Zoning Designations

City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County

RU(CD) = Rural district—min. lot size 15,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
R-15(CD) = Single family—min. lot size 15,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
R-12(CD) = Single family—min. lot size 12,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
R-9(CD) = Single family—min. lot size 9,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
R-6(CD) = Single family—min. lot size 6,000 sq. ft. or 6 d.u. per acre (conditional zoning)
RR(CD) = Resort residential—min. lot size 9,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
R-20MF = Innovative—min. lot size varies (conditional zoning)
R-15MF(CD) = Multi-family—12.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-12MF(CD) = Multi-family—14.52 units per acre or 12.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-9MF(CD) = Multi-family—17.42 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-6MF(CD) = Multi-family—21.78 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-6MH = Multi-family—43.56 units per acre
R-6MH(CD) = Multi-family—43.56 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-10MF(CD) = Multi-family—Max. floor area ratio 1.0 (conditional zoning)
UR-1 = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 0.25
UR-1(CD) = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 0.25 (conditional zoning)
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UR-2 = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 1.0
UR-2(CD) = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 1.0 (conditional zoning)
UR-3 = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 2.0
UR-3(CD) = Urban residential—max. floor area ratio 2.0 (conditional zoning)
RE-1 = Research district—min. lot area 2.0 acres
RE-1(CD) = Research district—min. lot area 2.0 acres (conditional zoning)
RE-2 = Research district—min. lot area 4.0 acres
RE-2(CD) = Research district—min. lot area 4.0 acres (conditional zoning)
INST = Institutional
INST(CD) = Institutional (conditional zoning)
O-15(CD) = Office district—min. lot size 15,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
O-9(CD) = Office district—min. lot size 9,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
O-6(CD) = Office district—min. lot size 6,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
UR-C = Urban residential—commercial—min. lot size 5,000 sq. ft.
UR-C(CD) = Urban residential—commercial—min. lot size 5,000 sq. ft. (conditional zoning)
B-1 = Business (neighborhood business)
B-1(CD) = Business (neighborhood business)—(conditional zoning)
B-2 = Business (general business)
B-2(CD) = Business (general business)—(conditional zoning)
UMUD = Uptown mixed use district
BP = Business (business park)
B-D = Business (distributive business)
UI = Industrial (urban industrial)
I-1 = Industrial (light industrial)
I-1(CD) = Industrial (light industrial) (conditional zoning)
I-2 = Industrial (general industrial)
I-2(CD) = Industrial (general industrial) (conditional zoning)
I-3(CD) = Industrial (general industrial in CBD) (conditional zoning)
HD = Historic district
R-MH = Residential—mobile home
R-MH(CD) = Residential—mobile home (conditional zoning)
R-I = Residential—institutional
R-PUD = Planned unit development with various development per approved plan
B-1SCD = Business (shopping center w/over 100,000 sq. ft.) (conditional zoning)
R-3 = Single family—3.0 units per acre
R-3(CD) = Single family—3.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-4 = Single family—4.0 units per acre
R-4(CD) = Single family—4.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-5 = Single family—5.0 units per acre
R-5(CD) = Single family—5.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-6 = Single family—6.0 units per acre
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R-8 = Single family—8.0 units per acre
R-8(CD) = Single family—8.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-8MF = Multi-family—8.0 units per acre
R-8MF(CD) = Multi-family—8.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-12MF = Multi-family—12.0 units per acre
R-12MF(CD) = Multi-family—12.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-17MF = Multi-family—17.0 units per acre
R-17MF(CD) = Multi-family—17.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-22MF = Multi-family—22.0 units per acre
R-22MF(CD) = Multi-family—22.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
R-43MF = Multi-family—43.0 units per acre
R-43MF(CD) = Multi-family—43.0 units per acre (conditional zoning)
O-1 = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 0.60
O-1(CD) = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 0.60 (conditional zoning)
O-2 = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 1.0
O-2(CD) = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 1.0 (conditional zoning)
O-3 = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 3.0
O-3(CD) = Office district—max. floor area ratio: 3.0 (conditional zoning)
HD-O = Historic district (overlay)
A-O = Airport district (overlay)
MH-O = Manufactured house (overlay)
MX-1 = Mixed use district—min. of 10.0 acres, max. floor area ratio 6.0
MX-2 = Mixed use district—min. of 36.0 acres, max. floor area ratio 8.0
MX-3 = Mixed use district—min. 100.0 acres, max. floor area ratio 8.0
CC = Commercial center—min. of five acres
NS = Neighborhood service district—max. floor area ratio 2.0
HW = Hazardous waste district
UNKNOWN = Unknown

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RP - Rural Preservation - Single family residential, 1 unit per 5 acres.
GR - General Residential - Single family residential, typically 2 units per acre. Minimum lot size is 20,000 square feet.
NR - Neighborhood Residential - Mixed residential development; projects greater than 3 acres may be permitted to incorporate multi-family
by right provided single family residences comprise 70% of the total number of units.
NMX - Neighborhood Mixed Use - Mixed use; high-density residential homes and limited scale commercial activities.
VC - Village Center - Large scale mixed use districts.
TC - Town Center - Mixed use, high density; commercial components may exceed 15000 square feet within a single building.
HC - Highway Commercial - Commercial uses up to 30000 square feet; conditional use permit required for uses exceeding 30000 square
feet.
TN - Traditional Neighborhood - Minimum development size 80 acres.
MHN - Manufactured Home Neighborhood - Minimum development size is 5 acres; maximum size is 40 acres.
IC - Industrial Campus - Light and heavy industrial campus. Minimum district size is 10 acres. Minimum lot size is 1 acre.

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VIP - Village Infill Planning Area
VCP - Village Center Planning Area
CCPA - College Campus Planning Area
LPA - Lakeshore Planning Area
RPA - Rural Planning Area
CPA - Conditional Planning Area
PUD

Town of Huntersville

Rural District (R)

The Rural District is provided to encourage the development of neighborhoods and rural compounds that set aside significant natural vistas
and landscape features for permanent conservation. Density of development is regulated on a sliding scale; permitted densities rise with
increased open space preservation. Development typologies associated with the Rural District are farms, the single house, the conservation
subdivision, the farmhouse cluster, and the residential neighborhood.

Transitional Residential District (TR)

The Transitional Residential District serves as a bridge between rural zones and more urbanized development. It is provided to encourage
the development of neighborhoods and rural compounds that set aside significant natural vistas and landscape features for permanent
conservation. Density of development is regulated on a sliding scale; permitted densities rise with increased open space preservation.
Development typologies associated with the Transitional District are farms, the single house, the conservation subdivision, the farmhouse
cluster, and the residential neighborhood.

General Residential District (GR)

The General Residential District is coded to permit the completion and conformity of conventional residential subdivisions already existing or
approved in sketch plan form by the Huntersville Board of Commissioners prior to the effective date of these regulations or by the Charlotte-
Mecklenburg Planning Commission under the prior jurisdiction of Mecklenburg County. The application of the General Residential District is
not intended for development projects in the Huntersville jurisdiction which are initiated after the effective date of this ordinance.
Neighborhood Residential District (NR)

The Neighborhood Residential District provides for residential infill development surrounding the traditional town center and its logical extensions. This district also provides for town-scaled residential development within walking distance (generally ½ mile) of satellite village centers, identified on the Land Development Plan. Streets in the Neighborhood Residential District must be interconnected, according to Article 5, Streets, and Urban Open Space provided according to Article 7. A range of housing types is encouraged. Low-intensity business activity is permitted in mixed-use buildings at residential scale, according to locational criteria. The intensity to which permitted uses may be built is regulated by the building type which corresponds to the use.

Neighborhood Center District (NC)

The Neighborhood Center District is provided for the location of shops, services, small workplaces, and civic and residential buildings central to a neighborhood or grouping of neighborhoods and within walking distance of dwellings. A neighborhood center shall be developed on an interconnected pattern of streets and is limited to approximately ¼ mile in radius. Uses in the neighborhood center will have a primary market area of 1 mile and buildings compatible with surrounding residences. If a Neighborhood Center is the focus of a planned transit stop, it should be designed to serve the neighborhood's residential base plus transit riders. The Huntersville Land Development Plan shows the general location of new neighborhood centers.

Town Center District (TC)

The Town Center District provides for revitalization, reuse, and infill development in Huntersville's traditional town center. A broad array of uses is expected in a pattern which integrates shops, restaurants, services, work places, civic, educational, and religious facilities, and higher density housing in a compact, pedestrian-oriented environment. The Town Center anchors the surrounding residential neighborhoods while also serving the broader community. The district is coded to accommodate the higher overall intensity of development required to support a rail transit station. It is to be expected that the Town Center District will be expanded over time through the zoning change process to an approximate ½ mile radius to meet growth in demand for downtown facilities and services.

Highway Commercial District (HC)

The Highway Commercial District is established to provide primarily for auto-dependent uses in areas not amenable to easy pedestrian access and a comfortable pedestrian environment. It is expected that the Highway Commercial District will serve not only the Huntersville Community, but interstate travelers as well. Because of the scale and access requirements of uses in this category, they often cannot be compatibly integrated within the Town Center or Neighborhood Center Districts. Development at district boundaries must provide a compatible transition to uses outside the district; property boundaries adjacent to freeways or expressways will require a 50 foot foliated buffer yard; and frontages on major or minor arterials will require formal street tree planting.

Campus Institutional District (CI)

The Campus Institutional District is established to provide for large institutional complexes which are already in place and for new institutional complexes on 15 acres or more which, because of the scale of the buildings or the nature of the use, cannot be fully integrated into the fabric of the community. Campus districts, unlike town districts, are buffered from neighboring properties; nonetheless, buildings in the campus district that front a town street shall relate to the street as prescribed by building type. Campus Districts are intended primarily for existing institutions, as most new institutional projects can and should be designed within the fabric of the town.

Corporate Business District (CB)

The Corporate Business district is established to provide for large business or light industrial uses and parks which are already in place and for new business or light industrial uses or parks which, because of the scale of the buildings or the nature of the use, cannot be fully integrated into the fabric of the community. The predominant use is that of the workplace. The corporate district, unlike town districts, is buffered from neighboring properties; nonetheless, buildings in the corporate district that front a town street shall relate to the street as prescribed by building type. Individual workplace buildings oriented to the street and scaled for compatibility with the surrounding environment are also permitted in the Highway Commercial district and, on a smaller scale, in the Town Center, Neighborhood Center, and TND Districts. Such workplaces should not be reclassified to the Corporate Business District. The corporate district is reserved for uses which require very large buildings and/or large parking and loading facilities such as warehouse/distribution operations.

Passenger Vehicles Sales District (VS)
The Vehicle Sales District is established to provide large accommodations for the sale of new and used passenger vehicles and trucks not exceeding the size, weight, and configuration of the medium duty truck standard. It is intended for use in areas not amenable to easy pedestrian access, where a comfortable pedestrian environment is unlikely to be achieved. It is expected that the Passenger Vehicle Sales District will serve the passenger and small business vehicle needs of those in the Huntersville Community and in the larger region. Because of the scale of buildings and parking, and the access requirements of uses in this category, they cannot be compatibly integrated within the Town Center, Neighborhood Center, or smaller scale Highway Commercial Districts. At District boundaries, compatible transitions must be provided by the use of landscaping and/or walls. Property boundaries adjacent to freeways or expressways will require a 50-foot foliated buffer yard and frontages on minor or major arterials will require formal street tree planting.

Special Purpose District (SP)

The Special Purpose District is established to accommodate uses that may constitute health or safety hazards, have greater than average impacts on the environment, or diminish the use and enjoyment of nearby property by generation of noise, smoke, fumes, odors, glare, commercial vehicle traffic, or similar nuisances. Because uses permitted in the SP District vary as to their impacts on the community, they may likewise vary as to effective mitigating conditions. Therefore the SP district exists as a General Zoning District but will frequently benefit from application as a Parallel Conditional Use District.

Overlay Districts

Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay (TND)

The Traditional Neighborhood Development Overlay District is provided for the development of new neighborhoods and the revitalization or extension of existing neighborhoods, which are structured upon a fine network of interconnecting pedestrian oriented streets and other public spaces. TND's offer a mixture of housing types and prices, prominently sited civic or community building(s), and stores/offices/workplaces to provide a balanced mix of activities. A TND has a recognizable center and clearly defined edges; optimum size is a quarter mile from center to edge. The TND Overlay District can be applied in the Neighborhood Residential District, on a site of 40 acres or more, and in the Open Space District, on a site of 65 acres or more.

Manufactured Home Overlay (MH-O)

The Manufactured Home Overlay District is established to provide for existing and proposed neighborhoods which include or are proposed to include manufactured homes. The requirements herein are intended to ensure compatibility with existing housing stock by imposing supplemental appearance standards for manufactured housing. The MH Overlay district may be applied to tracts zoned NR, GR, TR or R. It supplements the range of residential types permitted in the underlying district while limiting some accessory uses. For existing neighborhoods, the MH Overlay may be established by map adoption; for proposed neighborhoods, the MH Overlay district requires zoning approval accompanied by a detailed development plan and supporting materials.

Conditional Use Districts

Properties labeled with "CD" possess certain conditions that were applied through the rezoning process. These conditions affect the development of the subject properties and may include, but are not limited to, access restrictions and use limitations.

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R-9 - Single Family - Minimum lot size 9000 square feet.
R-9(CD) - Single Family, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 9000 square feet.
R-12 - Single Family - Minimum lot size 12000 square feet.
R-12(CD) - Single Family, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 12000 square feet.
R-12(CL) - Single Family, Cluster - Minimum lot size 12000 square feet.
R-12MF - Multi-Family - Lot area varies based on type of uses and number of dwellings.
R-12MF(CD) - Multi-Family, Conditional Use - Lot area varies based on type of uses and number of dwellings.
R-12MFC -
R-15 - Single-Family - Minimum lot size 15000 square feet.
R-15(CD) - Single-Family, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 15000 square feet.
R-15(CL) - Single-Family, Cluster - Minimum lot size 15000 square feet.
R-15MF - Multi-Family - Lot area varies based on type of uses and number of dwellings.
R-15MF(CD) - Multi-Family, Conditional Use - Lot area varies based on type of uses and number of dwellings.
R-15MFC -
R-20 - Single-Family - Minimum lot size 20000 square feet.
R-20(CD) - Single-Family, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 20000 square feet.
R-2(CL) - Single-Family, Cluster - Minimum lot size 20000 square feet.
R-I - Residential/Industrial - Minimum lot size 2 acres.
R-I(CD) - Residential/Industrial, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 2 acres.
R-MH - Manufactured Home - Minimum 20 foot separation between structures.
R-MH(CD) - Manufactured Home, Conditional Use - Minimum 20 foot separation between structures.
R-VS - Residential Varied Style - Higher density single-family residential.
R-VS(CD) - Residential Varied Style, Conditional Use - Higher density single-family residential.
RU - Rural - Minimum lot size 40000 square feet for residential and 15000 square feet for other use.
RU(CD) - Rural, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 40000 square feet for residential and 15000 square feet for other use.
R-PUD - Planned Unit Development - Lot area varies by use. Minimum lot area combined is 36 acres.
R-PUD(CD) - Planned Unit Development, Conditional Use - Lot area varies by use. Minimum lot area combined is 36 acres.
AU - Adult Uses - No minimum lot size.
AU(CD) - Adult Uses, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
B-1 - Neighborhood Business - No minimum lot size.
B-1(CD) - Neighborhood Business, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
B-1SCD - Shopping Center District - Minimum lot size 100000 square feet commercial space.
B-2 - General Business - No minimum lot size.
B-2(CD) - General Business, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
B-3 - High-Rise Business - Minimum lot size one acre.
B-3(CD) - High-Rise Business, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size one acre.
B-D - Business Distributive - No minimum lot size.
B-D(CD) - Business Distributive, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
CRC - Crestdale Conservation - for Crestdale Neighborhood. Minimum lot area varies based on size of land being developed.
CRC(CD) - Crestdale Conservation, Conditional Use - for Crestdale Neighborhood. Minimum lot area varies based on size of land being developed.
C - Conditional Zoning - A designation no longer in the ordinance but a holdover from the mid-80s zoning actions.
HUC - Historic Urban Core - For Downtown commercial area. No minimum lot area.
HUC(CD) - Historic Urban Core, Conditional Use - For Downtown commercial area. No minimum lot area.
I-1 - Light Industrial - No minimum lot size.
I-1(CD) - Light Industrial, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
I-2 - Heavy Industrial - No minimum lot size.
I-2(CD) - Heavy Industrial, Conditional Use - No minimum lot size.
O-9 - Office - Minimum lot size 9000 square feet.
O-9(CD) - Office, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 9000 square feet.
O-15 - Office - Minimum lot size 15000 square feet.
O-15(CD) - Office, Conditional Use - Minimum lot size 15000 square feet.

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B-D - Distributive Business - The purpose of this district is to provide areas in which distributive uses, such as warehouses, office and wholesaling concerns, plus other complementary uses, may be established and may be given assurances of wholesome surroundings in the future. The development standards for this district are designed also to aid in protecting nearby residential areas from detrimental aspects of uses permitted within this district.
B-D(CUD) - Distributive Business (Conditional Use District) - This district is identical to B-D except that Mint Hill’s Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
B-G - General Business - Provides basically for retail sales and services, and other compatible uses primarily in the town center.
B-G(CUD) - General Business(Conditional Use District) - This district is identical to B-G except that Mint Hill's Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
B-G DO-A - General Business, Downtown Overlay District A - This district follows the same guidelines as district B-G but will be designated as an area where the pedestrian orientation of the area will be maximized.
B-G DO-B(CUD) - General Business Downtown Overlay District B (Conditional Use District) - This district follows the same guidelines as district B-G but will be designated as an area where a wider variety of commercial development would be more appropriate. Mint Hill's Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
B-P - Planned Business - Provides for retail sales and services in facilities planned as an architectural unit in one or more structures, and providing common off-street parking areas and landscaping on the site, as well as uniformity in signs and other accessory uses.
B-P(CUD) - Planned Business(Conditional Use District) - This district is identical to B-P except that Mint Hill's Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
I - Institutional - This district is intended to accomodate mid and large sized public, semipublic and institutional uses which have a substantial land use impact or traffic generation potential. It is not intended for the small institutional uses customarily found within residential areas. Because of potential adverse impacts, all institutional uses shall require site plan approval by the Board of Commissioners.
I(CUD) - Institutional (Conditional Use District) - This district is identical to I except that Mint Hill's Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
I-G - General Industrial - Provides for limited industrial uses as well as retail sales and services and other compatible uses.
I-G(CUD) - General Industrial (Conditional Use District) - This district is identical to I-G except that Mint Hill's Town Council has the right to place conditions on the zoning request.
This district is intended as a district for the location of single-family residences (on lots a minimum of seven thousand square feet in area) and duplexes located on corner lots only.

R-7C - Residential Commercial District Thsi district is intended to serve primarily as a single-family residential district. In certain portions of the Town of Pineville, however, it is recognised that due to market forces accessibility, traffic patterns, etc., certain light commercial uses could be developed in residential neighborhoods in a harmonious manner which would be of benefit to not only that neighborhood but to the whole Town.

R-MF - Multi-Family District - This district is intended primarily as a residential district for the location of detached single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings and multi-family dwellings along with their customary accessory uses.

R-7MH - Mobile Home District - This district is intended to provide areas within the Town of Pineville suitable for the location of mobile homes on individual lots and for other types of single-family and two-family dwellings. Mobile homes located in this district must meet certain size and appearance conditions.

B-1 - Central Business District - The purpose of this district is to permit concentrated development of a wide variety of retail establishments, personal services and office developments. The district is designed to attract both individual uses and small-scale planned commercial developments. Due to the inherent nature of this district, off-street parking requirements are waived.

B-2 - Central Business Perimeter District - This district is located in areas immediately adjacent to the central business district. These districts contain a variety of residential and commercial uses but due to their location on main traffic arteries, have taken on more of a commercial flavor in recent years.

O-I - Office-Institutional District - This district is located primarily on smaller-sized lots in older and established portions of Pineville which would be able to accommodate both residential and light commercial type uses. Unlike the R-7C district, however, the emphasis here is on commercial uses. These districts are located both on smaller streets which are not suitable for large amounts of traffic and on other major streets where it is felt that more general-type commercial uses (i.e., those found in the B-3 district) are not appropriate.

O-C - Office-Commercial District - This district is located on major arteries and is particularly designed to attract large-scale office and associated developments. Unlike the O-I district which is located in older and established portions of Pineville, the O-C District is primarily located in undeveloped areas. Given this and its location on roads which carry significant amounts of traffic, large office complexes (i.e., having gross floor areas in excess of 100,000 square feet) are conditional uses subject to the approval of the Pineville Town Council. As a means of promoting office-type uses in the area, most other commercial uses are allowed in a conditional basis only.

B-3 - General Business District - This district is located in areas near and adjacent to Pineville's central business district and is designed to accommodate a wide variety of smaller and medium-sized retail and commercial uses. Shopping centers and office buildings are allowed in this district although any such complex (or individual commercial structure) in excess of 15,000 square feet shall require the issuance of a conditional use permit by the Pineville Town Council.

B-4 - Highway Business District - The purpose of this district is to reserve areas along major highways for the placement of a wide variety of commercial uses including large shopping and office complexes. Much of the B-4 District contains larger tracts of property upon which such larger complexes could be located.

B-P - Planned Business District - The purpose of this district is to provide for the development of large-scale commercial developments in an orderly manner which benefit the entire Pineville area. The location and design of certain larger shopping centers and office buildings in this district shall require Town Council approval to insure that they are in harmony with the Pineville Land Development Plan and generate long term positive effects for the community. All areas zoned B-P shall initially contain an area of at least 25 acres.

G-I - General Industrial District - This district is designed to accommodate industrial and warehousing operations which can be operated in a relatively clean and quiet manner and which will not be objectionable to adjacent residential or commercial areas.
R-12 - This district is established to provide areas consisting primarily of single-family residences located in both urban and suburban settings. In addition to single-family residences, a limited number of private and public community uses are allowed.

R-15 - This district is established to provide areas consisting primarily of single-family residences located in both urban and suburban settings. In addition to single-family residences, a limited number of private and public community uses are allowed.