

Zoning Regulations of Blount County, Tennessee Adopted June 15, 2000

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width with 2 foot shoulders on each side of the pavement, consistent with definitions and usage in the Subdivision Regulations of the Blount County Regional Planning Commission. Developments within 1000 feet of Highways 321 and 411 South, designated as Scenic Highways, shall meet additional height design requirements contained in TCA 54-17-115.

2. The total developed footprint area of all primary and accessory structures shall not exceed 40% of the total site area.

3. A total of fifteen percent (15%) of total site area shall be set aside and developed for useable recreation area for all residents of the high density multifamily planned development. Enclosed sauna and exercise rooms, meeting or activity rooms, and clubhouses are recreational areas that shall not satisfy the open space requirements. Unenclosed recreational facilities such as tennis courts, racquet ball courts, play grounds, and swimming pools are uses that will satisfy this requirement. No active recreation areas shall be located within required perimeter setbacks.

4. All open space, common areas, and required recreation areas shall be maintained by one of the following methods: (a) by the developer or management authority of the development, or (b) by a Homeowner's Association. Documents to accomplish such maintenance shall be submitted with required site plans in form and content acceptable to the legal advisor of county government.

5. If deemed necessary by the Board of Zoning Appeals, a detailed analysis and study of the public and private infrastructure serving the parcel shall be performed by the developer's engineer and consultants prior to final approval of any site plans or permits.

6. If the development has more than 40 dwelling units, and abuts two or more public roads, the development shall provide access to at least two of the roads, with main entrance and exit being oriented to the major arterial road. If the development has more than 40 dwelling units and only abuts one public road, the access roads interior to the project shall be looped to provide two entrances onto the public road.

Section 9.2 R-1 – Rural District 1. It is the purpose and intent of this district to regulate rural development of expected moderate to low density within the county, consistent with the overall purposes of this Resolution contained in Article 3, consistent with provisions in Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-58-101, *et seq*), and consistent with plans adopted by Blount County.

A. Permitted Uses: one or two single family dwellings or manufactured home dwellings on a single lot, duplex dwellings, customary home occupations, group homes as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 13-24-101, *et seq*; churches, temples and other places of worship, cemeteries associated with churches and other places of worship; local, state and federal government and utility uses necessary for providing services to land or population within the district; and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.

B. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions: multifamily dwellings including three or more of any dwelling units per lot (see also Section 7.6) and their associated sales or rental offices

for the development, family commercial enterprises (see Section 7.10), nursing homes, retirement homes, sanitariums, assisted care living facilities, and resident facilities with special services, treatment, or supervision; day care facilities; commercial cemeteries not associated with a church or other place of worship; government and utility uses of a regional character necessary for providing service to the land and population within a broader region including the district; privately funded nonprofit community libraries (Resolution 16-06-004); sawmills and associated lumberyards; bed and breakfast accommodations; golf driving range; vacation cabin rental (see also section 7.11); private non-commercial airstrips (Resolution 10-01-005); and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.

C. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions with Specific Limitations: Indoor Sport Shooting Range (Subject to provisions and requirements in Section 7.13); Outdoor Sport Shooting Range (Subject to provisions and requirements in Section 7.13); Convenience Stores with vehicle fuel sales, provided that any such convenience stores with vehicle fuel sales shall be located only with access and frontage on an arterial or collector status road as specified on the Major Road Plan of any regional planning commission within the county as registered with the Register of Deeds office, and provided that any such use shall be conducted on a lot or tract of at least one acre, that any such use shall be housed in a structure with footprint no greater than 4,000 square feet, and that buffering of the use from surrounding residential land shall be constructed and maintained; commercial campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks (see also section 7.18) (Resolution 14-08-016).

D. Uses Prohibited: In the R-1-Rural District 1, adult oriented establishments as defined in TCA 7-51-1101 et seq., and pain management clinics. All other uses are prohibited except those uses permitted specifically or by special exception by the Board of Zoning Appeals. (Resolution 12-08-003)

E. Uses Requiring Site Plan Review: All uses permitted as special exception in sub-sections B and C above. Permitted uses in subsection A above requiring land greater than three acres, except one or two single family or manufactured home dwelling on a single lot, duplex dwelling on separate lot, and customary accessory structures to such excepted uses.

F. Minimum Lot Size and Density: Whether on individual septic system or on public utility sewer, unless otherwise explicitly required in subsections above, the minimum lot size per unit for development shall be 32,670 square feet (.75 acres). For other than one unit per lot, or for planned unit development, the density shall be no greater than 1.2 residential units per gross acre. (Resolution 22-11-016)

G. Setback Requirements: All uses permitted or permitted as special exception shall comply with the following setback requirements, except as otherwise provided for in Articles 3 and 5 for lots of record and nonconforming situations.

1. Front Setback: the minimum depth of the front building setback shall be 30 feet from any road right-of-way or easement line, with the following exceptions: (a) the lot fronts on an arterial road as shown on the Major Road Plan of Blount County, in which case the front setback shall be 60 feet for principal arterial roads and 40 feet

for major arterial roads, and (b) the lot has been previously platted on a plat registered with the Blount County Register of Deeds prior to the enactment of this Resolution in which case the minimum shall be as shown on the registered plat.

2. Rear Setback: the minimum building setback from the rear property line shall be 20 feet for the principal structure, and five feet for any accessory structure, provided that the rear setback shall be 40 feet, or greater as may be required by the Board of Zoning Appeals, for any special exception.

3. Side Setback: the minimum building setback from the side property line shall be ten (10) feet, provided that the side setback shall be 20 feet, or greater as may be required by the Board of Zoning Appeals, for any special exception.

H. Maximum Height of Structures: Unless otherwise explicitly allowed in other articles of this Resolution, all structures shall be no greater than 35 feet higher than the highest natural grade immediately adjacent to the structure.

Section 9.3 R-2 – Rural District 2. It is the purpose and intent of this district to regulate rural development of expected low density within the county, consistent with the overall purposes of this Resolution contained in Article 3, consistent with provisions in Public Chapter 1101 of 1998 (Tennessee Code Annotated Section 6-58-101, *et seq*), and consistent with plans adopted by Blount County.

- A. Permitted Uses: one or two single family dwellings or manufactured home dwellings on a single lot, duplex dwellings, customary home occupations, group homes as provided in Tennessee Code Annotated Section 13-24-101, *et seq*; churches, temples and other places of worship, cemeteries associated with churches and other places of worship; local, state and federal government and utility uses necessary for providing services to land or population within the district; and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.
- B. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions: multifamily dwellings including three or more of any dwelling units per lot, and their associated sales or rental offices for the development (see also Section 7.6), family commercial enterprises (see Section 7.10), nursing homes, retirement homes, sanitariums, assisted care living facilities, and resident facilities with special services, treatment, or supervision; *vacation cabin rental (see also section 7.11)*, tourist accommodations, bed and breakfast accommodations, tourist oriented recreation facilities; day care facilities; commercial cemeteries not associated with a church or other place of worship; government and utility uses of a regional character necessary for providing service to the land and population within a broader region including the district; sawmills and associated lumber yards; and accessory structures customarily associated with the above uses.
- C. Uses Permitted as Special Exceptions with Specific Limitations: commercial campgrounds and recreational vehicle parks (see also section 7.18). (Resolution 14-08-016)
- D. Uses Prohibited: In the R-2-Rural District 2, adult oriented establishments as defined in TCA 7-51-1101 *et seq.*, and pain management clinics. All other uses are prohibited