

ARTICLE 6: CONDITIONAL USE PERMITS

Section 6.01 General Provisions

The City Council may, by conditional use permit after a Public Hearing and referral to and recommendation from the Planning Commission, authorize and permit conditional uses as designated in the district use regulations. Approval shall be based on findings that the location and characteristics of the use will not be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, and general welfare of the area.

Allowable uses may be permitted, enlarged, or altered upon application for a conditional use permit in accordance with the rules and procedures of this ordinance. The Council may grant or deny a conditional use permit in accordance with the intent and purpose of this ordinance. In granting a conditional use permit, the Council will authorize the issuance of a conditional use permit and shall prescribe and impose appropriate conditions, safeguards, and a specified time limit for the performance of the conditional use permit.

Section 6.02 Application for Conditional Use Permits

A request for a conditional use permit or modification of a conditional use permit may be initiated by a property owner or his or her authorized agent by filing an application with the City upon forms prescribed for the purpose. The application shall be accompanied by a drawing or site plan and other such plans and data showing the dimensions, arrangements, descriptions data, and other materials constituting a record essential to an understanding of the proposed use and proposed modifications in relation to the provisions set forth herein. A plan as to the operation and maintenance of the proposed use shall also be submitted. The application shall be accompanied with a non-refundable fee as set in the Master Fee Schedule.

Section 6.03 Planning Commission Public Hearing

Before any proposal for a conditional use permit is considered by the City Council, the Planning Commission shall conduct a public hearing after prior notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing has been given by publication in a legal paper of general circulation in the City of Ashland, one time at least 10 days prior to such hearing.

Section 6.04 City Council Public Hearing

Before issuance of any conditional use permit, the Council will consider the application for the conditional use permit together with the recommendations of the Planning Commission at a public hearing after prior notice of the time, place, and purpose of the hearing has been given by publication in a legal paper of general circulation in the City of Ashland, one time at least 10 days prior to such hearing.

Section 6.05 Decisions

A majority vote of the Council shall be necessary to grant a conditional use permit. No order of the Council granting a conditional use permit, which has not been acted upon by the applicant, shall be valid for a period longer than 12 months from the date of such order. Unless the following is completed:

- A. The Zoning Administrator, in consultation with City Staff, has granted an additional six month administrative extension provided:
 1. The character (including uses, parking conditions, traffic, and others) of the area in which the use(s) were approved has not changed significantly,
 2. The applicant has made some effort to follow through with said permit or there were circumstances that slowed the applicants' progress.
 3. If the administrative extension of the second six month period has lapsed without establishment of said conditionally permitted use; or, if staff deems the character of the area has changed within the initial six month period, the applicant shall be required to reapply to both the Planning Commission and City Council for further approval(s).

Section 6.06 Standards

No conditional use permit shall be granted unless that Planning Commission or City Council has found:

- A. That the establishment, maintenance, or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, moral, comfort, or general welfare of the community.
- B. That the conditional use will not be injurious to the use and enjoyment of other property in the immediate vicinity for the purpose already permitted, nor substantially diminish and impair property values within the neighborhood.
- C. That the establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.
- D. Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, and/or necessary facilities have been or are being provided.
- E. Adequate measures have been or will be taken to provide ingress and egress so designed as to minimize traffic congestion in the public streets.
- F. The use shall not include noise which is objectionable due to volume, frequency, or beat unless muffled or otherwise controlled.
- G. The use shall not involve any pollution of the air by fly-ash, dust, vapors or other substance which is harmful to health, animals, vegetation or other property or which can cause soiling, discomfort, or irritation.
- H. The use shall not involve any malodorous gas or matter which is discernible on any adjoining lot or property.
- I. The use shall not involve any direct or reflected glare which is visible from any adjoining property or from any public street, road, or highway.
- J. The use shall not involve any activity substantially increasing the movement of traffic on public streets unless procedures are instituted to limit traffic hazards and congestion.
- K. The use shall not involve any activity substantially increasing the burden on any public utilities or facilities unless provisions are made for any necessary adjustments.