

Sec. 4-264. Boat and Recreational Vehicle Storage.

Minimum standards for the use, site development, construction, and placement of a boat and recreational vehicle storage facilities shall be as follows:

(a) **General regulations.**

1. No wholesale or retail sales shall be permitted. A boat and recreational vehicle storage facility included within HI zoned property shall have a minimum of 1 acre devoted for such use.
2. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this section, all property stored on site shall be on a ~~concrete or asphalt hardened~~ surface.
3. Boat and RV storage shall be only for vehicles licensed for personal use and there shall be no storage of commercially licensed vehicles.
4. Boat and RV storage shall include enclosed trailers that store recreational vehicles for personal use.
- 2.5. All vehicles and trailers shall have current tags and registrations. There shall not be any storage of junk or inoperable vehicles.

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(b) **Access.** A boat and recreational vehicle storage facility shall be located on a lot that gains access to a local non-residential, major collector, or arterial street as determined by the community development director based on review of applicable plans.

(c) **Outside storage.** Open storage of recreational vehicles and dry storage of pleasure boats of the type customarily maintained by private individuals for their personal use shall be permitted within property zoned HI, provided the following requirements are met.

1. Such storage shall take place only within a designated area. The area so designated shall be clearly delineated upon the site plan submitted for approval.
2. The storage area shall be entirely screened from view from adjacent residential and office areas and public streets by buildings, fencing or by the installation of a 6-foot-high privacy fence. If existing vegetation, replanted buffers or topography provides the required screening, then this fence requirement may be eliminated.
3. Such storage area shall not be located between property lines and minimum required building setbacks.
4. No vehicle repair shall be permitted on site. Boats stored on site shall be stored upon wheeled trailers. No dry stacking of boats shall be permitted on site.

(d) **Development regulations.**

1. **Perimeter fence.** The self-service storage facility shall be enclosed by a minimum 6-foot-high fence. Said fence shall be constructed of either wood or chain link material. Said fence shall be set back a minimum of 20 feet from the side and rear property lines if adjacent to a residentially zoned property. Fences and walls in the front yard shall adhere to the required front yard setback.

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2. **Maximum building height.** The maximum height of a building or structure for the storage of recreational vehicles or boats shall be 1 story and 20 feet unless additional height is approved by the Mayor and City Council. Any covered parking shall be located in such a way that it is unobtrusive from adjacent roadways or adjacent residential properties.
3. **Parking requirements.** Designated customer parking is not required; however, a minimum of 5 parking spaces shall be provided adjacent to the facility's leasing office, if a leasing office is located on site. Interior parking shall be provided in the form of aisle ways adjacent to parking spaces for vehicles or boats. These aisle ways may be used for both circulation of traffic and user parking while using the storage bays. The minimum width of these aisle ways shall be 24 feet for two-way traffic and 20 feet for one-way traffic. Prior to issuance of a certificate of occupancy, the traffic flow patterns in the aisle ways shall be clearly marked. Marking shall consist at a minimum of the use of standard directional signage and painted lane markings with arrows. In order to assure appropriate access and circulation by emergency vehicles and equipment, the turning radii of the aisle ways shall be approved by the Cobb County Fire Department.

(e) Landscape requirements.

1. Landscaping shall be provided in areas between the property lines and the required fencing. Such areas shall be designated as perimeter landscape strips. Landscaping shall be designed, placed, and maintained in such a manner as not to interfere with traffic visibility.
2. A landscape strip of at least 20 feet in width shall be provided along all street frontages.
3. The side and rear yard setbacks shall remain in their natural state or be re-landscaped with vegetation.
4. If the existing vegetation is inadequate to buffer adjoining residential or office and institutional development, an 8-foot-high fence or wall shall be installed along the interior property lines and street setbacks.
5. The following minimum planting requirements shall apply as follows and shall supersede the landscape buffer/screening requirements of the HI zoning districts: A minimum of 1 tree shall be planted for each 20 feet of perimeter landscape strip; immediately upon planting, trees shall be a minimum of 10 feet in height; if a hedge is to be installed in the perimeter landscape strip, the hedge shall be 24 inches in height upon planting, with the material planted every 24 inches on

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center; all planting shall be maintained in good condition by the property owner; the community development director or Mayor and City Council may allow existing vegetation, where warranted, to substitute for landscape, buffer, and screening requirements of this subsection.

- (f) **Dumpsters and trash receptacles.** Dumpsters and trash receptacles shall be located where they are not visible from adjacent residentially zoned properties and shall be adequately screened from view from all other adjacent properties and streets.