

**Sec. V. R-55 ACTIVE ADULT RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

- (1) Purpose and Intent. The Active Adult Residential District (R-55) is intended for single family detached, cottage style attached and/or multifamily residential uses of a medium density on land served by a sanitary sewage system. R-55 is designed to serve the housing needs of senior residents who are 55 years of age and older. R-55 is appropriate in the Community Residential character area of the Future Development Map of the Paulding County, Georgia, 2017 Comprehensive Plan.
- (2) Permitted Uses. Within the R-55 Zoning District, the following uses are permitted:
- (a) Single-family detached dwellings with a minimum of 1,100 square feet of heated area required.
  - (b) Attached cottage dwellings with a minimum of 1,000 square feet of heated area required.
  - (c) Retirement Community (Independent Living) of three or more units, including but not limited to apartment buildings with the following amount of heated area:
    - 1. One bedroom units, 1,000 square feet;
    - 2. Two bedroom units, 1,200 square feet;
    - 3. Three bedroom units, 1,400 square feet.
- (3) Lot Size, Area, and Setback Requirements:
- (a) Single family detached dwellings
    - 1. Minimum tract size: 5 acres
    - 2. Maximum density: Five (5) units per acre
    - 3. Minimum lot size: 4,800 square feet
    - 4. Minimum lot width at building line: 40 feet
    - 5. Minimum front yard setback: 5 feet, except front-facing garages shall be setback a minimum of 15 feet
    - 6. Minimum side yard setback: 5 feet
    - 7. Minimum rear yard setback: 25 feet
    - 8. Maximum building height: 2 stories
  - (b) Attached cottage dwellings
    - 1. Minimum tract size: 5 acres
    - 2. Maximum density: Five (5) units per acre
    - 3. Minimum public road frontage: 50 feet or 50 foot access easement to public road
    - 4. Minimum lot area: No minimum
    - 5. Minimum lot size: No minimum
    - 6. Minimum unit width: 28 feet
    - 7. Internal yard requirements: A 20-foot grassed or landscape strip shall be located between all buildings and a 10-foot grassed or landscaped strip shall be provided between all buildings and interior driveways/streets
    - 8. Overall front setback: 20 feet
    - 9. Overall side setback: 20 feet
    - 10. Overall rear setback: 25 feet
    - 11. Maximum building height: 2 stories

(c) Retirement Community (Independent Living)

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| 1. Minimum tract size:                 | 15 acres  |
| 2. Maximum density:                    | Five (5) units per acre                           |
| 3. Minimum public road frontage:       | 50 feet or 50 foot access easement to public road |
| 4. Minimum lot width at building line: | 125 feet  |
| 5. Overall front yard setback:         | 35 feet   |
| 6. Overall side yard setback:          | 25 feet   |
| 7. Overall rear yard setback:          | 25 feet   |
| 8. Maximum building height:            | 3 stories   |

(4) Architectural and Landscape Standards

- (a) All single family detached and attached cottage dwellings shall contain a master bedroom and bath on the main floor. Second story living square footage may not exceed 50% of the main level heated square footage.
- (b) All single family detached and attached cottage dwellings shall contain an attached garage. A minimum of two parking spaces per unit is required. The parking spaces must be in the driveway or the garage. All dwellings must have a double-car garage.
- (c) All dwellings shall incorporate the following accessibility standards:
  - 1. Step free easy access to the dwelling unit.
  - 2. Easy passage feature requiring clear passage doorways 32 inches wide for easy passage to all living spaces throughout the dwelling.
  - 3. Easy step free access to the bedroom, bathroom, kitchen and gathering area on the main floor.
- (d) Buildings shall be constructed of traditional design with brick, stone or fiber cement siding, shakes or shingles on the exterior. Vinyl accessories and trim are allowed. No vinyl siding is not permitted.
- (e) All grassed areas shall be sodded; excluding natural and landscaped areas unless otherwise specified.
- (f) In single family detached and attached cottage dwelling developments at least one 2-inch caliper street tree shall be planted along the road frontage per lot.
- (g) Projects must incorporate an area designated as common space or recreational space.
- (h) Structure over two stories are required to have elevators.

(5) Public Improvement Standards

- (a) Single family detached and attached cottage dwellings
  - i. All streets should be designed to general layout requirements for local streets as defined in the Development Regulations.
  - ii. Streetlights shall be provided on all streets
  - iii. Sidewalks shall be provided on at least one side of each street
  - iv. Utilities shall be placed underground
  - v. Water and sewer utilities shall be located in street rights-of-ways or easements located at the outer edge of street right-of-way
- (b) Retirement Community (Independent Living)
  - i. Streetlights shall be provided
  - ii. Sidewalks on at least one side of each residential street and entrance drive shall be provided
  - iii. Utilities shall be placed underground
  - iv. All internal water and sanitary sewer systems shall be privately maintained with a Master Meter located on County right-of-way near the entrance to the development

- (6) Mandatory Homeowner's Association for single family and cottage attached developments. The R-55 District shall require a mandatory homeowners association. The association shall publish and adhere to policies and procedures that demonstrate that the community is intended to provide housing for persons 55 and over including maintaining surveys or affidavits verifying compliance with 55 and older occupancy requirements as permitted by 42 U.S.C. Section 3607, (b) (2) (c) of the Federal Fair Housing Act. The association shall also include declarations and bylaws including rules and regulations, which at a minimum shall regulate and control the following:
- (a) Restriction on homes being occupied, with at least 80 percent of the occupied units occupied by at least one resident who is age 55 or older
  - (b) Restrictions on single-family detached and attached cottage residential use only and leasing of units. No more than 10 percent of the total units may be leased by individual owners at any one time
  - (c) Exterior items such as fences, lawn ornaments and restrictions on removal of landscaped areas and buffers
  - (d) Maintenance of private streets, detention ponds, common areas and entrance features.
- (7) Off-street parking: See ARTICLE VII of this Ordinance.
- (8) Required buffers: See ARTICLE VI, Sec. E. of this Ordinance.
- (9) Sign regulations: See CHAPTER 67 of the CODE OF ORDINANCES.