

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**  
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**ORDINANCE NO. 2748**

ADDING SECTION 73.1 AND AMENDING SECTIONS 314-102.1.3, 314-141, 314-148, 314-154, AND 314-163.1.3 AND RELATED TABLES IN CHAPTER 4 OF DIVISION 1 OF TITLE III OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY CODE.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt ordains as follows:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE OF AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING REGULATIONS**

The purpose of this ordinance is to amend and update the zoning code to be consistent with California Building Code, implement Humboldt County General Plan Implementation Measure H-IM63, encourage residential infill projects and allow flexibility in housing types. The definition of “structure” will be updated to allow for fences seven feet in height instead of six feet, consistent with California State Building Code. A maximum fence height of three feet (3’) will be set for solid fences within the front yard setback in Residential Suburban (RS), Residential One-Family (R-1), and Residential Two-Family (R-2) zones. The definition of “family” will be updated as directed in Humboldt County General Plan 2019 Housing Element Implementation Measure H-IM63. “Mini-storage” will be defined and allowed with a Use Permit in certain commercial and industrial zones. To be consistent with similar zones and encourage infill housing development in the Business Park (MB) zone, residential uses subordinate to commercial uses within Housing Opportunity Zones will be principally permitted and will continue to require a Special Permit outside of Housing Opportunity Zones. To allow flexibility in housing types, the requirement to have four or fewer units per building will be removed from the Residential Multiple Family (R-3) zone.

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SECTION 2. FENCES

Add Section 73.1 and amend Section 314-102.1.3 to create and set development standards for fences in Title III, Division 1, Chapter 4 of the Humboldt County Code as follows (additions are shown in underline text, deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~ text):

Add:

73.1 Fences

73.1.1 Solid fences in Residential Suburban (RS), Residential One-Family (R-1), and Residential Two-Family (R-2) zones shall be a maximum of three feet (3') in height for any portion of the fence located within the front yard setback. Open fences in Residential Suburban (RS), Residential One-Family (R-1), and Residential Two-Family (R-2) zones shall be a maximum of seven feet (7') in height for any portion of the fence located within the front yard setback.

73.1.2 Open fences must be at least 70% open to the passage of light and air. Chain link and other woven wire fencing smaller than 6 gauge shall not be used in the front yard setback.

Amend:

102.1.3 Any fence, building, or any architectural feature of a building may be erected to a height greater than the maximum height limit of the zone in which it is located provided that a Special Permit is first obtained. Such excess height, when allowed, will normally be conditioned upon proportional increases in the yards required. (Former Section INL#316-7(c); Ord. 519, Sec. 607, 5/11/65; Amended by Ord. , / /88)

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Sections 314-141, 314-148, and 314-154 are hereby amended and added to as follows (additions are shown in underline text, deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~ text):

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314-141 DEFINITIONS (F)

**Family:** A person living alone, ~~or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption,~~ or a group of ~~not more than five (5) unrelated~~ persons living together as a single non-profit housekeeping unit in a dwelling unit, as distinguished from a group occupying a boarding house, rooming house, lodging house, motel or hotel, fraternity, or sorority house. ~~A family shall be deemed to include necessary servants.~~

314-148 DEFINITIONS (M)

**Mini-Storage:** One or more buildings used for the storage of goods and materials within self-contained compartments by various users. Also referred to as self-storage.

314-154 DEFINITIONS (S)

**Structure:** Anything constructed, the use of which requires permanent location on the ground or attachment to something having a permanent location on the ground, including swimming pools and signs, but excluding decks and platforms 30 inches or less in height, signs 3 feet or less in height, driveways, patios, or parking spaces where the area is unobstructed from the ground up, fences ~~six~~ seven (7) feet or less in height, and for zoning setback purposes, retaining walls six feet or less in height. (Building permits may be required for retaining walls.) Recreational vehicles used for human occupancy are considered structures. Decks and platforms 30 inches or less in height must conform with setback standards of this code. Note: Placement of buildings, structures and vegetation along public roads is also regulated by Chapter 1 of Division 4 of Title III, Visibility Obstruction Regulations, Section 341-1, and following.

SECTION 3. USE TYPES

Section 314-163.1.3 is hereby amended and added to as follows (additions are shown in underline text, deletions are shown in ~~striketrough~~ text):

**163.1.3 Commercial Use Types.** Automotive Sales, Service and Repair (allowed in C-3)

Heavy Commercial (allowed in C-3)

Mini-storage (allowed in C-3, MB, and ML)

Neighborhood Commercial (allowed in C-3, RA)

Office and Professional Service (allowed in C-3, MB)

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Private Recreation (allowed in RA)

Retail Sales (allowed in C-3, MB)

Retail Service (allowed in C-3, MB)

Transient Habitation (allowed in MB)

Warehousing, Storage and Distribution (allowed in C-3, MB)

**SECTION 4. ZONING TABLES**

Sections 314-2.1, 314-2.2, 314-2.3, 314-3.1, 314-3.2, and 314-6.4 are hereby amended and added to as follows (additions are shown in underline text, deletions are shown in ~~strikethrough~~ text):

**314-2 Commercial Zone Districts**

314-2.1 C-1: Neighborhood Commercial

<b>314-2.1</b>	<b>C-1: NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL</b>
<b>Principal Permitted Uses</b>	
Social halls, fraternal and social organizations, and clubs.	
Professional and business offices, and commercial instruction.	
Stores, agencies and services of a light commercial character, conducted entirely within an enclosed building, such as antique shops, art galleries, retail bakeries, banks, barber shops, beauty salons, book stores, clothing and apparel stores, coin-operated dry cleaning and laundries, dry cleaning and laundry agencies, drug stores, florists, food markets, furniture stores, hardware and appliance stores, radio and television sales and services, restaurants and licensed premises appurtenant thereto, automobile service stations, studios, tailor shops, enclosed theaters, variety stores, and mortuaries.	
Sales of used and secondhand goods when appurtenant to any of the foregoing.	

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<b>314-2.1</b>	<b>C-1: NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL</b>
Caretaker's residence which is incidental to and under the same ownership as an existing commercial use. (Added by Ord. <u>2166</u> , Sec. 14, 4/7/98)	
Within Housing Opportunity Zones, multiple dwellings on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are commercial establishments engaged in uses designated "Principally Permitted" or "Conditionally Permitted" in the C-1 Zone.	
Supportive housing is permitted above the ground floor as the primary use.	
Emergency shelters.	
<b>Uses Permitted with a Special Permit</b>	
Outside Housing Opportunity Zones, apartments on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are establishments engaged in commercial uses designated "Principally Permitted" or "Conditionally Permitted" in the C-1 Zone. (Added by Ord. <u>2313A</u> 12/16/2003, Amended by Ord. 2335_12/14/2004)	
Single Room Occupancy Facilities which are conversions of existing buildings	
Supportive housing is permitted above the ground floor as the primary use.	
<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>	
Manufactured homes, hotels, motels, boarding and rooming houses, and manufactured home parks.	
Small animal hospitals completely enclosed within a building.	
Stores, agencies and services such as minor automobile repair; new automobile, trailer and boat sales, and used automobile, trailer and boat sales appurtenant thereto; bowling alleys; licensed premises not appurtenant to any restaurant, pet shops, public garages, <u>and</u> sales of used or secondhand goods, <del>and storage warehouses.</del>	

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<b>314-2.1</b>	<b>C-1: NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL</b>
Private institutions where specifically allowed by the General Plan. (Amended by Ord. <u>2161</u> on 3/3/98)	
Any use not specifically enumerated in this Division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the C-1 zone.	

314-2.2 C-2: Community Commercial

<b>314-2.2</b>	<b>C-2: COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL</b>
<b>Principal Permitted Uses</b>	
Social halls, fraternal and social organizations, and clubs.	
Professional and business offices, and commercial instruction.	
Stores, agencies and services of a light commercial character, conducted entirely within an enclosed building, such as antique shops, art galleries, retail bakeries, banks, barber shops, beauty salons, book stores, clothing and apparel stores, coin-operated dry cleaning and laundries, dry cleaning and laundry agencies, drug stores, florists, food markets, furniture stores, hardware and appliance stores, radio and television sales and services, restaurants and licensed premises appurtenant thereto, automobile service stations, studios, tailor shops, enclosed theaters, variety stores, and mortuaries. (From Section INL#314-34(a)(3))	
Caretaker's residence which is incidental to and under the same ownership as an existing commercial use. (From Section INL#314-34(a)(5); Added by Ord. <u>2166</u> , Sec. 14, 4/7/98)	
Stores, agencies and services such as minor automobile repair; new automobile, trailer and boat sales, and used automobile, trailer and boat sales appurtenant thereto; bowling alleys; licensed premises not appurtenant to any restaurant, pet shops, public	

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<b>314-2.2</b>	<b>C-2: COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL</b>
garages, <u>and</u> sales of used or secondhand goods, <del>and storage warehouses</del> . (From Section INL#314-34(b)(3); Ord. <u>1086</u> , Sec. 8, 7/13/76)	
Within Housing Opportunity Zones multiple dwellings on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are commercial establishments engaged in uses designated “Principally Permitted” or “Conditionally Permitted” in the C-2 Zone.	
Supportive housing is permitted above the ground floor as the primary use.	
Emergency shelters. (Amended by Ord. <u>2472</u> , Sec. 1, 2/14/12).	
<b>Uses Permitted with a Special Permit</b>	
Outside Housing Opportunity Zones, apartments on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are establishments engaged in commercial uses designated “Principally Permitted” or “Conditionally Permitted” in the C-2 Zone. (Added by Ord. <u>2313A</u> , 12/16/2003, Amended by Ord <u>2235</u> , 12/14/2004)	
Single room occupancy facilities which are conversions of existing buildings. (Amended by Ord. <u>2472</u> , Sec. 1, 2/14/12)	
<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>	
Hotels, motels, boarding and rooming houses, and manufactured home parks.	
Small animal hospitals completely enclosed within a building.	
Stores, agencies and services such as carpentry and cabinet-making shops, clothing manufacture, contractors’ yards, dry cleaning and laundry plants, handicraft manufacture, lumber yards metal-working shops, wholesale outlet stores, painters’ and decorators’ yards, plumbing shops, printing, lithographing and major auto repair. (Amended by Ord. <u>1848</u> , Sec. 14, 9/13/88)	

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<b>314-2.2</b>	<b>C-2: COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL</b>
Any use not specifically enumerated in this Division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the C-2 zone.	

314-2.3 C-3: Industrial Commercial

<b>314-2.3</b>	<b>C-3: INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL</b>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Principal Permitted Use</b>
Commercial Use Types	Automotive Sales, Service and Repair  Office and Professional Service  Warehousing, Storage and Distribution
Industrial Use Types	Cottage Industry  Research/Light Industrial
Residential Use Types	Emergency Shelters. (Amended by Ord. 2472, Sec. 1, 2/14/12)  Within Housing Opportunity Zones multiple dwellings on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are commercial establishments engaged in uses designated "Principally Permitted" or "Conditionally Permitted" in the C-3 Zone.
	Supportive housing is permitted above the ground floor as the primary use.



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<b>314-2.3</b>	<b>C-3: INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL</b>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Uses Permitted with a Special Permit</b>
Residential Use Types	<p>Outside Housing Opportunity Zones, residential uses subordinate to the permitted use including caretaker’s residences and apartments on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are establishments engaged in uses designated “Principally Permitted” or “Conditionally Permitted” in the C-3 Zone.</p> <p>Single room occupancy facilities which are conversions of existing buildings. (Added by Ord. 2313A, 12/16/03, Amended by Ord. 2335, 12/14/04)</p> <p>Supportive housing may be located on the ground floor with a special permit.</p>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>
Civic Use Types	Community Assembly
Commercial Use Types	<p>Heavy Commercial</p> <p>Neighborhood Commercial</p> <p>Retail Sales</p> <p>Retail Service</p>

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<b>314-2.3</b>	<b>C-3: INDUSTRIAL COMMERCIAL</b>
	<u>Mini-storage</u>
Use Types Not Listed in This Table	Any use not specifically enumerated in this Division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the C-3 zone.

**314-3 Industrial Use Regulations**

314-3.1 MB: Business Park

<b>314-3.1</b>	<b>MB: BUSINESS PARK</b>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Principal Permitted Use</b>
Civic Use Types	Administrative
Commercial Use Types	Office and Professional Service Warehousing, Storage and Distribution
Industrial Use Types	Research/Light Industrial
Residential Use Types	Supportive housing is permitted above the ground floor as the primary use.  <u>Within Housing Opportunity Zones, residential uses subordinate to the permitted use including caretaker's</u>

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314-3.1	<b>MB: BUSINESS PARK</b>
	<u>residences and multiple dwellings on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are commercial establishments engaged in uses designated “Principally Permitted” or “Conditionally Permitted” in the MB Zone.</u>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Uses Permitted with a Special Permit</b>
Residential Use Types	<p><u>Outside Housing Opportunity Zones, residential uses Subordinate to the Permitted Use including caretaker’s residences and, apartments on the upper floors of multistory structures where below are establishments engaged in uses designated “Principally Permitted” or “Conditionally Permitted” in the MB Zone. as well as transitional housing, and emergency shelters. (Added by Ord. 2335, 12/14/04)</u></p> <p><u>Transitional Housing</u></p> <p><u>Emergency Shelters</u></p> <hr/> <p>Supportive housing may be located on the ground floor with a special permit.</p>

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<b>314-3.1</b>	<b>MB: BUSINESS PARK</b>
<b>Use Type</b>	<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>
Commercial Use Types	Retail Sales  Retail Service  Transient Habitation  <u>Mini-storage</u>
Use Types Not Listed in This Table	Any use not specifically enumerated in this Division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the MB zone.

314-3.2 ML: Limited Industrial

<b>314-3.2 ML: LIMITED INDUSTRIAL</b>
<b>Principal Permitted Uses</b>
Small animal hospitals completely enclosed within a building. (From Section INL#314-37(b)(2); Ord. 1086, Sec. 8, 7/13/76)
Stores, agencies and services such as carpentry and cabinet-making shops, clothing manufacture, contractors' yards, dry cleaning and laundry plants, handicraft manufacture, lumber yards, metal-working shops, wholesale outlet stores, painters' and decorators' yards, plumbing shops, printing, lithographing and major auto repair. (From Section INL#314-37(b)(3); Ord. 1086, Sec. 8, 7/13/76)

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<b>314-3.2 ML: LIMITED INDUSTRIAL</b>
Administrative, business and professional offices. (From Section INL#314-43(a)(2))
Manufacturing of electrical and electronic equipment, of household effects such as lamps, rugs and fabrics, and research and development laboratories. (From Section INL#314-43(a)(3))
Emergency shelters.
<b>Uses Permitted with a Special Permit</b>
Single Room Occupancy Facilities which are conversions of existing buildings
<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>
Dwellings, accessory dwelling units, manufactured homes, hotels, motels, and manufactured home parks. (Amended by Ord. 2335, 12/14/04)
Animal hospitals and kennels.
Animal feed and sales yards.
Manufacture of furniture, finished paper and paper products.
<u>Mini-storage</u>
Any use not specifically enumerated in this division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the ML zone.

**314-6 Residential Zone Districts**

314-6.4 R-3: Residential Multiple Family Zone

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314-6.4	<b>R-3: RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY</b>
<b>Principal Permitted Uses</b>	
Two-family dwellings. (Amended by Ord. 2166, 4/7/98)	
Accessory dwelling unit.	
<del>Dwelling groups and multiple dwellings containing four or fewer units per building.</del> (Amended by Ord. 2313A, 12/16/03)	
Supportive housing and transitional housing subject only to restrictions that apply to other residential dwellings of the same type in the same zone.	
Keeping of no more than two (2) household pets for each dwelling unit.	
Emergency shelters.	
Single room occupancy facilities.	
<b>Uses Permitted with a Use Permit</b>	
Hotels, motels, manufactured home parks, and rooming and boarding houses. (Amended by Ord. 2335, 12/14/04)	
Private institutions.	
Professional offices.	
One-family dwellings and accessory dwelling units where it can be shown that the property could be developed in the future with multifamily dwellings. The Hearing Officer may require submittal of a development plan which shows how the multifamily dwelling units could be sited on the property in conformance with County requirements. (Added by Ord. 2166, Sec. 12, 4/7/98)	

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<b>314-6.4</b>	<b>R-3: RESIDENTIAL MULTIPLE FAMILY</b>
Any use not specifically enumerated in this division, if it is similar to and compatible with the uses permitted in the R-3 Zone.	

SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This ordinance shall become effective thirty (30) days after the date of its passage.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 1<sup>st</sup> day of October 2024, on the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors: Bushnell, Wilson, Madrone

NAYS: Supervisors: Bohn

ABSENT: Supervisors:


ABSTAIN: Supervisors:

  
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REX BOHN, CHAIRPERSON,  
HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

Tracy Damico, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
of the County of Humboldt, State of California

By:   
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Nicole Turner, Deputy Clerk