

LC Limited Commercial Zoning District

Zoning district intended for small scale businesses

CH. 10-Zoning, [Section 10.271](#)

Purpose of the Limited Commercial District 10.271(1)

- The Limited Commercial Zoning district is intended for small commercial uses that may need to locate in predominantly rural areas due to their often large service areas, and their need for larger lot sizes. In appearance and operation, such uses are often similar to agricultural uses and therefore are more suited to a rural area.
- Such uses include, but are not limited to: Contractor businesses; transportation businesses; building trade businesses; and landscaping operations.
- Limited Commercial uses are typically characterized by: Outdoor stockpiles of materials; storage and maintenance of large construction or transportation equipment; early morning activity; and large utilitarian buildings often with metal siding.
- Limited Commercial uses do not create high traffic volume, have no retail sales, and have limited outdoor lighting and signage.

Permitted Uses 10.271(2)

- Office uses (limited to 6 on-site employees)
- Contractor, landscaping or building trade operations
- Incidental parking for employees
- Indoor storage and repair
- Incidental indoor maintenance
- Outdoor storage of up to 12 total vehicles and pieces of construction equipment
- Utility services associated with a permitted use
- Undeveloped natural resource and open space areas
- Agricultural and agricultural accessory uses (livestock not permitted)
- Transportation, utility or communication use required by law.

Conditional Uses 10.273(3)

- Outdoor storage
- Caretaker's residence
- Light industrial (see definition below)
- Storage of more than 12 total vehicles and pieces of construction equipment
- Communication towers
- Governmental, institutional, religious, or nonprofit community uses
- Cemeteries
- Transportation, utility or communication use required by law.

Setbacks, Height , and Size requirements 10.273 (4) & (6)

Front setback for all structures from highway centerline / right-of-way line (whichever is greater)

State or Federal Highway: 100/42 feet minimum

County Highway: 75/42 feet minimum

Town Road: 63/30 feet minimum

Subdivision streets platted prior to ordinance: 20 feet minimum

All other streets: 30 feet minimum

Height: 2 ½ stories or 35 feet maximum

Side Yards:

10 feet minimum each side

Rear Yards:

Commercial buildings: 10 feet minimum

single-family residences: 25 feet minimum

residential accessory buildings: 10 feet minimum

Maximum Size of Commercial Buildings:

10,000 square feet

Lot Width & Area: 10.273(5)

Area: 20,000 square feet minimum,
5 acres maximum

Lot Width: 100 feet minimum

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Lot Coverage 10.273(7)

Maximum 35% of all buildings on property

Commercial buildings shall not exceed 10,000 sq. ft. in total floor area

Definitions and General Notes for LC-1 Limited Commercial District 10.01, 10.111

DEFINITIONS:

- **Incidental indoor maintenance** 10.01(27g): Maintenance and repair of equipment and vehicles owned and operated by a principal business on the premises, and not as a service to others. All maintenance activities must take place within an enclosed building.
- **Indoor storage** 10.01(27h): Uses that are primarily oriented to the receiving, holding and shipping of materials for a single business. Such uses are not for retail sales, storage of personal belongings of others, or warehousing of materials for others. With the exception of loading facilities, such uses are contained entirely within an enclosed building.
- **Light industrial** 10.01(30f): The processing, manufacturing, compounding, assembly, packaging, treatment or fabrication of materials and products, from previously processed or previously manufactured materials. All operations (with the exception of loading operations): **(a)** are conducted entirely within an enclosed building; **(b)** are not potentially associated with nuisances such as odor, noise, heat, vibration, and radiation which are detectable at the property line; **(c)** do not pose a significant safety hazard (such as danger of explosion); **(d)** include no retail sales.
- **Limited rural business** 10.01(30g): May include any use permitted in the A-B, B-1, C-1 or C-2 zoning districts if it is located exclusively in building(s) in existence prior to April 30, 2005, maintains, restores or enhances the existing exterior character of the building(s), employs no more than 4 non-family employees, and does not conflict with the overall purposes of the LC-1 district. "Family" has the meaning set forth in section 10.01(23)
- **Office** 10.01(40m): An exclusive indoor land use whose primary function is the handling of information or administrative services. Such uses do not typically provide services directly to customers on a walk-in or on-appointment basis.
- **Outdoor storage** 10.01(40t): Uses primarily oriented to the receiving, holding and shipping of materials for a single business. Such a use, in which any activity beyond loading and parking is located outdoors, is considered an outdoor storage use. Such uses do not include junk or other materials typically associated with a junkyard, salvage recycling center or solid waste recycling center, as defined in this ordinance. Outdoor storage of materials is not permitted within the building setback area described in s. 10.17.

NOTES:

- The total number of vehicles and pieces of construction equipment shall not exceed 12, unless authorized by a Conditional Use Permit.
- Construction equipment, vehicles, or materials shall not be stored between the building setback line and the front lot line.
- Off-street parking shall be provided as required in Section 10.18 of the Dane County Code of Ordinances (DCCO).
- Screening must be provided and maintained on lots adjacent to an R- Residential district, RH- Rural Homes district, or A-2 Agriculture district. Screening typically requires landscaping consisting of either a planted evergreen screen at least 6 feet wide and initially planted with 4-foot tall evergreen shrubs to ultimately form a continuous hedge at least 5 feet in height and maintained with healthy shrubs; or a solid 6-8 feet tall decorative wall or fence without any signs and consistent with Section 10.16(7) DCCO.
- **LC-1 Contractor Businesses:** Typical contractor businesses permitted in the LC-1 district include, but are not limited to, landscaping, electrical contractors, plumbing contractors, and heating/ventilating/air conditioning (HVAC) contractors.
- **Alternative Commercial Zoning:** Contractor businesses other than general, mechanical and landscaping contractor businesses may need C-1 Commercial or, more commonly, C-2 Commercial zoning. Both C-1 and C-2 zoning do not limit the number of items of construction equipment. C-2 accommodates outside parking or storing of motor vehicles (Section 10.14(1)(q) DCCO), while C-1 does not.

Livestock 10.271(2)

Not Permitted