



# Baldwin County Planning & Zoning Department

## Baldwin County Commission Staff Report

### Agenda Item

**Case No. TA-19002 and Case No. TA-19003  
Amendments to the *Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance*, Article 4  
Residential Districts and Article 22 Definitions  
October 15, 2019**

### Proposed Amendment Information

- General Information:** Amendment to Article 4 of the Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance, Residential Districts, pertaining to the maximum number of habitable stories for residential structures, and Article 22, Definitions, pertaining to the definition for “Half-Story”.
- Lead Staff:** Vince Jackson, Planning Director
- Attachments:** Text of Proposed Amendments

### Summary and Recommendation

#### I. DISCUSSION:

The *Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance* originally included a limit on the number of habitable stories for residential structures in addition to a maximum height in feet. In 2009, the habitable story requirement was removed through a zoning text amendment. As time has progressed, the Planning staff has determined that it would be in the best interest of the County for the habitable story height limit to be restored. The resulting text amendment has two parts. The first (Case TA-19002) pertains to Article 4, Residential Districts, and restores the habitable story height limit for residential structures. The second (Case TA-19003) pertains to Article 22, Definitions, and provides a new definition for “Half-Story”. If approved, the proposed definition will replace the current definition found in Article 22. Because of the relationship between the amendments, they are included on one staff report.

The proposed height limits are listed as follows:

- Single Family Structures, Two Family (Duplex) Structures and Townhouses: 2 1/2 Habitable Stories
- Multiple Family Structures (RMF-6): 3 Habitable Stories
- Multiple Family Structures (HDR): 4 Habitable Stories

It should be noted that these amendments will not affect Planning District 25 due to existing language found in the Planning District 25 Local Provisions, as well as new language proposed under Case TA-19001.

The proposed amendments are listed below, with additions highlighted in red and underlined.

II. RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends **APPROVAL** of the proposed amendments to the *Baldwin County Zoning Ordinance*, Article 4, Residential Districts, and Article 22, Definitions. \*

*\*On amendments to the zoning ordinance, the County Commission will make the final decision.*

## Article 4 Residential Districts (DRAFT)

### Section 4.1 RSF-E, Residential Single Family Estate District

4.1.1 *Generally.* This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a very low density residential environment consisting of single family homes on estate size lots.

4.1.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) Agricultural uses.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.1.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.1.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.1.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by Section 2.3: *Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, Section 12.4: *Height Modifications*, Section 12.5: *Yard Requirements*, Section 12.6: *Coastal Areas*, Section 12.8: *Highway Construction Setbacks*, Section 18.6 *Variances*, and Article 20: *Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35-Feet
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	40-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	40-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	15-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	80,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	165-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	165-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

4.1.6 *Area and dimensional modifications.* Within the RSF-E district, area and dimensional requirements may be reduced, as set forth below, where property is divided among the following legally related family members: spouse, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, or step-related individuals of the same status.

Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	40,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	120-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	120-Feet

## **Section 4.2 RSF-1, Single Family District**

4.2.1 *Generally.* This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a low density residential environment consisting of single family homes on large lots.

4.2.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.2.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.2.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.10: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.2.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*,

Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35-Feet
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	30,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	100-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	50-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

## **Section 4.3 RSF-2, Single Family District**

4.3.1 *Generally.* This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a moderate density residential environment consisting of single family homes.

4.3.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.3.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.3.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.3.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*, *Section 12.5: Yard Requirements*, *Section 12.6: Coastal Areas*, *Section 12.8:*

*Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35-Feet
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	15,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	80-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	40-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35



## **Section 4.4 RSF-3, Single Family District**

4.4.1 *Generally.* This zoning district is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a moderate density residential environment consisting of single family homes.

4.4.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.4.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.4.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.4.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*, *Section 12.5: Yard Requirements*, *Section 12.6: Coastal Areas*, *Section 12.8:*

*Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35-Feet
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area	10,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	80-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	40-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

## **Section 4.5      RSF-4, Single Family District**

4.5.1 *Generally.* This zoning designation is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a moderate density residential development consisting of single family homes.

4.5.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.5.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.5.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.5.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*, *Section 12.5: Yard Requirements*, *Section 12.6: Coastal Areas*, *Section 12.8:*

Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area per Dwelling Unit	7,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

## **Section 4.6 RTF-4, Two Family District**

4.6.1 *Generally.* The intent of this zoning designation is to provide the opportunity for two family residential development.

4.6.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Two family dwellings.
- (e) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (f) Accessory structures and uses.
- (g) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.6.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.6.4 *Special exception.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following use and structures designed for such use may be allowed as a special exception:

The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

4.6.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*,

Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Maximum Density	4 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit	7,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

## **Section 4.7 RSF-6, Single Family District**

4.7.1 *Generally.* This zoning designation is provided to afford the opportunity for the choice of a high density residential development consisting of single family homes.

4.7.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (e) Accessory structures and uses.
- (f) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.7.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.7.4 *Special exceptions.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as special exceptions:

- (a) The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home. (See *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).
- (b) Boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, or dormitory.
- (c) Fraternity or sorority house.

4.7.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Minimum Lot Area per Unit	6,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35



## **Section 4.8 RTF-6, Two Family District**

4.8.1 *Generally.* The intent of this zoning designation is to provide the opportunity for two family residential development.

4.8.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Two family dwellings.
- (e) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (f) Accessory structures and uses.
- (g) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.8.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.8.4 *Special exceptions.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as special exceptions:

- (a) The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home. (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).
- (b) Boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, or dormitory.

(c) Fraternity or sorority house.

4.8.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Maximum Density	6 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area per Unit	6,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

## **Section 4.9 RMF-6, Multiple Family District**

4.9.1 *Generally.* The intent of this zoning designation is to provide the opportunity for multiple family residential development.

4.9.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) The following general industrial uses: extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) The following transportation, communication, and utility uses: water well (public or private).
- (c) The following agricultural uses: Silviculture.
- (d) Multiple family dwellings.
- (e) Two family dwellings.
- (f) Single family dwellings including manufactured housing and mobile homes.
- (g) Accessory structures and uses.
- (h) The following institutional use: church or similar religious facility.

4.9.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) The following general commercial uses: country club.

4.9.4 *Special exceptions.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as special exceptions:

- (a) The following local commercial use: bed and breakfast or tourist home (see *Section 13.11: Bed and Breakfast Establishments*).

- (b) Boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, or dormitory.
- (c) Fraternity or sorority house.

4.9.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances (single family and two family).* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Maximum Density	6 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit	6,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

4.9.6 *Area and dimensional ordinances (multiple family).* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>3</u>
Minimum Front Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	25-Feet
Maximum Density	6 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area	22,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	100-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	50-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.80

4.9.7 *Townhouses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Side Yards 10-Feet	(exterior wall side yards)
Maximum Density	6 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit	2,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	25-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	25-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.80

## **Section 4.10 HDR, High Density Residential District**

4.10.1 *Generally.* The intent of this zoning designation is to provide the opportunity for multiple family residential development, including apartments, condominiums, duplexes and townhouses, in a high density setting.

4.10.2 *Permitted uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses shall be permitted:

- (a) Extraction or removal of natural resources on or under land.
- (b) Water well (public or private).
- (c) Silviculture.
- (d) Multiple family dwellings (apartments and condominiums).
- (e) Two family dwellings.
- (f) Townhouses.
- (g) Single Family Dwellings.
- (h) Accessory structures and uses.
- (i) Church or similar religious facility.

4.10.3 *Conditional uses.* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, the following uses and structures designed for such uses may be allowed as conditional uses:

- (a) Outdoor recreation uses.
- (b) The following institutional uses: day care home; fire station; school (public or private).
- (c) Country club.

4.10.4 *Area and dimensional ordinances (single family and two family).* Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts*, *Section 12.4: Height Modifications*, *Section 12.5: Yard Requirements*, *Section 12.6: Coastal Areas*, *Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks*, *Section 18.6 Variances*, and *Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	30-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet
Maximum Density	12 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit	6,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	60-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	30-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.35

4.10.5 *Area and dimensional ordinances (multiple family)*. Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	50
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>4</u>
Minimum Front Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	25-Feet
Maximum Density	12 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area	22,000 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	100-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	50-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.80

4.10.6 *Townhouses*. Except as provided by *Section 2.3: Establishment of Zoning in Planning Districts, Section 12.4: Height Modifications, Section 12.5: Yard Requirements, Section 12.6: Coastal Areas, Section 12.8: Highway Construction Setbacks, Section 18.6 Variances, and Article 20: Nonconformities*, the area and dimensional ordinances set forth below shall be observed.

Maximum Height of Structure in Feet	35
<u>Maximum Height in Habitable Stories</u>	<u>2 1/2</u>
Minimum Front Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Rear Yard	25-Feet
Minimum Side Yards	10-Feet (exterior wall side yards)
Maximum Density	12 Dwelling Units per Acre
Minimum Lot Area/Dwelling Unit	2,500 Square Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Building Line	25-Feet
Minimum Lot Width at Street Line	25-Feet
Maximum Ground Coverage Ratio	.80

4.10.7 *Open space requirement.* A minimum of 10% of the gross land area developed under the HDR designation shall be set aside as permanent open space to include amenities, common areas and recreation facilities.

4.10.8 *Lighting standards.* The maximum height of exterior lights shall be 25-feet. The intensity, location, and design of lighting shall be such that not more than one foot candle of light is cast upon adjacent property or public rights-of-way. Light fixtures shall be designed to cast light downward. Where necessary, cut-off devices shall be used to minimize glare off premises. No light shall be aimed directly toward properties designated single family residential, which are located within 200-feet of the source of the light.

4.10.9 *Landscaping and buffering.* All HDR, High Density Residential District, properties shall meet the requirements of *Article 17: Landscaping and Buffers.*

4.10.10 HDR, High Density Residential District, shall not be available in Planning District 25.

## **Article 22 Definitions**

### **Section 22.1 Usage**

Except as otherwise provided herein, all words shall have the customary dictionary meaning. The present tense includes the future tense and the future tense includes the present tense. The singular number includes the plural and the plural includes the singular. The word "person" includes a firm, corporation, association, organization, trust, or partnership. The word "building" includes "structure." The words "shall" and "will" are always mandatory. The word "used" or "occupied" as applied to any land or buildings shall be construed to include the words "intended, arranged, or designed to be used or occupied."

### **Section 22.2 Words and Terms Defined**

As used in these ordinances, the following words and terms shall have the meaning defined:

*Story.* That portion of a building included between the surface of any floor and the surface of the next floor above it, or if there is no floor above it, then the space between such floor and the ceiling next above it.

*Story, habitable.* A story having its floor elevated at or above base flood elevation as determined from the flood insurance rate maps, regardless of the intended use of the story or its floor area.

*Story, half (½).* A space under a sloping roof in which not more than one-half (½) of the floor area is finished off for use. A half story containing independent apartment or living quarters shall be counted as a full story.