

**10.6 DISTRICT COMMERCIAL (C6) ZONE**

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**Explanatory Note:** *The C6 Zone permits retail and service commercial uses which cater to the weekly and daily shopping needs of residents in the immediate and surrounding neighbourhoods. Retail shops and services may be clustered in a plaza form along collector and arterial roads where an enhanced street presence is provided by bringing buildings closer to the street. Residential uses are permitted but the intent of the zone is predominantly commercial use.*

No person shall erect, or use any building in whole or in part, or use any land in whole or in part, within a District Commercial (C6) Zone for any purpose other than one or more of the following uses, or uses accessory thereto. Such erection or use shall also comply with the prescribed regulations:

**10.6.1 PERMITTED USES**

Artist Studio  
 Beverage Making Establishment  
 Catering Service  
 Commercial Entertainment  
 Commercial Parking Facility  
 Commercial Recreation  
 Commercial School  
 Communications Establishment  
 Community Garden  
 Conference or Convention Centre  
 Craftsperson Shop  
 Day Nursery  
 Dwelling Unit, Mixed Use (By-law No. 21-189,  
 October 13, 2021)  
 Financial Establishment  
 Funeral Home  
 Hotel  
 Laboratory  
 Medical Clinic  
 Microbrewery  
 Motor Vehicle Gas Bar  
 Motor Vehicle Rental Establishment  
 Motor Vehicle Service Station  
 Motor Vehicle Washing Establishment  
 Office  
 Personal Service  
 Place of Assembly  
 Repair Service  
 Restaurant  
 Retail  
 Social Services Establishment

Transportation Depot  
 Urban Farm  
 Urban Farmers Market  
 Veterinary Service

**10.6.1.1 RESTRICTED USES**

In addition to Section 10.6.1, the following uses shall be permitted in the accordance with the following restrictions:

- i) Restriction of Uses within a Building:
1. Notwithstanding Section 10.6.1, for building(s) with a gross floor area of less than 4,650 square metres, a Dwelling Unit(s), Mixed Use shall only be permitted above the ground floor except for access, accessory office and utility areas, and shall not occupy more than 50% of the total gross floor area of all the building(s) within the lot. For buildings with a gross floor area of 4,650 square metres or more, a Dwelling Unit, Mixed Use shall only be permitted above the ground floor except for access, accessory office and utility areas  
 (By-law No. 21-189, October 13, 2021)  
 (By-law No. 23-079, May 10, 2023)
  2. Notwithstanding Section 10.6.1, an Office(s) and Medical Clinic(s) shall only be permitted above the ground floor.  
 (By-law No. 21-189, October 13, 2021)

**10.6.2 PROHIBITED USES**

Notwithstanding Section 10.6.1, the following uses are permitted only as an accessory use:

Garden Centre  
 Motor Vehicle Dealership  
 (By-law No. 21-189, October 13, 2021)

**10.6.3 REGULATIONS**

- a) Building Setback from i) Minimum 1.5 metres;

- a Street Line
- ii) Maximum 4.5 metres, except where a visibility triangle is required for a driveway access;
  - iii) Notwithstanding Section 10.6.3i), 6.0 metres for that portion of a building providing an access driveway to a garage; and,
  - iv) Section 10.6.3i) shall not apply for any portion of a building that exceeds the requirement of Section 10.6.3 g) ii) and iii).
- b) Minimum Rear Yard
- i) 6.0 metres; and,
  - ii) 7.5 metres abutting a Residential or Institutional Zone or lot containing a residential use.
- c) Minimum Interior Side Yard
- i) 1.5 metres; and,
  - ii) 4.5 metres abutting a Residential or Institutional Zone or lot containing residential use.
- d) Maximum Height 14.0 metres.
- e) Maximum Gross Floor Area for Office Use 2,000.0 square metres.
- f) Maximum Gross Floor Area for Individual Commercial Use 10,000.0 square metres per individual commercial use.
- g) Built form for New Development
- In the case of new buildings constructed after the effective date of this by-law or additions to buildings existing as of the effective date of this by-law:
- i) Rooftop mechanical equipment shall be located and/or screened from view of

any abutting street;

- ii) For an interior lot or a through lot the minimum width of the ground floor façade facing the front lot line shall be greater than or equal to 40% of the measurement of the front lot line and shall exclude access driveways and lands within a required yard.
- iii) For a corner lot the width of the ground floor façade facing a front lot line and flankage lot line shall be greater than or equal to 50% of the measurement of all lot lines abutting a street and shall exclude access driveways and lands within a required yard.
- iv) In addition to Section 10.6.3i) ii) and iii), the minimum width of the ground floor façade facing the front and flankage lot lines shall exclude access driveways and any required yards within a lot line abutting a street.
- v) Notwithstanding Section 10.6.3g) ii) and iii), for commercial development existing at the time of the passing of the By-law, new commercial buildings with a Gross Floor Area of less than 650 square metres shall be permitted.
- vi) No parking, stacking lanes, or aisles shall be located between a building façade and the front lot line and flankage lot line;
  - 1. Section 10.6.3g)vi) shall not apply for any portion of a building that exceeds the requirement of Section 10.6.3g) ii) and iii).  
(By-law No. 17-240-OLT-05, March 14, 2022)
- vii) A minimum of one principal entrance shall be provided:

1. within the ground floor façade that is set back is closest to a street; and,
2. shall be accessible from the building façade with direct access from the public sidewalk; and,

viii) A walkway shall be permitted in a Planting Strip where required by the By-law.

h) Planting Strip Requirements

Where a property lot line abuts a property lot line within a Residential Zone or an Institutional Zone and not a Laneway, a minimum 1.5 metre wide Planting Strip shall be provided and maintained.

i) Visual Barrier Requirement

A visual barrier shall be required along any lot line abutting a Residential Zone, Institutional Zone, or Downtown (D5) Zone in accordance with the requirements of Section 4.19 of this By-law.

(By-law No. 19-062, March 27, 2019)

j) Outdoor Storage

i) No outdoor storage of goods, materials, or equipment shall be permitted; and,

ii) Notwithstanding Section 10.6.3j)i), the display of goods or materials for retail purposes accessory to a Retail use shall only be permitted in a front or flankage yard.

#### **10.6.4 MOTOR VEHICLE GAS BAR AND MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICE STATION REGULATIONS**

a) Minimum Building Setback from a Street Line

Notwithstanding Sections 10.6.3a)i) and ii), a minimum of 4.5 metres;  
(By-law No. 19-062, March 27, 2019)

b) Minimum Yard for Fuel Pump Islands,

4.5 metres from any lot line.

Fuel Pumps and  
Canopies

- c) Minimum Planting Strip Requirements Notwithstanding Section 10.6.3h), a minimum 3.0 metre planting strip shall be required abutting any street line, or Residential Zone or Institutional Zone lot line, except for points for ingress and egress.  
(By-law No. 19-062, March 27, 2019)
- d) Maximum Gross Floor Area for Accessory Retail Uses to a Motor Vehicle Gas Bar 175.0 square metres.
- 10.6.5 ACCESSORY BUILDINGS** In accordance with the requirements of Section 4.8 of this By-law.
- 10.6.6 PARKING** In accordance with the requirements of Section 5 of this By-law.
- 10.6.7 URBAN FARM** In accordance with the requirements of Section 4.26 of this By-law.
- 10.6.8 COMMUNITY GARDEN** In accordance with the requirements of Section 4.27 of this By-law.
- 10.6.9 URBAN FARMERS MARKET** In accordance with the requirements of Section 4.28 of this By-law.  
(By-law No. 17-240, November 8, 2017)