



B-3 – GENERAL BUSINESS ZONING DISTRICT

ZONING DESCRIPTION SHEET

According to Section IV-2 of the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose and intent of the B-3 Zoning District is as follows:

"The *B-3, General Business District* is intended to provide areas for a range of commercial uses wider than that of Neighborhood Business but at a lower intensity than Central Business, meeting the general business needs of the City."

Following is a list of the Permitted Uses, Special Uses, Planned Unit Development Uses and Conditional Uses in the B-3 District. Permitted Uses are allowed by right. Special Uses and Planned Unit Development Uses must be approved by the City Council. Conditional Uses must be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PERMITTED USES:

Agriculture

Farm Equipment Sales and Service
Feed and Grain (*Sales Only*)
Garden Shop
Plant Nursery or Greenhouse
Roadside Produce Sales Stand

Business - Adult Entertainment

Adult Entertainment Uses

Business - Food Sales and Services

Bakery (*Less than 2,500 square feet*)
Banquet Facility
Café or Deli
Catering Service
Confectionery Store
Convenience Store
Fast-Food Restaurant
Liquor Store
Meat and Fish Market
Restaurant
Supermarket or Grocery Store
Tavern or Night Club

Business - Miscellaneous

Auction Sales (*Non-Animal*)
Contractor Shop and Show Room (*Carpentry, Electrical, Exterminating, Upholstery, Sign Painting, and Other Home Improvement Shops*)
Lawn Care and Landscaping Service
Mail Order Business
Medical Cannabis Dispensary
Radio or TV Studio
Shopping Center – Convenience
Shopping Center – General
Wholesale Business

Business - Personal Services

Ambulance Service
Barber/ Beauty Shop
Dry Cleaning or Laundry Establishment
Health Club/ Fitness
Laundry and/or Dry Cleaning Pick-up
Massage Therapist
Medical Carrier Service
Mortuary
Movers
Pet Care/ Grooming
Self-Service Laundry
Shoe Repair Shop
Tailor and Pressing Shop

PERMITTED USES Continued:

Business - Professional and Financial Services

Bank/ Savings and Loan Association
Check Cashing Service
Copy and Printing Service
Packaging/ Mailing Service
Professional and Business Office
Vocational, Trade or Business School

Business - Retail Trade

Antique or Used Furniture Sales and Service
Appliance Sales and Service
Art and Craft Store and/or Studio
Bicycle Sales and Service
Building Material Sales (*All Indoors Excluding Concrete or Asphalt Mixing*)
Clothing Store
Department Store
Drugstore
Electronic Sales and Services
Florist
Hardware Store
Heating, Ventilating, Air Conditioning Sales and Service
Jewelry Store
Monument Sales (*Excluding Stone Cutting*)
Music Store
Office Supplies/ Equipment Sales and Service
Pawn or Consignment Shop
Pet Store
Photographic Studio and Equipment Sales and Service
Shoe Store
Sporting Goods
Stationery, Gifts, or Art Supplies
Tobacconist
Variety Store
Video Store
All Other Retail Stores

Business - Vehicular Sales and Service

Automobile Accessories (*New*)
Automobile, Truck, Trailer or Boat Sales or Rental
Automobile/ Truck Repair
Car Wash
Gasoline Station
Mobile Home Sales
Truck Rental

Business - Recreation

Athletic Training Facility
Bait Sales
Bowling Alley
Dancing School
Driving Range
Gaming Hall*****
Lodge or Private Club
Miniature Golf Course
Outdoor Commercial Recreation Enterprise
(*Except Amusement Park*)*****
Pool Hall
Private Indoor Recreational Development
Theater, Indoor

Business - Transportation

Motor Bus Station
Taxi Service

Industrial

Microbrewery

Public and Quasi-Public

Church, Temple or Mosque
Electrical Substation
Farmer's Market
Institution of an Educational or Charitable Nature
Library, Museum or Gallery
Methadone Treatment Facility
Municipal or Government Building
Park
Police or Fire Station
Principle Use Parking Garage or Lot
Public Maintenance and Storage Garage
University/College
Utility Provider

Residential

Bed and Breakfast Inn
Bed and Breakfast Inn, Owner Occupied
Dwelling, Community Living Facility, Category II or Category III
Dwelling, Home for Adjustment
Dwelling, Loft
Dwelling, Transitional Home, Category I or II
Hotel or Motel

SPECIAL USES:

Business – Retail

Firearm Store†

Business – Vehicular Sales and Service

Towing Service

Truck Stop

Public and Quasi-Public

Correctional Institution or Facility

Hospital or Clinic

Residential

Dwelling, Multifamily

PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT USES:

Business – Miscellaneous

Commercial Planned Unit Development (*See Section XIII-3*)

Mixed-Use Planned Unit Development (*See Section XIII-3*)

CONDITIONAL USES:

Business - Miscellaneous

Crematorium

Day Care Facility (*Non-Home Based*)

Self-Storage Facility

Veterinary Hospital (*Small Animal*)****

Public and Quasi-Public

Nonprofit or Governmental, Educational and

Research Agencies

Radio or Television Tower and Station

Residential

Assisted Living Facility

Nursing Home

Industrial

Bookbinding

Confectionery Products Manufacturing and
Packaging

Electronics and Related Accessories - Applied
Research and Limited Manufacturing

Engineering, Laboratory, Scientific and Research
Instruments Manufacturing

Motion Picture Production Studio

Printing and Publishing Plants for Newspapers,
Periodicals, Books, Stationery and Commercial
Printing

Surgical, Medical, Dental and Mortuary

Instruments and Supplies Manufacturing

Table V-1 Notes:

**** See Table VII-1 for Standards for Specific Conditional Uses

***** The establishment requesting a license for a principal use gaming hall shall be a minimum of five hundred feet from any other licensed gaming hall or pre-existing Day Care Facility, Day Care Home, School, or Place of Worship, as defined under the Religious Corporation Act (805 ILCS 110/0.01 et seq.). The establishment requesting a license for a principal use gaming hall shall also be a minimum of two hundred and fifty feet away from any previously existing establishment containing a licensed video gaming terminal. Said distances shall be measured as the intervening distance between business frontages.

† See Section VII-5.D for Standards for Firearm Stores

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE B-3 DISTRICT

ZONE	MIN LOT SIZE (square feet)	MIN AVERAGE WIDTH (in feet)	MAX HEIGHT (in feet)	MAX FAR	MIN OSR	MIN FRONT YARD (in feet) ¹	MIN SIDE YARD (in feet) ¹	MIN REAR YARD (in feet) ¹
B-3	6,000	60	None ³	4.00	None	15	5	10

FAR = Floor Area Ratio

OSR = Open Space Ratio

Footnote¹ – See Section VI-5 and Section VIII-4 for further information about required yards.

Footnote³ – In the AG, CRE, B-1, B-2, MOR and IN-1 Zoning Districts, and for residential uses in the B-3 and B-4 Districts, if the height of a building two stories or exceeds 25 feet, the minimum side and rear yards shall be increased as specified in Section VI-5.F.3 and Section VI-5.G.1, respectively. In the AG and CRE Districts, the maximum height specified in Table VI-3 shall not apply to farm buildings; however, the increased setbacks required in conjunction with additional height, as specified in Section VI-5, shall be required for all non-farm buildings.

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