H. Dwelling, Multi-Family.

- (1) Conceptual Site, Civil, and Landscape Requirements. All applications for Multi-Family Dwellings shall be allowed to submit conceptual site plans for conditional approval from the Planning Board and Board of Aldermen. Applicants shall submit site, civil, and landscape plans once conceptual approval is granted by the Board of Aldermen. Site, civil, and landscape plans must be approved by the Technical Review Committee, Planning Board, and Board of Aldermen depending on conditions placed on the conditional approval of the concept plans.
- (1) Multi-Family projects within the Town shall fall into the following categories and process of review and approval:
 - (a) <u>Minor Multi-Family Projects shall submit complete Site and Landscape plan applications</u> for review by the Technical Review Committee.
 - (b) <u>Major Multi-Family Projects that have completed the conditional zoning map amendment (conditional rezoning) process shall submit Site and Landscape plan application detailing all required site plan details and those conditions and phases approved by the Board of Aldermen.</u> (Ord. 15-04, 5/5/15; Ord 25-XX 8/X/25)

(2) Access

- (a) A minimum of one (1) connection to the existing public network if the development includes 79 units or less or, a minimum of two (2) connections to the existing public network if the development includes more than 80 units
- (b) <u>Requirements of a valid traffic impact analysis or NCDOT issued driveway permit may require additional street connects, but may not reduce those required herein.</u>
- (3) Placement of Buildings.
 - (a) There shall be maintained at least sixteen (16) feet of separation between individual and unattached buildings. Minimum building separation shall be dictated by NC Fire Code and informed by the Town of Shallotte Fire Departments anticipated response plan for the site.
 - (b) Any group of buildings forming a courtyard shall have at least twenty-five percent (25%) of the perimeter of such courtyard open for access by emergency vehicles.
 - (c) All-building locations shall be approved by the Planning Board and the Board of Aldermen Buildings with more than two stories shall be setback no less than 30 feet from any property boundary which contains single family housing.
- (4) Design Standards.
 - (a) Entrances and parking lots should be configured to be functional and inviting with walkways conveniently tied to logical destinations.
 - (b) <u>Sidewalks shall be incorporated into the design of all vehicle access points, to include public streets, private drives, or parking lots.</u>
 - (i) sidewalks shall be either five (5) feet wide and located along both sides of the vehicle access points, or eight (8) feet wide along a single side of the vehicle access points.
 - (ii) sidewalks along private property shall be maintained as such.
 - (iii) sidewalks shall be designed so as to comply with the minimum standards detailed in Sec. 20-9
 - (c) The features and spaces should enhance the building and center as integral parts of the community. The use of such features as plazas, patios, and courtyards should be used when practical.

- (d) Regardless of building size, if Radio Frequency (RF) signal testing reveals insufficient coverage for public safety radios, an Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System (ERRCS) incorporating a Bi-Directional Amplifier (BDA) and Distributed Antenna System (DAS) must be designed and installed in accordance with NFPA and IFC requirements.
- (e) All buildings adjoining public trust waters shall meet CAMA regulations.
- (5) Open Space (Recreation) Areas.
 - (a) Open space areas shall be provided for all multi-family projects with nine (9) or more dwelling units. A minimum play area of two thousand (2,000) square feet, having a minimum width of forty (40) feet or a minimum radius of twenty-six (26) feet shall be provided for the first six (6) to twenty-five (25) dwelling units.
 - (b) For each dwelling unit over twenty-five (25) in number, an additional fifty-six (56) square feet per dwelling unit shall be provided.
 - (c) To the maximum extent practicable, required open space areas shall be connected as to form contiguous areas of land, whether the project is developed in phases or sections
 - (d) The spatial distribution and number of individual open space areas within the project shall be determined by the Planning Board on the basis of the spatial arrangement of the dwelling units, topography, and other physical features. Swimming pools and their accessory areas shall not constitute any part of the open space requirements. Open space areas that are dispersed throughout the development shall be connected with sidewalks, pedestrian walking trails, and crosswalks.
 - (e) No part of the required play open space area shall be used for any other purpose.
 - (f) All open space shown on the site development plan shall be recorded in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds and shall be conveyed by the following method.
 - (g) By leasing or conveying title including beneficial ownership to a corporation, association, or other legal entity, the terms of such lease or other instruments of conveyance must include provisions suitable to the Town for guaranteeing:
 - (i) The continued use of land for the intended purposes;
 - (ii) Continuity of proper maintenance for those portions of open space land requiring maintenance;
 - (iii) When appropriate, the availability of funds required for such maintenance;
 - (iv) Adequate insurance protection; and
 - (v) Recovery for loss sustained by casualty, condemnation, or otherwise.
 - (f) Furthermore, the applicant shall file in the Brunswick County Register of Deeds at the time of site development approval, legal documents which shall produce the above guarantees and in particular, will provide a method for reserving the use of open space for the use and enjoyment of the residents of the development.
 - (5) Townhouses. The following additional standards apply to townhouses.
 - (a) Maximum density and minimum lot size standards may be satisfied by individual lot area, by provision of common open space, or by a combination of lot area and common open space.

- (b) No unit shall be connected on more than two (2) sides by common walls.
- (c) Minimum yard and lot size requirements shall apply to the project boundary. No individual unit shall be required to comply with minimum yard dimensions or lot size requirements.