products may be sold with the plants. A Plant Nursery may include accessory Aquaculture use, when the Aquaculture is integral to the growing and maintenance of the plants, and provided the accessory Aquaculture occurs within a completely enclosed structure. This use does not include or permit the growing of marijuana.
   
   Examples of Plant Nursery uses include, but are not limited to: wholesale or retail plant nurseries with greenhouses or garden stores; retail nurseries where plant inventory and related plant products are sold, but which may not be grown or produced on-site; tree farms; vineyards and orchards; flower farms; field nurseries; and sod farms. Plant Nursery uses do not include forestry or logging uses, or the keeping of animals or livestock except where expressly allowed as an accessory use.

**SECTION 11.12.7 DEFINITIONS OF USES ACCESSORY TO PRIMARY RESIDENTIAL USES**

11.12.7.1 **Accessory Dwelling Unit**
   A second dwelling unit located on the same zone lot as a primary single unit dwelling use. An accessory dwelling unit is a type of accessory use. An accessory unit may be either “attached” or “detached”, defined as follows:
   
   A. **Dwelling, Accessory unit, Attached**
      An accessory dwelling unit that is connected to or an integrated part of the same structure housing the primary single unit dwelling (for example, an attached accessory dwelling unit may be located in the basement level of a structure also housing a single-unit dwelling use).