

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In compliance with Wis. Admin. § NR 116.05(4) & Wis. Admin. § NR 116.21(6), notice is hereby given by the Common Council of the City of Watertown, Wisconsin, that a public hearing will be held on the 1st day of October 2024 in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, Wisconsin at 7:00 P.M., or shortly thereafter, for the amending of Chapter 550, Zoning Code. The proposed amendments are as follows:

Section §550-109B will require that institutional land uses listed under § 550-51 and located in residential zoning districts abide by the same requirements for exterior storage as required in office and commercial zoning districts.

Section § 550-109D will clarify that in industrial zoning districts, exterior storage must follow the requirements of the industrial zoning districts for the permitted and conditional uses within the districts and that storage in all office and commercial zoning districts must be conducted within an enclosed building. In addition, this text amendment clarifies the circumstances when certain outdoor storage uses (establishing/relocating a dumpster enclosure or a parking area) can be approved via a conditional use permit in all non-residential zoning districts (office, commercial, & industrial).

Section §550-132 will allow institutional land uses listed under § 550-51 and located within a residential zoning district to follow the sign regulations for the General Business (GB) zoning district.

Section §550-56C renames and rewrites this section of the zoning code to add clarity and to simplify the regulations for residential accessory structures. This text amendment also provides clarity regarding when a conditional use permit can be used to exceed the standards set in this section.

Section §550-32B(2), 550-33B(2), and 550-34B(2) corrects this oversight and adds 'Convenient Cash Business' as a conditional use in the Planned Business (PB), General Business (GB), and Central Business (CB) zoning districts.

Section §550-120C offers other stormwater management systems as an option to handling stormwater from private parking lots.

A copy of the proposed amendments is on file at the City Clerk's Office for review 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All persons wishing to be heard are invited to be present. Written comments may be submitted to City Clerk Megan Dunneisen, 106 Jones Street, Watertown, WI 53094.

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Amendment #1 - § 550-109B

§ 550-109B Requirements for exterior storage in residential zoning districts. (Proposed Addition)

(6) Institutional Land Uses in Residential Zoning Districts. In residential zoning districts that contain Institutional Land Uses as specified in § 550-51, exterior storage shall abide by the requirements for exterior storage in office and commercial zoning districts as specified in § 550-109D.

Amendment #2 - § 550-109D

§ 550-109D Requirements for exterior storage in nonresidential districts (Proposed Additions and Deletions)

D. Requirements for exterior storage in nonresidential zoning districts.

(1) In all office, ~~and~~ commercial ~~and industrial~~ zoning districts (see § 550-17 for a listing of these districts), all materials, equipment, and trailers shall be stored within a completely enclosed building, except as specified in § 550-109D(2). In all industrial zoning districts, outdoor storage shall conform to the regulations of the zoning district, except as specified in § 550-109D(2). ~~except for the following, which shall not be located within any front yard or required street yard (except for vehicles and/or trailers in designated parking spaces) and shall be stored a minimum of five feet from any and all property lines: screened refuse containers; construction materials; landscape materials and related equipment associated with on-site construction; and off-street parking. Such exterior storage shall require a conditional use permit per § 550-142.~~

(2) In all office, commercial, and industrial zoning districts the following outside storage is subject to a conditional use permit approval per § 550-142. The following items shall not be located within any front yard or street side yard (except for vehicles and/or trailers in designated parking spaces).

- a) Establishment or relocation of screened refuse containers not part of an approved site plan.
- b) Establishment or relocation of off-street parking not part of an approved site plan.

Amendment #3 - § 550-132

§ 550-132 Permitted Sign Rules (Proposed Addition)

D. Signs for Institutional Land Uses in Residential Zoning Districts.

(1) In residential zoning districts that contain Institutional Land Uses as specified in § 550-51, such uses shall abide by the permitted sign rules for the General Business (GB) Zoning District as specified in Table 550-132A.

Amendment #4 - § 550-56C

§ 550-56C Detached residential garage, carport, utility shed, play structure, or lawn ornament. (Proposed Additions and Deletions)

C. ~~Detached residential garage, carport, utility shed, play structure, or lawn ornament.~~ Residential Accessory Structure. Description: Attached or detached residential garages and carports; freestanding utility sheds, gazabos, and pergolas; children's play structures; or similar structures.

For the purposes of this section, a ~~private~~ residential garage, carport, or utility shed is a structure which primarily accommodates the sheltered parking of a passenger vehicle and/or the storage of

residential maintenance equipment and/or personal possessions associated with ~~of~~ the subject property and shall count towards the total number of Residential Accessory Structures. ~~Walks, drives, paved terraces and purely decorative garden accessories such as ponds, fountains, statuary, sundials, flagpoles, etc., shall be permitted in setback areas but not closer than three feet to an abutting property line other than a street line. For the purposes of this section, children's play structures, including playhouses or elevated play structures and climbing gyms, shall be considered accessory structures and shall comply with the requirements of this section whether such play structures are placed on a foundation or not. Swing sets, slides and sandboxes are not considered children's play structures for purposes of this section. A building permit is not required for construction of a play structure. Play structures shall not be used for storage or be constructed out of materials that would constitute a nuisance. It may be located on the same lot as a residential unit or units or on a separate lot in conjunction with a residential land use. See § 550-85 for requirements applicable to legal nonconforming garages. Garages, carports and utility sheds in excess of 1,000 square feet of gross floor area, or which exceed 30% coverage of the rear yard area, or which exceed the lot coverage of the principal structure, are not permitted in residential districts except as conditional uses in the RH and ER-1 Districts. (Also, see the first paragraph of this section.) See § 550-85 for requirements applicable to legal nonconforming garages.~~

For the purposes of this section, gazabos, pergolas, and children's play structures, including playhouses or elevated play structures and climbing gyms, shall count towards the total number of Residential Accessory Structures and shall comply with the requirements of this section whether such structures are placed on a foundation or not. Individual swing sets, slides, and sandboxes are not considered children's play structures or Residential Accessory Structures for purposes of this section. A building permit is not required for construction of gazabos, pergolas, or play structures. A gazabo, pergola, or play structure shall not be used for storage or be constructed out of materials that would constitute a nuisance. A gazabo, pergola, or play structure may be located on the same lot as a residential unit or units or on a separate adjacent lot in conjunction with a residential land use.

For the purposes of this section, detached accessory dwelling units under Section § 550-56AA(9) and chicken coops and runs under Section § 550-56X(1)(e) shall count towards the total number of Residential Accessory Structures.

For the purposes of this section, walks, drives, paved terraces, and purely decorative garden accessories such as ponds, fountains, statuary, sundials, flagpoles, or similar items do not count toward the total number of Residential Accessory Structures and do not require a building permit. Placement of these items is permitted within setback areas but not closer than three feet to an abutting lot line.

For the purposes of this section, deck boxes and similar structures with 32 square feet of gross floor area or less do not count toward the total number of Residential Accessory Structures and do not require a building permit. Placement of deck boxes is permitted within side and rear yard setback areas but not front or street side yard setback areas and not closer than three feet to an abutting lot line. Limit of one deck box or similar structure per residential unit.

(Also, see the first paragraph of this section § **550-56.**)

(1) Regulations.

- (a)** ~~One attached or detached garage and two~~ A total of three (3) Residential Accessory Structures shall be permitted by right.
- (b)** A conditional use permit is required for any combination of Residential Accessory Structures that exceeds any of the following:

[1] 1,000 square feet of gross floor area.
~~[2] 30% coverage of the rear yard area.~~
~~[3] The lot coverage of the principal structure.~~
[4] [2] The maximum accessory building coverage of the zoning district.
~~[5] [3] Three (3) Residential Accessory Structures.~~

Repeal and recreate the following to read as:

§ 550-21C(1)(b) Rural Holding (RH) District
§ 550-22C(1)(b) Countryside Residential (CR-10ac) District
§ 550-23C(1)(b) Exurban Residential-1 (ER-1) District
§ 550-24C(1)(b) Single-Family Residential-4 (SR-4) District
§ 550-25C(1)(b) Two-Family Residential-6 (TR-6) District
§ 550-26C(1)(b) Multifamily Residential-8 (MR-8) District
§ 550-27C(1)(b) Multifamily Residential-10 (MR-10) District
§ 550-28C(1)(b) Senior Residential (SNR) District
§ 550-29C(1)(b) Neighborhood Office (NO) District
§ 550-30C(1)(b) Planned Office and Institutional (PO) District
§ 550-31C(1)(b) Neighborhood Business (NB) District
§ 550-32C(1)(b) Planned Business (PB) District
§ 550-33C(1)(b) General Business (GB) District
§ 550-34C(1)(b) Central Business (CB) District
§ 550-35C(1)(b) Planned Industrial (PI) District
§ 550-36C(1)(b) General Industrial (GI) District
§ 550-37C(1)(b) Heavy Industrial (HI) District
(b) Residential accessory structure.

Amendment #5 - § 550-32B(2), § 550-33B(2), and § 550-34B(2)

§ 550-32B(2), § 550-33B(2), and § 550-34B(2) Convenient Cash Business (Proposed Additions)

§ 550-32B(2) Planned Business (PB) District
(m) Convenient Cash Business

§ 550-33B(2) General Business (GB) District
(q) Convenient Cash Business

§ 550-34B(2) Central Business (CB) District
(l) Convenient Cash Business

Amendment #6 - § 550-120C

§ 550-120C Drainage Standards (Proposed Additions)

- C. Standards. No land shall be developed and no use shall be permitted that results in water runoff which causes property damage, a nuisance and/or erosion on adjacent properties. Such runoff shall be properly conveyed to a public storm drain, drainageway or other such public drainage facility per the approval of the Public Works Director/City Engineer. All parking lots 4,000 square feet or larger shall be internally drained with catch basins connected to a municipal storm sewer ~~or other on-site~~ stormwater management system in accordance with Article III, Stormwater Maintenance, of Ch. 453, Municipal Code.