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Chapter 17.47

RESEARCH AND BUSINESS (R&B) ZONE

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Section 17.47.010 Purpose and objectives

1. The purpose of the Research and Business (R&B) zone is to provide an aesthetically attractive working environment exclusively for and conducive to the development and protection of offices, research and development institutions, and certain specialized assembling and packaging uses as a secondary use to the primary function of the building. The essential purpose of this zone is to achieve development in a park-like setting that is an economic asset to the owners, neighbors, and the community. This zone is more restrictive than other commercial and manufacturing zones in the city with grounds that have an abundance of landscaping, and land uses that do not create air, ground, noise, or water pollution. Because the zone may be located adjacent to residential development it must be properly screened with a wall and landscaping to create compatibility. The zone should always be located adjacent to collector or arterial streets. The zone is to be characterized by attractively designed buildings and off-street parking lots situated among lawns, shrubs, and trees which give a more pleasing appearance than other commercial and business zones.
2. The objectives of this chapter are to establish a zone with rules, regulations, standards, and procedures to:

- a. Strengthen and sustain the economic potential of the city and to create jobs.
- b. Advance and promote sound growth and the general welfare.
- c. Implement the adopted policies of the Lindon City General Plan.
- d. Ensure efficient, safe, and aesthetic land development.
- e. Provide a unique work environment that will attract skilled and professional people.
- f. Provide a work place that is architecturally and aesthetically pleasing and compatible with surrounding areas.
- g. Preserve existing natural resources and give proper consideration to the physical constraints of the land.
- h. Provide for safe and efficient vehicular and pedestrian circulation.
- i. Provide for compliance with appropriate design standards to ensure adequate light and air, proper building arrangements, and minimum adverse effect on surrounding property.
- j. Ensure the provision of adequate water supply, drainage and stormwater management, sanitary facilities, and other utilities and services.
- k. Develop proper safeguards to minimize the impact on the environment, including but not limited to air and water pollution, hazardous waste contamination, noise levels, soil erosion and sedimentation.

(Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.020 Uses

1. Uses within the R&B zone shall be allowed as outlined in Appendix A, Standard Land Use Table of the Lindon City Code as presently constituted and as may be amended from time to time.

Section 17.47.030 Site design and maintenance

1. Unity of design. Overall unity of site design shall be accomplished through:
 - a. Architectural harmony of buildings and

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- structures.
- b. Design integration of the common open space systems and storm drainage system.
 - c. Unifying themes in an overall landscaping plan.
 - d. Unified design of street furniture, such as street signs, poles, light standards and luminaries, project entrances, perimeter fencing, pavement treatment, plazas, and handicapped curb ramps; housings for power facilities, telephone service boxes, and grouped mail box stanchions; illumination of buildings, walkway railings and steps.
2. External Storage and Activities. All uses except surface parking, recreational activities and utilities shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building. All storage of product and material used shall be in a completely enclosed building constructed with the same exterior finish as the main building.
 3. Solid waste. Solid Waste removal shall not take place between the hours of 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Any solid waste receptacle shall be placed in an entirely sight-obscuring enclosure that is at least one (1) foot higher than the receptacle with a minimum height of six (6) feet and constructed on three (3) sides of masonry with a similar exterior finish as the main building, and gated on the fourth side with a minimum access width of fourteen (14) feet. Solid waste receptacles shall be located a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any residential lot line. Solid waste removal practices by the property owner of the solid waste removal company shall be reviewed by the Planning Commission upon written complaint.
 4. Utilities. All utilities shall be placed underground.
 5. Mechanical Equipment. All mechanical equipment incidental to any building, including roof mounted mechanical equipment, shall be screened so as to be an integral part of the architectural design of the building to which it is attached or related.
 6. Loading. Loading Operations shall not take place between the hours from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM. Loading operations shall either be conducted within the building or be screened so as to not be totally visible from a public street, and conducted in such a way that in the process of loading or unloading, no vehicle will block the passage of other vehicles on the service drive or extend into any other public or private drive or street used for traffic circulation.
 7. Hazards and nuisances. No use shall cause the discharge of any harmful waste materials into or upon the ground, into or within any sanitary or storm sewer system, into or within any water system or water, or into the atmosphere. No use or activity shall be conducted or permitted which is dangerous or offensive to persons or property by reason of the creation of a fire, explosion, or other physical hazard, or by reason of air pollution, odor, smoke, noise, dust, vibration, radiation, or fumes. In addition, no use shall be permitted or conducted where the same creates a public or private nuisance. The following specific standards shall apply:
 - a. Incineration. There shall be no incineration on any site of any waste material.
 - b. Vibration. There shall be no activity on any site which causes ground vibration which is perceptible, without instruments, at the boundary line of the lot.
 - c. Air pollution. There shall be no emission on any site of air pollutants in excess of levels permitted by the Utah Bureau of Air Quality. Water vapor is not considered a pollutant. The normal venting of a building shall not be prohibited.
 - d. Wastes. The quality and nature of industrial wastes shall not overburden the public sewage disposal facilities or cause odor and unsanitary effects beyond the property line. Such wastes shall not be discharged into the ground, or any surface or subsurface waterways. Disposal of all hazardous wastes shall comply with all

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applicable federal and state regulations. Sewage shall also comply with all local, state, and federal regulations.

- e. Storm water. All facilities shall be designed according to the requirements of Section 3.01 of Chapter 2 of the Lindon Land Development Policy handbook.
8. Vacant lots. Vacant lots shall be maintained free of unsightly storage of equipment, or overgrown weeds and nuisance vegetation.
(Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.040 Lot, Building and yard requirements

1. Lot area. The minimum size of any lot shall be one (1) acres.
2. Building setbacks. Buildings on all lots shall be set back a minimum of thirty (30) feet from any property line.
3. Required open space. All building and parking areas on any lot shall not occupy more than seventy percent (70%) on the total area of the lot. The remaining portion of the lot shall be landscaped appropriately.
4. Building height. No building shall be constructed to a height exceeding three (3) stories with a maximum height of forty-eight (48) feet.
5. Buildings per lot. More than one (1) main building may be placed on a lot.
(Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.050 Parking requirements

1. Parking layout & construction standards. All parking spaces, parking areas and driveways shall be constructed in accordance with standards established in 17.18 and the Lindon City Development Manual, titled "Land Development Policies, Standard Specifications, & Drawings."
2. Parking setbacks. All parking areas shall be set back a minimum of thirty (30) feet from all dedicated public streets and ten (10) feet from exterior boundaries of the zone.
3. Screening of parking areas. Where topography permits, required parking setbacks shall be landscaped with lawn and shall be

planted with trees of sufficient height to screen and buffer parking and loading areas from adjoining public access streets.

4. Structured parking. Any parking structure above the finished ground elevation shall have the same setback requirements as outlined for buildings, and shall be architecturally integrated through use of the same or similar materials, colors, rhythm, landscaping, etc.
5. Parking structure height. Freestanding parking structures shall comply with the same height requirements as main buildings.
(Ord. 2008-6, adopted 04/15/2008, Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.060 Landscaping objectives

1. Landscaping objectives. Landscaping plans shall be prepared with a view toward accomplishing the following design objectives (plans will be approved or denied based on how well these objectives are satisfied):
 - a. Enhance the visual environment by:
 - i. Adding visual interest through texture, color, size, shape, etc., and
 - ii. Enhancing perspective by framing views complimenting architecture, screening and creating points of interest and activity.
 - b. Ensure public safety by:
 - i. Guiding the circulation of cars and people,
 - ii. Controlling access to parking lots,
 - iii. Making traffic diverters prominent, and
 - iv. Creating street identification by varying the species, height, and location of landscaping.
 - c. Minimize noise and glare.
 - d. Conserve energy.
 - e. Complement architecture by landscaping around buildings.
 - f. Screen areas of low visual interest.
2. Overall landscaping plan. With the application for site plan approval, an overall landscaping plan shall be submitted. Landscaping plans shall show details on specific types and locations of trees and shall

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also identify areas to be sod or other types of vegetation or ground cover. Additional 'interior parking lot landscaping' may be required per LCC 17.18.

3. Open space. A minimum of thirty percent (30%) of each lot shall be maintained in permanent landscaped open space.
4. Landscaping Strip. Unless otherwise approved by the Planning Commission, a landscaped berm at least three (3) feet high and twenty (20) feet in width shall be planted with grass and maintained in a living, growing condition along all public street frontages.
 - a. The measurement of the twenty (20) feet in landscaping will be measured from the back of walk, or back curb if no sidewalk exists. Areas with meandering sidewalks will have the twenty (20) feet measured from back of curb but may not count sidewalk width as part of the twenty (20) feet in landscaping requirement.
 - b. Thirty percent (30%) of the landscaping strip may consist of decorative rock, bark, mulch, and/or other ground covers other than grass. A planting/landscaping plan detailing types of ground covers, weed barriers, sprinklers, etc., in the non-grass areas shall be submitted and approved by the Planning Director.
 - c. Trees shall be planted thirty (30) feet on center, centered ten (10) feet from the edges of the strip in all required landscaped and bermed areas.
 - d. Landscaping requirements concerning berming, trees, and landscape materials can be changed and/or altered (with regard to location and design) upon approval of the Planning Commission at the site plan review stage of an application. No net loss of landscaping should occur with any approved alterations. Other landscaping layouts consistent with the Lindon City Commercial Design Guidelines may also be considered by the Planning Commission.
5. Trees. Recommended trees may be found in the list of tree species located in the Lindon City Tree Planting Guide and, unless

otherwise specified, shall be at least two (2) inch caliper, measured one (1) foot above the ground and shall be at least six (6) feet in height when planted.

6. Sprinkling and irrigation. All plantings shall be serviced by an acceptable underground automatic irrigation or sprinkler system, and maintained in a healthful living condition. Dead plant materials shall be replaced as necessary within the first year of planting.
7. Landscaping around buildings. A perimeter landscape strip at least five (5) feet wide shall be placed around all buildings.
(Ord 2008-10, amended 09/02/2008, Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.070 Signs

All signage shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the standards of the City of Lindon Sign Ordinance. (Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)

Section 17.47.080 Other requirements

1. Walls and fences. Fencing of individual lots in the R&B zone is prohibited except as otherwise provided for herein.
2. Perimeter screening.
 - a. A masonry or concrete fence seven feet (7') high, shall be constructed and maintained along any property line between the R&B zone and a residential use or a residential zone. The fence shall be constructed and maintained by the owner of the non-residential development. Perimeter fencing shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height without approval by the Planning Commission.

The Planning Commission may approve a landscaping screen in lieu of a fence, a fence other than a masonry fence or approve a fence height greater than seven feet (7') if it makes the following findings:

- i. The proposed fence/landscape screen provides an adequate buffer for the adjoining residential use.

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- ii. The appearance of the fence/landscape screen will not detract from the residential use and/or commercial use of the property.
 - iii. The proposed fence/landscape screen will shield the residential use from noise, storage, traffic or any other characteristic of the non-residential use that is incompatible with residential uses. The Planning Commission may waive or adjust this fence/screening requirement upon findings that the fence is not needed to protect adjacent residential uses from adverse impacts and that such impacts can be mitigated in another appropriate manner.
 - b. A fifteen (15) foot landscaped planter shall be provided on the R&B zone side of the masonry wall with deciduous trees having a minimum three (3) inch caliper, or evergreen trees having a minimum height of ten (10) feet, planted on a minimum spacing of every twenty-five (25) feet.
3. All building lighting fixtures shall be designed to shine away from neighboring residential property.
(Ord. 2012-11, amended 9/18/12, Ord. 98-7, Add, 10/03/2000)