

**Article 10: La Jolla Shores Planned District**  
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**Division 3: Zones**  
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**§1510.0301 General Design Regulations**

Concurrent with the adoption of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance, the City Council adopted architectural and design standards, by resolution, to be used in evaluating the appropriateness of any development for which a permit is applied under the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance; such architectural and design standards shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk as a numbered document.

(a) Character of the Area

In this primarily single-family residential community, a typical home is characterized by extensive use of glass, shake or shingle overhanging roof, and a low, rambling silhouette. Patios, the atrium or enclosed courtyard, and decks facilitate the "inside-outside" orientation of life in Southern California. Spanish Mediterranean and Mexican influences are seen in the prevalent use of the arch and of terra cotta and glazed tiles. The residential and commercial structures incorporate an honest use of natural building materials and, in many instances, are characterized as a truly American style of architecture, fusing the purity and geometry of the Mexican-Spanish period with a simplicity of materials and detail with integrated landscape design.

(b) Design Principle

Within the limitations implied above, originality and diversity in architecture are encouraged. The theme "unity with variety" shall be a guiding principle. Unity without variety means simple monotony; variety by itself is chaos. No structure shall be approved which is substantially like any other structure located on an adjacent parcel. Conversely, no structure will be approved that is so different in quality, form, materials, color, and relationship as to disrupt the architectural unity of the area.

(c) Design Requirements

- (1) Building materials and color are the most critical unifying elements. For this reason, roof materials within the La Jolla Shores Planned District shall be limited to wood shakes, wood shingles, clay tile, slate or copper of good quality where the pitch is 4 in 12 or greater or other materials which would contribute to the character of the surrounding neighborhood. Roofs with a pitch of less than 4 in 12 may also be covered with crushed stone of muted dark tone.
- (2) Exterior wall materials shall be limited to wood siding, wood shingles, adobe and concrete blocks, brick, stucco, concrete or natural stone. White and natural earth colors should predominate. Primary colors may be used for accent.
- (3) To preserve the seaside character of the community each building shall be sited and designed so as to protect public views from public rights-of-way and public places and provide for see-throughs to the ocean.
- (4) Lighting which highlights architectural features of a structure shall be permitted. Such lighting shall be unobtrusive and shielded so as not to fall excessively on adjacent properties.
- (5) Appurtenances on the roof shall be enclosed or otherwise designed or shielded to be attractive.

(d) Grading Regulations

- (1) It is the intent of these regulations to preserve canyons and to prevent the cutting of steep slopes and the excessive filling to create level lots. No grading or disruption of the natural terrain shall be permitted until a permit which includes grading has been approved by the City Manager.
- (2) Grading plans may be approved if it is concluded that:
  - (A) The development will result in minimum disturbance of the natural terrain and vegetation commensurate with the proposed use of the lot or premises.

- (B) Grading, excavation and filling proposed in connection with the development will not result in soil erosion, silting of lower slopes, slide damage, flooding problems, or excessive cutting or scarring.
  - (C) The proposed development will strive to preserve and enhance the natural environment and any existing aesthetic qualities of the site.
- (3) In evaluating a development for consistency with the above required findings, the appropriate decision-maker shall utilize the provisions set forth in Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 1 (Environmentally Sensitive Lands Regulations).  
*(“General Design Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0302 Permitted Use Regulations**

The intent of these regulations is to preserve and enhance the environmental quality of La Jolla Shores Area as a place to live. A variety of housing types including single and multiple family units, motels and hotels supported by the necessary public facilities should be encouraged. The development of the businesses necessary to serve the residents and visitors to the area will be permitted in a compact and centrally located commercial area. Large high-rise buildings, out of scale with other structures within the community as well as automobile drive-in and drive-through establishments will be prohibited.  
*(“Permitted Use Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0303 Single-Family Zone - Permitted Uses**

In the Single-Family (SF) Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no building or improvement or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered, or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for one or more of the following uses:

- (a) One-family dwellings.
- (b) Public parks and public playgrounds.

- (c) Boarder and lodger accommodations; Accessory Dwelling Units, Junior Accessory Dwelling Units and movable tiny houses; family day care homes; garage, *yard* and estate sales; guest quarters and habitable accessory buildings; home occupations; community gardens; and temporary real estate sales offices and model homes as a limited use in accordance with the applicable regulations in Chapter 14, Article 1 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (d) Schools limited to primary, elementary, junior and senior high schools as a conditional use subject to a Process Three Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Land Development Code Section 141.0407 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (e) Electric distribution and gas regulating stations as a conditional use subject to a Process Three Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Land Development Code Section 141.0408 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (f) Golf courses as a conditional use subject to a Process Four Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Land Development Code Section 141.0609 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).

*(“Single-Family Zone - Permitted Uses” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

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**§1510.0304 Single Family Zone-Development Regulations**

(a) Dwelling Unit Density Regulation

In the following Single-Family Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102 unless specified otherwise, no lot or parcel shall be developed or occupied by more dwelling units than the average dwelling unit density (units per acre) of the developed SF Zone within 300 feet of the subject lot or parcel. In no event shall any area be included in the calculation of average dwelling unit density if such area lies on the opposite side of a density calculation boundary line indicated on the map referenced in Section 1510.0102. However, in no instance shall the density exceed one unit per acre for areas which have a slope ratio of 25 percent or greater. Dwelling units that are allowed by computing density for those areas with a slope ratio of less than 25 percent may not be placed on slopes with a ratio of 25 percent or greater. In the event the subject parcel is not adjacent to or within 300 feet of subdivided and/or developed lots or parcels so that an average of dwelling unit density within 300 feet can be reasonably obtained, then said parcel shall be limited in dwelling-unit density by the regulation described in Section 1510.0304 (e)(1).

(b) Siting of Buildings

- (1) Buildings with openings (i.e., doors and/or windows) facing the side property line shall be constructed not closer than four feet from said property line, in some circumstances, provided the see-through provisions in Section 1510.0301(c) are observed.
- (2) Buildings without openings facing the side property line may be constructed on the side property line in some circumstances, provided the see-through provisions in Section 1510.0301(c) are observed and provided the drainage of storm water falling on the roof of such building is carried off on the subject property and shall in no way endanger or interfere with an abutting property, easement, or rights-of-way.
- (3) Increased yard dimensions may be required for development adjacent to a public park to avoid any detrimental impact on the park.
- (4) Building and structure setbacks shall be in general conformity with those in the vicinity.

(c) Maximum Building Height

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved or enlarged to a greater height than 30 feet.

(d) Maximum Lot Coverage

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to cover more than 60 percent of the lot or parcel.

(e) Specific Tract Requirements

In the following specific areas designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no tract shall be occupied by more dwelling units than the number permitted below:

- (1) The dwelling unit density of Tracts A and B shall be limited to one unit for every 40,000 square feet of net land area with a slope ratio of 25 percent or greater and one unit for every 20,000 square feet net land area with a slope ratio less than 25 percent. Dwelling units that are allowed by computing density for those areas with a slope ratio of less than 25 percent may not be placed on slopes with a ratio of 25 percent or greater. Before calculating the number of permitted dwelling units and to determine the net land area within a particular tract, the amount of area proposed for public rights-of-way, private roadways and public or commercial parking shall be deducted from the gross tract area.
- (2) Where development under a Planned Development Permit for residential development is permitted pursuant to the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 3, Division 4 (Planned Development Permit Regulations) no more than eight dwelling units shall be permitted on any one acre. Parking under a "cluster" concept shall be provided at a ratio of two private spaces and one public or communal space per living unit.
- (3) Tract A, a portion of Pueblo Lot 1297, bounded generally by P.L. 1298 and the subdivisions of La Jolla Shores Terrace, La Jolla Coasta Dorada, and La Jolla Shores Heights, may be developed under a Planned Development Permit or as a standard subdivision.

- (4) Tract B, a portion of Pueblo Lots 1265, 1266, and 1267, bounded generally by La Jolla Parkway, La Jolla Scenic Drive, Interstate 5 and the westerly prolongation of the northerly line of La Jolla Kirjah Park Subdivision may be developed under a Planned Development Permit or as a standard subdivision.
- (5) Tract D, a portion of Pueblo Lot bounded generally by Torrey Pines Road, the westerly line of Prestwick Estates Unit No. 1 and the northerly line of Pueblo Lot 1289 may be developed as follows:
  - (A) This tract may be developed as a Planned Development Permit or as a standard subdivision. Clustering the units is encouraged.
  - (B) The dwelling unit density of Tract D shall be limited to one unit for every 40,000 square feet of net land area with a slope ratio of 25 percent or greater and 1 unit for every 4,000 square feet of net land area with a slope ratio of less than 25 percent.
  - (C) No development or grading shall occur in areas with a slope of 25 percent or greater and these slopes be placed in a permanent open space easement, except that minor encroachments less than .25 acre into such slopes may be permitted pursuant to a Planned Development Permit.
  - (D) Development shall minimize drainage and erosion impacts resulting from land disturbance.
  - (E) Continuity with any future bikeway or exclusive bus lane along Torrey Pines Road shall be provided.
  - (F) Existing landscaping and tall trees shall be preserved and replaced only in the actual building site area; and extensive landscaping, including trees, shall be provided along Torrey Pines Road and all graded slopes.
  - (G) The furnishing of a geotechnical report at the tentative map stage is encouraged to insure that the site is stable enough to support the proposed development.
  - (H) Vehicular access to Torrey Pines Road shall be limited to one curb cut not to exceed 30 feet.

- (I) In this particular tract a 45-foot-plus roof height limit may be observed to permit the preservation of trees and minimize the cutting of slopes.
- (6) Tract F, a portion of Pueblo Lot 1288, including Lots 1 and 2 Tres Calles Subdivision bounded by the southerly line of Torrey Pines Road, the westerly line of Azure Coast Unit No. 2 and on the south by Azure Coast Drive and La Jolla Parkway shall be limited to a maximum of eight dwellings per net acre. A maximum height of 32 feet plus roof shall be observed. The area bounded by La Jolla Parkway, Torrey Pines Road and Ardath Lane may be developed with a fire station.
- (7) Tract G, portion of Lot 26, La Jolla Scenic Knolls, Unit No. 3, Map 6751, located westerly of Gilman Drive shall be developed in accordance with the following:
  - (A) The maximum density permitted shall be 8.7 dwelling units per net acre.
  - (B) A minimum of 900 square feet of usable open space shall be provided for each dwelling unit. Usable open space shall be composed of moderately level land having an overall grade not exceeding 10 percent and may not include land occupied by structures, streets, driveways or parking areas. The usable open space may be occupied by recreational facilities, excluding buildings.
  - (C) Parking for any residential development under a "cluster" concept shall be provided at a ratio of two on-site parking spaces and one communal or public parking space for each unit with three or more bedrooms; 1.6 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each two bedroom unit; and 1.2 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each one bedroom unit.
  - (D) Extensive landscaping, including trees, shall be provided along Gilman Drive, and on existing graded slopes.
  - (E) A 6-foot high masonry wall and/or earth berm shall be constructed along Gilman Drive no closer than five feet from the street right-of-way.



- (F) A minimum of 400 feet shall be provided between curb cuts for vehicular access to Gilman Drive.
  - (G) Pedestrian access shall be provided to Pottery Canyon Park.
  - (H) Continuity shall be provided with any proposed bikeway along Gilman Drive.
- (8) Tract H, portion Pueblo Lot 1291, located westerly of Gilman Drive shall be developed as follows:
- (A) This tract may be developed at a maximum residential density of 84 units on 7.076 acres (11.9 units per acres) and/or with private recreational facilities. Any residential development should be clustered in order to minimize disturbance of and should relate well to topography.
  - (B) Parking for any residential development under a "cluster" concept shall be provided at a ratio of two on-site parking spaces and one communal or public parking space for each unit with three or more bedrooms; 1.6 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each two bedroom unit; and 1.2 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each one bedroom unit. Parking for any tennis facility should be provided at a ratio of four parking spaces for each tennis court.
  - (C) Extensive landscaping, including trees, shall be provided along Gilman Drive and to all other areas of the tract. Existing trees shall be preserved where possible.
  - (D) A minimum of 400 feet shall be provided between curb cuts for vehicular access along Gilman Drive.
  - (E) Continuity with any future bikeway along Gilman Drive shall be provided.
  - (F) Manufactures slopes shall not exceed a slope of 2 to 1 except for vehicular access.
  - (G) Not less than 40 percent of the tract shall be preserved in natural and/or landscaped open space pursuant to an easement to be granted to the City of San Diego.

- (H) Vehicular access to any development shall be exclusively by way of the existing driveway entrance at the southerly boundary of the tract.
  - (I) An internal access road linking residential development on the southerly and northerly portions of the tract shall minimize grading and visual impact to the extent feasible.
- (9) Tract I, portion of Blocks 1, 2, Leavitt's Addition, Map 117, westerly of Gilman Drive, shall be developed as follows:
- (A) The maximum density provided shall be one dwelling unit for every 40,000 square feet of land area.
  - (B) Parking for any residential development under a "cluster" concept shall be provided at a ratio of two on-site parking spaces and one communal or public parking space for each unit with three or more bedrooms; 1.6 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each two bedroom unit; and 1.2 on-site spaces and one communal or public space for each one bedroom unit.
  - (C) Extensive landscaping, including trees, shall be provided along Gilman Drive.
  - (D) To reduce traffic hazards, vehicular access from Gilman Drive shall be minimized.
  - (E) Continuity with any future bikeway along Gilman Drive shall be provided.
- (f) Off-Street Parking
- (1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).
  - (2) Where ambiguity exists in the application of these off-street parking requirements or where any use not specified is found to be a permitted use, the off-street parking requirements shall be consistent with that for similar uses in the La Jolla Shores Planned District.

(g) Sign Regulations

- (1) For the purposes of this Section, the word "sign" is hereby defined to mean any painted or fabricated element including its structure which may consist of any letter, figure, character, or marks. Except for one nameplate having a maximum of one square foot for each dwelling unit, all signs shall be approved by the City Manager.
- (2) Any sign not in compliance with the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance shall be removed within 7 years from the effective date of Ordinance O-11332.
- (3) For each temporary real estate sales office and each model home - one temporary sign not more than four square feet in area on the same premises identifying the subdivision in which the sales office or home is located. All such signs shall be removed within 18 months of the filing of the final subdivision map.
- (4) One temporary sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of real estate, to advertise the leasing, rental or sale of such lot or parcel, provided that such sign meets all of the following conditions:
  - (A) Such sign shall be installed and maintained by, or at the direction of, the owner of such lot or parcel of real property;
  - (B) Such sign shall not exceed 5 x 7 inches in size and no part of such sign shall extend more than four feet above the surface of the ground on which it is erected;
  - (C) Such sign shall be unlighted.
- (5) One public interest wall or ground sign not more than four square feet in total area, and not more than four feet in height measured to the apex of the sign.

(h) Landscape Regulations

- (1) In the Single-Family Zone, all of the property not used or occupied by structures, unplanted recreational areas, walks and driveways shall be landscaped and may include native materials, and in no case shall this landscaped area be less than 30 percent of the total parcel area. All landscaping and irrigation shall be developed in conformance with the Landscape Guidelines of the Land Development Manual.

- (2) All landscaping shall be completed within 6 months of occupancy or within one year of the notice of completion of a residence.
- (3) All landscaped material shall be permanently maintained in a growing and healthy condition including trimming as appropriate to the landscaping material.

*(“Single Family Zone-Development Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0305 Multi-Family Zones - Permitted Uses**

In the Multi-Family (MF) Zones, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no building or improvement or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, established, altered, or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for one or more of the following purposes:

- (a) Any use permitted in the Single Family Zone.
- (b) Two-family dwellings
- (c) Apartment houses designed to serve as the principal place of residence for a family or person. These units should not serve transient and temporary residents in the manner of a hotel or motel.
- (d) Accessory uses

All accessory uses shall be located in the same building complex as the permitted uses which they serve. There shall be no entrance to any such accessory uses except through a foyer, court, lobby, hall, patio or similar interior area. However, neither of the foregoing regulations shall be applicable to accessory uses exclusively serving outdoor recreational activities. The combined gross floor area of all accessory uses, excluding outdoor recreational facilities, on any premises shall occupy not more than 20 percent of the gross floor area of the permitted uses. Accessory uses may include the following:

- (1) Not more than two lodgers or boarders per dwelling unit.
- (2) Recreational and health facilities which are designed, used and clearly intended for the use of occupants of residential complexes, including tennis courts, putting greens, exercise rooms and sauna and steam baths.

- (3) Communal dining facilities and snack bars in residential complexes which are designed, used and clearly intended for the convenience of the occupants and guests of the residential complex only.
- (e) Residential care homes for not more than six aged persons, which are licensed by the State of California Department of Social Welfare.
- (f) Parking facilities accessory to a permitted use in the Multi-Family Zones.
- (g) Any other use which the Planning Commission may find, in accordance with Process Four, to be similar in character to the uses enumerated above and consistent with the purpose and intent of the Multi-Family Areas and the La Jolla Shores Planned District. The adopted resolution embodying such finding shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

*(“Multi-Family Zones - Permitted Uses” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0306 Multi Family Zones-Development Regulations**

- (a) Dwelling Unit Density Regulations

In the Multi-Family (MF1 and MF2) Zones, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102 unless specified otherwise, no lot or parcel shall be developed or occupied by more than one unit for every 2,200 square feet of lot area in the MF1 Zone and one unit for every 1,000 square feet of lot area in the MF2 Zone.

- (b) Siting of Buildings

- (1) Buildings with openings (i.e., doors and/or windows) facing the side property line shall be constructed not closer than four feet from said property line.
- (2) Buildings without openings facing the side property line may be constructed on the side property line provided the drainage of storm water falling on the roof of such building is carried off of the subject property and shall in no way endanger or interfere with any abutting property, easement, or rights-of- way.

- (3) To provide for see-throughs to the ocean, buildings shall be located so that the major axis of the structure will generally be at right angle to the shore line. The secondary or minor axis of the structure shall not exceed 60 percent of the width of the parcel. However, no building facade may be a continuous plane over 50 feet in length.

(c) Building Heights

In the Multi-Family areas (MF1 and MF2), designated on that certain map referenced in Section. 1510.0102, no building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to a greater height than 30 feet. Under no condition will any part of the building, including utility poles, electrical transmission towers, chimneys, ventilators, plumbing stacks, radio and television reception antennas, flagstaffs, elevator shafts and like appurtenances, exceed 30 feet in height.

(d) Lot Coverage

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to cover a greater portion of the lot or parcel than is shown in Table 1510-03A.

**Table 1510-03A**

**Lot Coverage**

<b>Building Height Excluding Roof</b>	<b>Percent Maximum Coverage</b>
40 to 45 feet	30
32 to 40 feet	40
below 32 feet	50

(e) Off-Street Parking

- (1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).

- (2) Where ambiguity exists in the application of these off-street parking requirements or where any use not specified is found to be a permitted use, the off-street parking requirements shall be consistent with that for similar uses in the La Jolla Shores Planned District.

(f) Sign Regulations

For the purpose of this Section, the word "sign" is hereby defined to mean any painted or fabricated element including its structure which may consist of any letter, figure, character, or marks. A sign (supergraphics) may also include the entire wall of a building, freestanding walls, fences or other appurtenances upon which the graphics are painted or displayed. Except for one nameplate of one square foot for each dwelling unit, all signs shall be approved by the City Manager. Size, height and means of support for each sign will be considered on an individual basis subject to the conditions noted below. Each sign shall be in scale with the building it identifies. The use of natural materials, especially wood, is encouraged.

- (1) Any sign not in compliance with the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance shall be removed within 7 years from the effective date of Ordinance O-11332.
- (2) No signs shall be permitted except signs designating the premises for sale, rent or lease, signs which refer only to the permitted uses as set forth in the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance and public interest signs.
- (3) One single-faced or double-faced ground directional sign shall be permitted at each driveway, except when such driveway serves a single-family dwelling unit where no sign is allowed. Such signs shall not exceed two square feet in total face area and four feet measured vertically from the base at ground level to the apex of the sign. Such signs shall not encroach into the public right-of-way.
- (4) In the MF Zones, no signs, displays or advertising relating to any accessory uses shall be visible from any street.
- (5) For each temporary real estate sales office and each model home -- one temporary sign not more than 4 square feet in area on the same premises identifying the subdivision in which the sales office or home is located. All such signs shall be removed within 18 months of the filing of the final subdivision map.

- (6) One temporary sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of real estate, to advertise the leasing, rental or sale of such lot or parcel, provided that such sign meets all of the following conditions:
  - (A) Such sign shall be installed and maintained by, or at the direction of, the owner of such lot or parcel of real property;
  - (B) Such sign shall not exceed 5 x 7 inches in size and no part of such sign shall extend more than four feet above the surface of the ground upon which it is erected;
  - (C) Such sign shall be unlighted.
- (7) One public interest wall or ground sign not more than 4 square feet in total area nor more than 4 feet measured in height to the apex of the sign.
- (g) Landscape Regulations
  - (1) In the MF Zones, all of the property not used or occupied by structures, unplanted recreational areas, walks and driveways shall be landscaped and may include native materials, and in no case shall this landscaped area be less than 30 percent of the total parcel area. All landscaping and irrigation shall be developed in conformance with the Landscape Guidelines of the Land Development Manual.
  - (2) All landscaped material shall be permanently maintained in a growing and healthy condition including trimming as appropriate to the landscaping material.
  - (3) Landscaping and watering system as required by the La Jolla Shores Review Board shall be installed within 6 weeks following occupancy of the premises.

*(“Multi Family Zones-Development Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0307 Visitor Zone-Permitted Uses**

In the Visitor (V) Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no building or improvement or portion thereof, shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for one or more of the following purposes:



- (a) Any use permitted in the Multi-Family Zones.
- (b) Hotels and motels and the following accessory uses:
  - (1) Restaurants and bars
  - (2) News and tobacco stores
  - (3) Barber shops
  - (4) Beauty shops
  - (5) Valet services (agency for laundering, cleaning and pressing of clothing)
  - (6) Travel, ticket and car rental agents
  - (7) Gift shops
  - (8) Florists
  - (9) All accessory uses shall be located in the same building as the permitted uses which they serve. There shall be no entrance to any such accessory uses except through a foyer, court, lobby, hall, patio or other similar interior area. However, neither of the foregoing regulations shall be applicable to accessory uses exclusively serving outdoor recreational activities. The combined gross floor area of all accessory uses, excluding outdoor recreational facilities, on any premises shall occupy not more than 20 percent of the gross floor area of the permitted uses.
- (c) Private clubs, lodges, and fraternal organizations except fraternities and sororities.
- (d) Assembly and entertainment uses, including places of religious assembly, that obtain a Conditional Use Permit decided in accordance with Process Three in accordance with Section 141.0602 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (e) In the portion of Pueblo Lot 1286 bounded by La Jolla Shores Drive, Torrey Pines Road and La Jolla Parkway (dedicated but unimproved as a roadway) a restaurant and automobile service station will be permitted in addition to any of the other visitor area uses.

- (f) Any other uses the Planning Commission may find, in accordance with Process Four, to be similar in character to the uses, including accessory uses, enumerated above and consistent with the purpose and intent of the Visitor Zone and the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance. The adopted resolution embodying such finding shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

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### **§1510.0308 Visitor Zone-Development Regulations**

- (a) Guest Room Density Regulations

In the Visitor Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no lot or parcel shall be occupied by more than one dwelling unit or two guest rooms for every 1,000 square feet of land area.

- (b) Siting of Buildings

- (1) Buildings with openings (i.e., doors and/or windows) facing the side property line shall be constructed not closer than four feet from said property line, provided the see-through provisions in Section 1510.0301(c), are observed.

- (2) Buildings without openings facing the side property line may be constructed on the side property line provided the drainage of storm water falling on the roof of such building is carried off on the subject property and shall in no way endanger or interfere with any abutting property, easement, or rights-of-way.

- (c) Maximum Building Height

In the Visitor Zone designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, unless specified otherwise, no building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to a greater height than 30 feet.

(d) Maximum Lot Coverage

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to cover a greater portion of the lot or parcel than is shown in Table 1510-03B.

**Table 1510-03B**

**Lot Coverage**

<b>Building Height Excluding Roof</b>	<b>Percent Maximum Coverage</b>
40 to 45 feet	30
32 to 40 feet	40
below 32 feet	50

(e) Off-Street Parking Requirements

- (1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).
- (2) Where ambiguity exists in the application of these off-street parking requirements or where any use not specified is found to be a permitted use, the off-street parking requirements shall be consistent with that for similar uses in the La Jolla Shores Planned District.

(f) Sign Regulations

- (1) For the purposes of this Section, the word "sign" is hereby defined to mean any painted or fabricated element including its structure which may consist of any letter, figure, character, or marks. A sign (supergraphics) may also include the entire wall of a building, freestanding walls, fences or other appurtenances upon which the graphics are painted or displayed.
- (2) All signs shall be approved by the City Manager. Size, height and means of support for each sign will be considered on an individual basis subject to the conditions noted below. Each sign shall be in scale with the building it identifies. The use of natural materials, especially wood, is encouraged.

- (3) Any sign not in compliance with the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance shall be removed within seven years from the effective date of Ordinance No. O-11332 dated May 30, 1974.
- (4) No signs shall be permitted except signs designating the premises for sale, rent or lease, signs which refer only to the permitted uses as set forth in the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance and public interest signs.
- (5) Animated signs, including but not limited to those signs which rotate, move, flash, reflect, blink, or effect changes in hue or intensity or illumination are prohibited. Pennants, banners, streamers, and signs, any parts of which may be set in motion by the movement of the atmosphere, are also prohibited. Neon signs are prohibited.
- (6) A sign shall not project above the top of the second floor or the parapet or eaves, whichever is lower, of the building to which it is affixed.
- (7) One single-faced or double-faced ground directional sign shall be permitted at each driveway, except when such driveway serves a single - family dwelling unit where no sign is allowed. Such signs shall not exceed two square feet in total face area and four feet measured vertically from the base at ground level to the apex of the sign. Such signs shall not encroach into the public right-of-way.
- (8) Ground signs shall be permitted only when the following conclusions can be reached:
  - (A) That there are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land or buildings for which the sign is sought, which do not apply generally to the land or buildings in the neighborhood. Such conditions shall not have resulted from any act of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance.
  - (B) That the aforesaid circumstances or conditions are such that the strict application of the provisions of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or buildings.

- (C) The granting of the sign will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance regulations and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.
  - (D) Ground signs when permitted shall not exceed an area of 20 square feet in total face area or be less than three feet in any one dimension or exceed a height of eight feet. Ground signs shall not encroach or overhang into the public right-of-way.
- (9) For each dwelling unit one nameplate having a maximum area of one square foot shall be permitted.
  - (10) In the Visitor Zone, no signs, displays or advertising relating to any accessory uses shall be visible from any street.
  - (11) For each temporary real estate sales office and each model home -- one temporary sign not more than 4 square feet in area on the same premises identifying the subdivision in which the sales office or home is located. All such signs shall be removed within 18 months of the filing of the final subdivision map.
  - (12) One temporary sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of real estate, to advertise the leasing, rental or sale of such lot or parcel, provided that such sign meets all of the following conditions:
    - (A) Such sign shall be installed and maintained by, or at the direction of, the owner of such lot or parcel of real property;
    - (B) Such sign shall not exceed 5 x 7 inches in size and no part of such sign shall extend more than 4 feet above the surface of the ground upon which it is erected;
    - (C) Such sign shall be unlighted.
  - (13) One public interest wall or ground sign not more than 20 square feet in total area nor more than 8 feet in height measured to the apex of the sign.

(g) Landscape Regulations

- (1) In the Visitor Zone, all of the property not used or occupied by structures, unplanted recreational areas, walks and driveways shall be landscaped and may include native materials, and in no case shall this landscaped area be less than 30 percent of the total parcel area. All landscaping and irrigation shall be developed in conformance with the Landscaping Guidelines of the Land Development Manual.
- (2) All landscape material shall be permanently maintained in a growing and healthy condition including trimming as appropriate to the landscaping material.
- (3) Landscaping and watering system as required by the La Jolla Shores Review Board shall be installed within 6 weeks following occupancy of the premises.

*(“Visitor Zone-Development Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0309 Commercial Center Zone-Permitted Uses**

In the Commercial Center (CC), designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, no building or improvement or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for one or more of the following purposes provided that the ground floor area of any establishment does not exceed 6,000 square feet. The minimum floor area for each dwelling unit or apartment is 400 square feet.

- (a) Retailing of consumer goods and dispensing of consumer services from the following establishments:
  - (1) Antique shops
  - (2) Apparel and tailor shops
  - (3) Art galleries
  - (4) Art supplies shops
  - (5) Bakeries

- (6) Barber shops
- (7) Beauty shops
- (8) Bicycle shops
- (9) Book stores
- (10) Confectioneries
- (11) Curtain and drapery shops
- (12) Drug stores
- (13) Dry cleaning and laundry agencies and self-service dry cleaning and laundry establishments
- (14) Florists
- (15) Food stores
- (16) Gift shops
- (17) Hardware stores
- (18) Hobby shops
- (19) Import shops
- (20) Interior design studios
- (21) Jewelry stores
- (22) Libraries
- (23) Liquor stores subject to Section 141.0502
- (24) Music and record stores
- (25) Paint and wallpaper stores
- (26) Picture frame shops

- (27) Photographic studios
  - (28) Radio, television and small home appliance sales and repair shops
  - (29) Real estate brokers
  - (30) Restaurants (excluding drive-in and drive-thru restaurants)
  - (31) Shoe stores
  - (32) Shoe repair shops
  - (33) Shopkeeper Units (See Section 113.0103)
  - (34) Sporting goods stores
  - (35) Stationers
  - (36) Travel agencies
  - (37) Variety stores
- (b) Electric distribution and gas regulating stations serving the immediate area.
- (c) The following uses are also permitted provided that such uses are not located on the ground floor within the front half or 50 percent of the lot:
- (1) Business and professional offices
  - (2) Dwelling units and apartments
  - (3) Studios for teaching of art, drama, dancing and music
  - (4) Automobile parking
- (d) Community gardens; Pushcarts on private property; and Recycling facilities (limited to Drop-off facilities or Reverse vending machines) as a limited use in accordance with the applicable regulations in Chapter 14, Article 1 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (e) Sidewalk cafes as a conditional use subject to a Process Two Neighborhood Use Permit in accordance with Land Development Code Section 141.0621 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).



- (f) Assembly and entertainment uses, including places of religious assembly, that obtain a Conditional Use Permit decided in accordance with Process Three in accordance with Section 141.0602 (Separately Regulated Use Regulations).
- (g) Any other use which the Planning Commission may find, in accordance with Process Four, to be similar in character to the uses enumerated above and consistent with the purpose and intent of the Commercial Center Area (CC) and the La Jolla Shores Planned District. The adopted resolution embodying such finding shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.

*(“Commercial Center Zone-Permitted Uses” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

*(Amended 8-4-2011 by O-20081 N.S.; effective 10-6-2011.)*

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*(Amended 7-10-2015 by O-20512 N.S.; effective 8-9-2015.)*

#### **§1510.0310 Commercial Center Zone-Development Regulations**

- (a) Commercial Center Zone Density Regulations

In the Commercial Center Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, commercial structures may occupy 100 percent of the lot or parcel.

- (b) Building Heights

In the Commercial Center Zone, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, unless specified otherwise, no building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to a greater height than 30 feet.

- (c) Off-Street Parking Requirements

- (1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).
- (2) Where ambiguity exists in the application of these off-street parking requirements or where any use not specified is found to be a permitted use, the off-street parking requirements shall be consistent with that for similar uses in the La Jolla Shores Planned District.

(d) Parking Location for Commercial Center

Required off-street parking for uses in the Commercial Center Area (CC), designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, may not be located on the front 50 percent of the lot except when such parking is located on the second story or above. Also, required off-street parking for uses in the Commercial Center Area may be located in whole or in part on nearby land provided that all of the following criteria are met:

- (1) Some portion of the parking area is within 400 feet horizontal distance of the premises on which the use requiring off-street parking is located, and provided that said parking area is in the Commercial Center (CC) and Multi-Family (MF) Areas, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102.
- (2) Said land is owned or controlled by the owner or owners of the use requiring the off-street parking. In this connection, when parking is to be provided off the premises from where the use is located, the owner or lessee of record of the parking site shall furnish satisfactory evidence to the City Manager that he owns or has a sufficient interest in such property to provide and maintain the minimum off-street parking facilities which are provided or maintained for only the structure or use under consideration.

(e) Sign Regulations

- (1) For the purposes of this Section, the word "sign" is hereby defined to mean any painted or fabricated element including its structure which may consist of any letter, figure, character, or marks. A sign (supergraphics) may also include the entire wall of a building, freestanding walls, fences or other appurtenances upon which the graphics are painted or displayed.
- (2) All signs shall be approved by the City Manager. Size, height and means of support for each sign will be considered on an individual basis subject to the conditions noted below. Each sign shall be in scale with the building it identifies. The use of natural materials, especially wood, is encouraged.
- (3) Any sign not in compliance with the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance shall be removed within 7 years from the effective date of Ordinance No. O-11332 dated May 30, 1974.

- (4) No signs shall be permitted except signs designating the premises for sale, rent or lease, signs which refer only to the permitted uses as set forth in the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance and public interest signs.
- (5) Animated signs, including but not limited to those signs which rotate, move, flash, reflect, blink, or effect changes in hue or intensity or illumination are prohibited. Pennants, banners, streamers, and signs, any parts of which may be set in motion by the movement of the atmosphere, are also prohibited. Neon signs are prohibited.
- (6) A sign shall not project above the top of the second floor or the parapet or eaves, whichever is lower, of the building to which it is affixed.
- (7) One single-faced or double-faced ground directional sign shall be permitted at each driveway, except when such driveway serves a single-family dwelling unit where no sign is allowed. Such signs shall not exceed 2 square feet in total face area and 4 feet measured vertically from the base at ground level to the apex of the sign. Such signs shall not encroach into the public right-of-way.
- (8) Ground signs shall be permitted only when the following conclusions can be reached:
  - (A) That there are special circumstances or conditions applying to the land or buildings for which the sign is sought, which do not apply generally to the land or buildings in the neighborhood. Such conditions shall not have resulted from any act of the applicant subsequent to the adoption of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance.
  - (B) That the aforesaid circumstances or conditions are such that the strict application of the provisions of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance would deprive the applicant of the reasonable use of the land or buildings.
  - (C) The granting of the sign will be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

- (D) Ground signs when permitted shall not exceed an area of 20 square feet in total face area or be less than 3 feet in any one dimension or exceed a height of 8 feet. Ground signs shall not encroach or overhang into the public right-of-way.
- (9) For each dwelling unit one nameplate having a maximum area of one square foot shall be permitted.
- (10) For each temporary real estate sales office and each model home -- one temporary sign not more than 4 square feet in area on the same premises identifying the subdivision in which the sales office or home is located. All such signs shall be removed within 18 months of the filing of the final subdivision map.
- (11) One temporary sign shall be permitted on each lot or parcel of real estate, to advertise the leasing, rental or sale of such lot or parcel, provided that such sign meets all of the following conditions:
  - (A) Such sign shall be installed and maintained by, or at the direction of, the owner of such lot or parcel of real property;
  - (B) Such sign shall not exceed 5 x 7 inches in size and no part of such sign shall extend more than 4 feet above the surface of the ground upon which it is erected;
  - (C) Such sign shall be unlighted.
- (12) One public interest wall or ground sign not more than 20 square feet in total area nor more than 8 feet in height measured to the apex of the sign.

*(“Commercial Center Zone-Development Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0311 Public Park Area**

In the Public Park (PP) area, designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0301, no building or improvement or portion thereof, shall be erected, converted, established, altered or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for park purposes.

*(“Public Park Area” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0312 Northwest YMCA**

(a) Permitted Uses

In the area designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102 as YMCA, no building or improvement or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for YMCA purposes.

(b) General Design Regulation

- (1) Expansion must not encroach on adjacent uses.
- (2) Adequate and appropriate landscaping and/or fencing must be provided between adjacent property and next to all public rights-of-way.

(c) Siting of Buildings

- (1) Buildings with openings (i.e., doors and/or windows) facing the side property line shall be constructed not closer than four feet from said property line.
- (2) Buildings without openings facing the side property line may be constructed on the side property line provided the drainage of storm water falling on the roof of such building is carried off on the subject property and shall in no way, endanger or interfere with any abutting property, easement, or rights-of-way.

(d) Maximum Lot Coverage

No more than 20 percent of the total lot area shall be covered by buildings or structures.

(e) Off-Street Parking Requirements

- (1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).
- (2) Parking lot access requirements are to be determined by the City Manager and the City Engineer.

(f) Sign Regulations

- (1) All signs shall be approved by the City Manager. Size, height and means of support for each sign will be considered on an individual basis subject to the conditions noted below. Each sign shall be in scale with the building it identifies. The use of natural materials, especially wood, is encouraged.
- (2) Animated signs, including but not limited to those signs which rotate, move, flash, reflect, blink, or effect changes in hue or intensity of illumination are prohibited. Pennants, banners, streamers, and signs, any parts of which may be set in motion by the movement of the atmosphere, are also prohibited. Neon signs are prohibited.
- (3) Signs will be in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the La Jolla Shores Planned District Regulations and will not be injurious to the neighborhood or otherwise detrimental to the public welfare.

(g) Landscape Regulations

- (1) All of the property not used or occupied by structures, unplanted recreational areas, walks and driveways shall be landscaped and may include native materials, and in no case shall this landscaped area be less than 25 percent of the total parcel area. All landscaping and irrigation shall be developed in conformance with the Landscape Guidelines of the Land Development Manual.
- (2) All landscaping shall be completed within 6 months of occupancy or within one year of the notice of completion of a residence.
- (3) All landscaped material shall be permanently maintained in a growing and healthy condition including trimming as appropriate to the landscaping material.

*("Northwest YMCA" added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0313 Private Recreation Facility-Permitted Uses**

In the area designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102 as "PRF," no building or improvement or portion thereof shall be erected, constructed, converted, established, altered or enlarged, nor shall any premises be used except for one or more of the following uses:

- (a) Private recreation facilities including:
  - (1) Tennis courts
  - (2) Golf course
  - (3) Guest units
  - (4) Restaurant
  - (5) Swimming pool
  - (6) Meeting rooms
  - (7) Business area catering to above uses
- (b) Any other uses which the Planning Commission may find, in accordance with Process Four, to be similar in character to the uses, including accessory uses, enumerated above and consistent with the purpose and intent of the Private Recreation Facility Zone and the La Jolla Shores Planned District Ordinance. The adopted resolution embodying such finding shall be filed in the office of the City Clerk.  
*(“Private Recreation Facility-Permitted Uses” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*

**§1510.0314 Private Recreation Facility-Development Regulations**

(a) Density

In the Private Recreation Facility Zone designated on that certain map referenced in Section 1510.0102, the guest unit density shall not exceed 6.3 guest units per acre.

(b) Setback Requirements

New structures or additions shall not encroach on sandy beach areas with the exception of necessary erosion control devices consistent with the La Jolla Shores Local Coastal Program Addendum. Building and structure setbacks shall be in general conformity with those in the vicinity.

(c) Maximum Building Height

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to a greater height than 30 feet.

(d) Maximum Lot Coverage

No building or structure shall be erected, constructed, altered, moved in or enlarged to cover more than 50 percent of the lot or parcel.

(e) Design Criteria

(1) New development shall be compatible with the style, scale and character of the existing development in the zone.

(2) An open park-like setting should be provided through use of open space, view corridors; landscaping and appropriate street setbacks.

(f) Off-Street Parking

(1) Parking shall be provided in accordance with the Land Development Code Chapter 14, Article 2, Division 5 (Parking Regulations).

(2) Where ambiguity exists in the application of these off-street parking requirements or where any use not specified is found to be a permitted use, the off-street parking requirements shall be consistent with that for similar uses in the La Jolla Shores Planned District.



(g) Sign Regulations

All signs shall conform to the regulations of Section 1510.0308(f).

(h) Landscape Regulations

(1) All of the property not used or occupied by structures, unplanted recreational areas, walks and driveways shall be landscaped and may include native materials, and in no case shall this landscaped area be less than 30 percent of the total parcel area. All landscaping and irrigation shall be developed in conformance with the Landscape Guidelines of the Land Development Manual.

(2) Existing mature trees and landscaping features such as ponds shall be retained where feasible. New landscaped areas shall respect types and patterns of existing landscaping.

(3) All landscape material shall be permanently maintained in a growing and healthy condition, including trimming, as appropriate to the landscaping material.

*(“Private Recreation Facility-Development Regulations” added 3-27-2007 by O-19587 N.S.; effective 4-26-2007.)*