

Section 2-2: Definitions of Basic Terms

(85) A commercial facility used to accommodate functions including, but not limited to, banquets, weddings, celebrations, dinners, festivals, concerts, or other group events. Church and religious institutions, residential common areas and facilities maintained by an HOA for use by its members, and public community centers, are not included in this definition.

(198) Recreational Facility (Indoor-Private). A privately owned, for profit indoor facility which provides accommodations for a variety ~~of~~ of organized recreational events. Such events may include sporting events, individual or group training facilities, fitness training, swimming pools. The facility may also provide ancillary services, such as a snack bar, retail equipment rental/sales,, or other support facilities. All events and provision of training shall take place indoors. Such facility may contain seating for spectators. This definition is not meant to include bowling alleys, indoor shooting/gun ranges, ~~or~~ pool halls, or special event venues.

Section 10-2: Table of Permitted Uses

PERMITTED USES	ME-14/10/6	R-10	RM-10	R-15	RA-15	RAM-15	CB	HB	CW	B-2	O/I	L1	HI	C	PUD
PUBLIC & CIVIC															
DANCE HALLS										P					
DRIVE-IN THEATERS										S					
ELECTRONIC GAMING OPERATION [pursuant to 10-3(I)]												S			
ENTERTAINMENT ESTABLISHMENTS (GAMES, AMUSEMENT CENTERS, ETC.)							S	P		P					
<u>EVENT VENUE – INDOOR-ONLY [pursuant to 10-3(L)]</u>							<u>CZ</u>	<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>					<u>P</u>
<u>EVENT VENUE – LARGE-SCALE INDOOR/OUTDOOR [pursuant to 10-3(L)]</u>					<u>CZ</u>			<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>					<u>P</u>

Section 10-3: Supplemental Use Standards

(L) Event Venues

(1) Purpose and Intent: The purpose of this section is to provide standards for the establishment and operation of event venues or special event centers, ensuring such uses contribute positively to Shallotte's economy and cultural life while protecting adjacent properties from excessive noise, traffic, and other impacts. These regulations are in addition to all other provisions of this ordinance.

(2) Type

(A) Event venues – indoor only

(1) Location & Zoning

(A) Indoor-only event venues capable of serving guests of twenty-five (25) or more are prohibited in any district that is residential in nature.

(B) Indoor-only event venues serving 150 or more guests require conditional rezoning.

(C) Event venues located in residential zoning districts shall be limited in scope based on the regulations established within this Article and any other applicable section of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance.

(D) This section does not preclude properties with state-recognized bona fide farm exemptions from operating event venues within the Town's ETJ.

(2) Size & Capacity

(A) The maximum assembly space of any indoor-only event center permitted by-right shall be 8,000 square feet.

(B) Venues with space exceeding 8,000 square feet shall require a conditional rezoning.

(C) The maximum occupancy of any indoor-only event venue shall be established based on North Carolina Fire and Building Code standards.

(D) Any single event exceeding 200 attendees shall require a separate temporary event permit to ensure proper safety and traffic management.

(3) Parking

(A) Off-street parking shall be provided at a ratio of 1 space per every 300 square feet of gross-floor area.

(B) Parking must be located on-site unless shared parking arrangements are included in preliminary plans and approved by the Administrator or his or her designee. See UDO Section 20-2: Shared Parking.

(C) Parking areas abutting adjacent properties shall include a five (5) foot wide landscaped buffer area, that is protected by curbing or wheel-stops/bumpers or shall be incorporated into a buffer required by Article 17, unless otherwise provided for in this section.

(4) Noise & Hours of Operation

(A) Amplified sound, which is plainly audible from adjacent and neighboring properties is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, unless otherwise approved by temporary use permit.

(B) A temporary use permit shall be obtained in advance for any activity where the sound level to be produced exceeds or should be reasonably expected to exceed the sound level limits or time limits on any adjacent or neighboring property as set out in this Article.

(C) Indoor-only event venues shall also comply with any additional requirement of the Town's noise ordinance.

(5) Outdoor Activities

(A) Outdoor activities shall be strictly ancillary to the primary building and use and shall be limited to twenty-five (25) percent of the overall use.

(B) Outdoor activities shall not produce any plainly audible noise that is not within the general character of neighboring properties.

(6) Alcohol

(A) Sale and/or service of alcohol must strictly comply with all federal, state, and local laws and permitting regulations.

(7) Signage

(A) Limited to district regulations detailed in Section 21-8 of this Ordinance.

(B) Permitted LED signs may not blink, flash, rotate, scroll, or be distracting to motorists in any way.

(C) Temporary signs such as banners or inflatables shall require the issuance of a temporary use permit for this use.

(D) Feather flags, pennants, and streamers are prohibited for this use.

(E) Temporary signs shall not be permitted in any public right-of-way.

(8) Accessory Uses

(A) Kitchens, on-site catering facilities, and limited lodging (such as a bridal suite) are permitted as accessory uses. Kitchens and catering facilities shall serve only patrons and guests of the event venue.

(B) On-site overnight accommodations for event guests (such as cabins or bunkhouses) are prohibited.

(C) Event venues shall not rent or make available to the general public any room, or collection of rooms, for transient lodging.

(9) Other Regulations

(A) Event venues are responsible for addressing event scheduling, parking, noise control, security, and waste disposal during application and plan submittal.

(B) Event venues are responsible for the conduct of patrons and guests. Venues with repeated traffic control, security and safety, noise violations, and other violations of the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance, shall be subject to permit revocation.

(B) Event venues – large-scale indoor, outdoor, or combination of the two.

(1) Location & Zoning

(A) Event venues located in zoning districts which are residential in nature shall take every measure to ensure that the use is in harmony with other uses in the district.

(B) Event venues located in residential zoning districts shall be limited in scope based on the regulations established within this Article and any other applicable section of the Town's Unified Development Ordinance.

(C) This does not preclude properties with state-recognized bona fide farm exemptions from operating event venues within the Town's ETJ.

(2) Size & Capacity

(A) In zoning districts that are residential in nature, the maximum assembly space of any single structure, or combination of structures, for a large-scale event center permitted by-right, shall be 10,000 square feet. Venues located in residential zoning districts exceeding 10,000 square feet shall require a conditional rezoning.

(B) In all other permitted zoning districts, the maximum assembly space of any single structure, or combination of structures, for a large-scale event center permitted by-right, shall be 20,000 square feet.

(C) Venues with assembly space of any single structure, or combination of structures, exceeding 20,000 square feet, shall require a conditional rezoning.

(D) The maximum occupancy of any large-scale event venue shall be established based on North Carolina Fire and Building Code standards.

(3) Parking

- (A) Off-street parking shall be provided at a ratio of 1 space per every 300 square feet of gross-floor area or 1 space for every 3 seats (whichever is greater).
- (B) Parking must be located on-site unless shared parking arrangements are included in preliminary plans and approved by the Administrator or his or her designee. See UDO Section 20-2: Shared Parking.
- (C) Parking areas abutting adjacent properties shall include a five (5) foot wide landscaped buffer area, that is protected by curbing or wheel-stops/bumpers or shall be incorporated into a buffer required by Article 17, unless otherwise provided for in this section.

(4) Noise & Hours of Operation

- (A) Amplified sound which is plainly audible from adjacent and neighboring properties is prohibited between the hours of 10:00 pm and 8:00 am Sunday to Thursday and 11:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Friday and Saturday, unless otherwise approved by the issuance of a temporary use permit.
- (B) A temporary use permit shall be obtained in advance for any activity where the sound level to be produced exceeds, or should be reasonably expected to exceed, the sound level limits or time limits on any adjacent or neighboring property as set out in this Article.
- (C) Event venues shall also comply with any additional requirement of the Town's noise ordinance.

(5) Outdoor Activities

- (A) Outdoor areas (such as lawns, gardens, patios, or tents) may be used for events provided any additional required permits are obtained.
- (B) No overnight camping shall be permitted.
- (C) Trash collection must take place at the end of each day's event. Trash, junk, garbage, etc. that is not collected after each event will subject the property owner to a nuisance ordinance violation and a daily civil penalty of \$100.00 per violation.

(6) Alcohol

- (A) Sale and/or service of alcohol must strictly comply with all federal, state, and local laws and permitting regulations.

(7) Event Venue Management Plan

- (A) Event venue facilities exceeding space and/or seating for more than 150 guests will be required to submit an event venue management plan, detailing traffic and parking control, security, and cleanup measures, before final zoning compliance is issued.
- (B) Event venues operating without adherence to a required event venue management plan are subject to civil penalties of \$100.00 per day and per violation. Zoning compliance will be revoked for all repeat offenders.

(8) Signage

- (A) Signs meeting district regulations detailed in Section 21-8 of this Ordinance are permitted.
- (B) In residential zoning districts, event venues shall be limited to one freestanding sign not to exceed forty-eight (48) square feet. The maximum height of the sign shall be no greater than eight (8) feet. An LED or electronic display shall be permitted as part of the freestanding sign not to exceed sixteen (16) square feet in area.

(C) Temporary signs such as banners, feather flags, pennants, and other similar signs, are permitted only in accordance with Article 21 of this Ordinance.

(D) Temporary signs shall not be permitted in any public right-of-way.

(9) Special Events

(A) Any single event exceeding 300 attendees shall require a separate temporary event permit to ensure proper safety and traffic management.

(10) Accessory Uses

(A) Kitchens, on-site catering facilities, and limited lodging (such as a bridal suite) are permitted as accessory uses. Kitchens and catering facilities shall serve only patrons and guests of the event venue.

(B) On-site accessory buildings, structures, or dwellings used for overnight accommodation for event guests (such as cabins or bunkhouses) are permitted via a conditional rezoning.

(C) Event venues shall not rent or make available to the general public any room, or collection of rooms, for transient lodging.

(11) Other Regulations

(A) Event venues are responsible for addressing event scheduling, parking, noise control, security, and waste disposal during application and plan submittal.

(B) Event venues are responsible for the conduct of patrons and guests. Venues with repeated traffic control, security and safety, noise violations, and other violations of the Town of Shallotte Unified Development Ordinance, shall be subject to permit revocation.