



CITY OF ARGO, ALABAMA

ZONING ORDINANCE

Section 511: WC Workshop Commercial Zone. A district providing for industrial and commercial uses that are determined to be least offensive or detrimental to adjoining properties in terms of health, safety, comfort, aesthetics, the general welfare of, and overall compatibility with, the surrounding area.

511.01. Uses Permitted Subject to Supplemental Use Regulations. All of the following uses shall be subject to the provisions of §708 Industrial Uses, except as otherwise noted.

- fabricating, processing, assembling and manufacturing uses excepting those determined to be especially detrimental to health and safety beyond the district by reason of emission of odor, dust, gas, fumes, smoke, noise, vibration or waste material
- bottling and distribution plants
- contractor and building material yards
- distribution yards for gasoline/fuel oil tank trucks, provided that all bulk storage tanks and loading platforms shall be set back no less than 150 feet from adjoining Lot Lines
- laundry and dry-cleaning plants
- research labs
- commercial gym
- automobile repair services, major and minor
- vehicle and equipment repair, major
- vehicle and equipment sales, major
- truck or bus terminal facilities
- wholesaling, warehousing, lumber yards and other businesses to which outdoor storage is accessory or incidental, including bulk material storage yards, but provided that the operation does not involve the storage of any materials of an explosive or toxic nature
- animal shelters §709
- mini-warehouses, mini-storage §713
- temporary outdoor sales §719
- wireless communication services §726

511.02. Special Exception Uses.

- telecommunications towers §715
- public utility facility §725

511.03. Area and Dimensional Requirements. The following regulations govern lot area, setbacks, building size, and density, as subject to the applicable provisions of Article 6: General Requirements and Article 7: Supplemental Use Regulations.

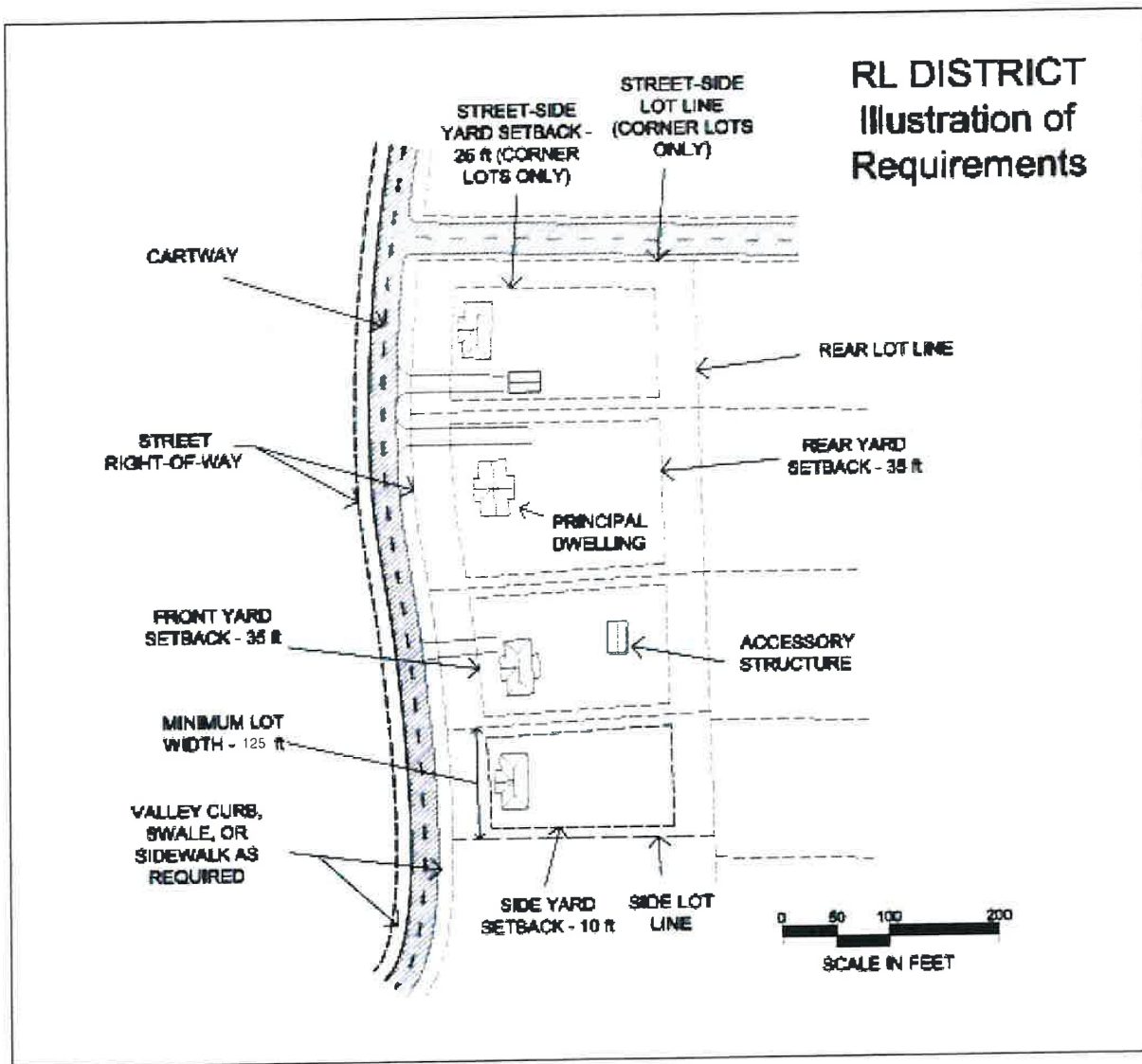
Maximum building height	3 stories
Maximum lot coverage (Impervious surfaces)	determined by required yards and buffers
Min. Front Yard setback	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 feet for office / administrative buildings only ▪ 35 feet for all other structures and work yards
Min. Rear Yard setback (for all structures and work yards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 35 feet when adjoining or abutting a non-industrial Zone ▪ 10 feet when adjoining or abutting an industrial Zone
Min. Side Yard setback (for all structures and work yards)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 20 feet for office / administrative buildings only ▪ 35 feet when adjoining or abutting a non-industrial Zone ▪ 0 feet when adjoining or abutting an industrial Zone
Fences and walls	3ft min. and 8 ft max., subject to §605
Buffers	subject to §604 and §605

511.04. Additional Requirements.

Storage, repair and work yards, dumpsters, utility appurtenances, loading and service areas, etc. shall be located behind the front building line and screened from public view in accordance with the provisions of §605.

Section 502: RL Low Density Residential Zone. A district intended exclusively for single-family residential neighborhoods and to facilitate and maintain development of a more spacious neighborhood environment generally through larger lot, yard, and house size requirements.

502.01 Permitted Uses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ single-family dwellings (Site built) ▪ customary accessory buildings or structures in accordance with Article 6 	
502.02 Uses Permitted Subject to Supplemental Use Regulations	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ minor home occupations §707 ▪ conservation subdivisions §710 	
502.03 Special Exception Uses	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ accessory dwellings §701 ▪ major home occupations §707 ▪ day care home §706 ▪ public utility service §725 	
502.04 Area and Dimensional Requirements. The following regulations govern lot area, setbacks, building size, and density, as subject to the applicable provisions of Article 6: General Requirements and Article 7: Supplemental Use Regulations.	
Maximum building height	2 stories
Minimum floor area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 1,600 sf for one-story dwellings or ▪ 1,400 sf (first floor) and 2,200 sf total for two-story dwellings
Minimum lot size	25,000 sf
Minimum lot width	125ft
Maximum lot coverage (Impervious surfaces)	40%
Min. Front Yard setback	35 ft
Min. Rear Yard setback	35 ft
Min. Side Yard setback	10 ft
Corner Lots	Primary Front Yard - 35 ft min. Secondary Front Yard - 25 ft min.
Min. Setback between structures on same lot	10 ft
Fences and walls	3ft min. and 7 ft max., subject to §606
Buffers and Screening	See §604 and §605





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Re: Zoning for unincorporated parts of St. Clair County

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to advise that St. Clair County does not have zoning rules and regulations and does not require a building permit in the unincorporated parts of the county. St. Clair County Commission does not require a certificate of occupancy. We are, however, covered by state regulations requiring contractors to possess appropriate licenses.

There are restrictions if you are in a flood plain. Please contact the county engineer at (205) 594-2190 for this application and permit.

Additionally, sales and use tax laws will apply during and after any construction. It will be necessary for the appropriate entity (owner or contractor) to establish an account with the St. Clair County Sales and Use Tax Office.

If I can be of any further assistance to you, please let me know.

Respectfully,

ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMISSION