

Section 86-103 B-2 Central Business District

(a) *Intent; scope.* This section applies to the B-2 central business district. This B-2 district is intended to preserve and enhance the city's central business district as the prime center for office and government employment, shopping and cultural activities. This B-2 district shall be restricted to the downtown district.

(b) *Permitted uses.* The following uses shall be permitted in the B-2 business district:

- (1) Animal pet shops.
- (2) Antique, gift or florist shop.
- (3) Appliance sales and service stores.
- (4) Armories, convention or exhibition halls.
- (5) Art, office, school, camera and photography supply stores.
- (6) Audio recording sales or rental.
- (7) Auto parts stores.
- (8) Automobile parking lots and the parking of trucks and buses.
- (9) Banks and savings institutions.
- (10) Barbershops or beauty shops.
- (11) Bars, taverns, cocktail lounges, nightclubs, dancehalls and theaters.
- (12) Bicycle sales or repair shops.
- (13) Billiard or pool halls.
- (14) Book or stationery stores.
- (15) Bowling alleys.
- (16) Bus stations or taxistands.
- (17) Business, commercial or dance schools.
- (18) Business or professional offices.
- (19) Cannabis related businesses as follows: Lower potency hemp retailers, cannabis retailers, cannabis delivery services, cannabis lounges, and cannabis event organizers, as defined and licensed by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management; ~~b~~Businesses allowing off-sale retail sales requiring a registration under City Code, § 22-222. ~~Businesses, except On-Site Intoxicating Hemp Product Businesses,~~ must be located at least:
 - a. 500 feet, when measured in a straight line from the center of the primary building of a school, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 120A.22, subd. 4, excluding a home school, to the property line of the property in which the registered establishment is located. The primary building of each school is established in a map that will be published by the City.
- (20) Cabinet or carpenter shops.
- (21) Cabinet stores.
- (22) Candy, ice cream, soft drinks or confectionery stores.
- (23) Carpet, rug and flooring stores.

- (24) Churches.
- (25) Clothing stores.
- (26) Commercial radio or television broadcasting station.
- (27) Communication center (within building).
- (28) Department stores.
- (29) Fallout shelter.
- (30) Furniture stores.
- (31) Grocery stores, fruit and vegetable markets.
- (32) Hardware, hobby, sporting goods or toy stores.
- (33) Jewelry stores.
- (34) Job printing, newspaper, lithographing or publishing plants.
- (35) Laundromats and dry cleaning laundry pickup store.
- (36) Leather goods and luggage shops.
- (37) Liquor stores (for consumption off the premises).
- (38) Loan and finance company offices.
- (39) Lodge rooms or clubhouses for fraternal organizations.
- (40) Meat shops and cold storage lockers (excluding slaughtering).
- (41) Medical clinics.
- (42) Medical, dental and optical laboratories.
- (43) Mortuaries or funeral homes.
- (44) Motels or motor hotels.
- (45) Motion picture theatre.
- (46) Municipal or other government administration buildings, police or fire stations, community center buildings, museums or art galleries, and post office stations.
- (47) Music studios or musical instrument stores.
- (48) Newsstands.
- (49) Paint or wallpaper stores and interior decorating studios.
- (50) Pet supply store.
- (51) Pharmacies or drugstores; including gifts, stationery and similar items.
- (52) Photography studios.
- (53) Physical culture or health clubs and gymnasiums.
- (54) Pipe or tobacco shops.
- (55) Plumbing shops, television or radio repair shops; when operated as accessory uses to retail sales establishments.
- (56) Public libraries.
- (57) Restaurants, cafes, delicatessens or tearooms.

- (58) Retail bakeries or pastry shops.
- (59) Retail ice delivery stations (excluding manufacturing).
- (60) Retail medical supply stores.
- (61) Sewing machine sales and service stores.
- (62) Shoe stores and shoe repair shops.
- (63) Tailor shops.
- (64) Variety stores.
- (65) Veterinary clinic and hospital for small animals with associated indoor kennels where there are no animals allowed outside of a building at any time, where the entire business is conducted wholly within an enclosed sound proofed, heated and air conditioned building such that no noise or odors are perceptible beyond the property line.
- (66) Video recording and equipment sales and repair stores.
- (67) Watch or clock repair, locksmith or pawn shops.
- (68) Water conditioning sales and services.

(c) *Permitted accessory uses.* The following uses shall be permitted accessory uses in the B-2 central business district:

- (1) Accessory uses customarily secondary incident to the uses permitted in subsections (a) and (b) of this section.
- (2) Living quarters of persons employed on the premises.
- (3) Off-street parking and loading as regulated by article VI of this chapter.
- (4) Solar energy collectors and systems servicing the individual property.
- (5) Storage and parking garages ~~where the lot is occupied by a multiple-family dwelling, hospital or an institutional dwelling.~~

(d) *Conditional uses.* All conditional use permits for the B-2 district may only be issued if the proposed use meets the specific requirements of this section and also meets the general regulations as outlined in article VI and meets the eligibility for conditional use permits as specified in article II, division 2. The following uses may be allowed in the B-2 central business district by conditional use permit:

- (1) Automobile garages and repair shops, with no outside storage or sales of vehicles, equipment or accessories.
- (2) Automobile laundry or car wash.
- (3) Automobile service stations, for sale of gasoline, oil and accessories.
- (4) Boardinghouses and lodginghouses; convalescent, nursing and rest home.
- (5) Drive-in retail or service stores.
- (6) Garden supply stores.
- (7) Hospitals (excluding nonhuman).
- (8) Multiple-family dwellings, apartment buildings or townhouses.
- (9) Other business uses of the same general character as listed in subsection (b).
- (10) Parks and recreational areas owned or operated by governmental agencies.

- (11) Public, parochial or other private elementary, middle, junior high or senior high schools offering a curriculum equivalent to the public school system, and not operated for profit.
- (12) Repair and rental shops of domestic type equipment and items.
- (13) Residential facility or day care facility.
- (14) Self-storage warehouse on floors other than main level.
- (15) Sports arenas or stadiums, indoor skating rinks.
- (16) Tire, battery and automobile accessories shops.
- (17) Trade schools.
- (18) Upholstery and furniture repair shops.
- (19) Utility stations and structures.
- (20) Water supply buildings, reservoirs, wells, elevated tanks, and other similar essential public utility structures, municipal or other government service buildings.

(e) *Height, yard and lot coverage regulations.* Height, yard and lot coverage regulations for the B-2 district are as follows:

- (1) *Height regulations.* No building shall hereafter be erected or structurally altered to exceed 45 feet in height.
- (2) *Front yard regulations.* No front yard shall be required.
- (3) *Side yard regulations.* No side yard shall be required.
- (4) *Rear yard regulations.* No rear yard shall be required.

(f) *Lot coverage regulations.* There are no lot coverage regulations.

(g) *General regulations.* Additional regulations in the B-2 central business district are set forth in article VI of this chapter.

(h) *Cannabis and hemp. No otherwise permitted or conditional use may handle product regulated by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, unless explicitly permitted.*

(Code 1976, § 11.13; Ord. No. 443, § 3, 11-6-2000; Ord. No. 463, § 1, 7-2-2001; Ord. No. 590 2nd series, § 1, 2-19-2008; Ord. No. 613 2nd series, § 1, 8-25-2009; Ord. No. 703 2nd series, § 1, 12-8-2015)

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