

CITY OF SAVANNAH ZONING ORDINANCE

O-I ZONING DISTRICT

Office-Institutional. The Office and Institutional (“O-I”) district is established to allow office uses as well as a limited number of other uses that are compatible with an office environment, and to serve as a transition district between residential areas and more intensive commercial areas.

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List of Uses	Use #
Adult day care center	20d
Animal hospital, veterinary clinic, animal boarding place or grooming salon	25
Animal grooming establishment	25a
Banks and offices	37
Child care center	20c
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Printing or letter shop	70a
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Public utility	16
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Telegraph or messenger service	44
Telephone exchange	18

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Provisions Regarding Use in the O-I Zoning District:

1. Permitted uses are identified by the letter “X”.
2. Uses permitted subject to the approval of the board of appeals are indicated by the letter “B”.
3. Uses marked with “B2” and contain:
 - a. Less than ten acres shall be subject to the approval of the board of appeals.
 - b. Ten or more acres shall be permitted only within a PUD district.

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(11) Church or other place of worship	X
A church or other place of worship may be allowed to house a caretakers quarters and/or beds for the housing of temporary guests within the principal use structure as incidental uses subject to the following conditions:	
a. The site shall be located on and have direct access to a collector or greater classified street.	
b. A maximum of one permanent caretaker quarters or a maximum of 25 beds, available to temporary guest residents directly involved in activities sponsored by and/or affiliated with the church or other place of worship shall be allowed;	
Provided further that the temporary beds shall not be occupied by any individual or group of persons for greater than three months per calendar year.	
Nothing in this section shall be construed to mean that a church or other place of worship can establish a homeless shelter or other group home by right under the auspices of this section.	
A temporary guest resident shall include volunteer teams performing a service related activity to the community, missionary training personnel, and similar type activities approved by the zoning administrator.	
c. Meals in the facility may be prepared for and served only to individuals housed within the facility, minor tutorial students served by the facility, and/or for the membership of the church or other place of worship. Meals in the facility shall not be prepared or served for members of the general public, shall not be prepared for takeout, and shall be consumed on premises only.	
d. On-site vehicular parking spaces shall be available for all uses on site as determined by the zoning administrator, and shall include one parking space for each four (4) beds in the temporary housing section.	
(14) Eleemosynary or philanthropic institution	X
(15) Public uses	X
Including, but not restricted to schools, libraries, fire and police stations, park and recreations facilities.	
(15b) School, Public or Private (K-12)	X
(16) Public utility	X
(18) Telephone exchange	X
(19) Cultural facilities	X
Art galleries, museums, legitimate theaters, library and other facilities of a similar nature.	
(20b) Day nurseries and kindergartens	X
a. Provided, that 100 square feet of outdoor play space is provided for each child.	
b. Such uses shall only be permitted on a lot or plot of ground which abuts a collector street, a major arterial or secondary arterial, provided that approval of any day nursery or kindergarten located within an "R" district shall be limited to a maximum of 18 children. The board of appeals shall be authorized to waive this requirement if on the basis of evidence presented it finds that the traffic to be generated by the particular use can be accommodated on other streets without creating traffic congestion and traffic hazards on such street which would be detrimental to the neighborhood served by such streets. Provided that approval for any day nursery or kindergarten established requiring access along a residential or lesser classified street shall be limited to a maximum of 12 children. A day nursery or kindergarten can be located on a school or church property provided that such property contains a minimum lot area of 12,000 square feet. Provided that approval for any day nursery or kindergarten located at a school or church shall be limited to a maximum of 36 children, provided that all other requirements of this section shall apply. The board of appeals may grant approval for up to 50 children at a school or religious institution if on the basis of evidence presented it finds that the traffic generated by the particular use can be accommodated on other streets without creating traffic congestion and traffic hazards on such street which would be detrimental to the neighborhood served by such streets.	
c. The architectural character, including the orientation and exterior appearance of any structure, shall be characteristic of the neighborhood within which such structure is located.	
d. Such use shall provide the number of off-street parking spaces required for educational and institutional uses as set forth in section 8-3089 "Minimum space requirements for off-street parking areas."	
e. When an abutting use is residential, a visual buffer shall be provided so as to shield all parking areas, play areas and outdoor activity areas from abutting property. Such buffer shall consist of an appropriately designed fence or building wall or a combination thereof. Said fence shall be opaque, a minimum of six feet in height, and shall be maintained at all times.	
f. One illuminated sign not to exceed three square feet in area shall be permitted in residential districts; provided that, where such use is adjacent to or directly across from a nonresidential use or district, the board of appeals may allow a principal use sign of up to 12 square feet in area when it is located on the side of the property facing the nonresidential use or property. Exterior drawings, graphics, or pictorials are prohibited.	
(20c) Child care center	X
a. Provided that 100 square feet of outdoor play space is provided each child in any group using the play area at one time.	
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(20d) Adult day care center	X
a. Such use shall only be permitted on a lot which abuts and has vehicular access to a collector street, major arterial or secondary arterial. The zoning board of appeals may waive this requirement if, on the basis of evidence presented, it finds that the traffic to be generated by a particular use can be accommodated on a minor or residential street without creating traffic congestion and traffic hazards to the neighborhood served by such streets. When such use is located on a minor or residential street, the board may limit the number of persons utilizing the facility and the hours of operation based on the traffic to be generated, the size of the property, the characteristics of the neighborhood, and the location of the use in relation to adjacent properties.	
b. Such use shall comply with the Georgia Department of Human Resources' "Standards for Adult Day Care," as amended.	
c. The parking layout and design shall be characteristic of the neighborhood within which such use is located.	
d. One off-street parking space per employee, including supervisory personnel, plus safe and functional off-street patron pickup and delivery space as approved by the city traffic engineer, shall be provided.	
e. When the building housing such use is located across the street from or adjacent to a dwelling unit the use shall operate only between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.	
f. A site plan shall be submitted to and approved by the MPC under the provisions of section 8-3031 prior to the issuance of a building permit or an occupancy permit.	
(20e) Child sitting center	X
All appropriate licenses from the Georgia Department of Human Resources shall be obtained by the applicant prior to receiving an occupancy permit. A minimum of 25 square feet per child shall be provided.	
(25) Animal hospital, veterinary clinic, animal boarding place or animal grooming salon	X
Provided all buildings for housing animals shall be set back not less than 100 feet from any dwelling place in a residential area and all pens, kennels and runs shall be within an enclosed structure that has a Sound Transmission Class Rate (STC) as set forth in Architectural Graphic Standards of at least 52.	
(25a) Animal grooming establishment	X
Provided, that such establishments shall not board animals overnight.	
(33) Personal service shops	X
Barbershop, beauty shop, health club, massage parlor "as an incidental use," shoe repair, dry cleaning and laundry pick-up station, laundromats, watch repair and services of a similar nature.	
Within the O-I district, personal service shops are limited to barbershops, hair salons, and day spas.	
(37) Banks and offices	X
Banks, office buildings, loan agencies, professional offices, business offices, and facilities of a similar nature.	
(37a) Mixed Use, Nonresidential	X
(40) Photography studio	X
(41) Funeral Homes and Crematory	X
Provided that within the O-I district, a crematory shall not be permitted.	
(44) Telegraph or messenger service	X
Provided that the use shall first be authorized by the mayor and aldermen as set forth in section 6-1421 of the City Code, for the site in question.	
(47c) Teaching of music, voice, and dance	X
(47e) Personal service schools	X
Barber and beauty schools and similar personal service activities licensed by the State of Georgia.	
(70a) Printing or letter shop	X
Provided that such use shall be designed to operate in such a manner that noise and odor will not carry beyond the walls occupied by such use.	

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Minimum Lot Area (square feet) per use or for two-family and multi-family dwellings, per dwelling unit	-	-
Minimum Lot Width (feet)	-	-
Minimum Front Yard Setback from Center Line of Street Right-of-Way (feet)	Freeway or parkway Major arterial Secondary arterial or rural road Collector street Residential street Access easement	90 50 40 30 30(d) 36
Minimum Side Yard Setback (feet)	-	-
Minimum Rear Yard Setback (feet)	-	-
Maximum Height (feet)	-	40
Maximum Building Coverage (percent)	-	-
Maximum Density (units per net acre)	-	-

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