



CRE – CONSERVATION-RECREATION-EDUCATION ZONING DISTRICT

ZONING DESCRIPTION SHEET

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

"The CRE, Conservation-Recreation-Education District is intended to conserve natural and scenic areas for open space, recreational, and educational purposes, both public and private, and to preserve from unsuitable uses natural surface drainage courses and other areas whose physical characteristics, such as slope or susceptibility to flooding, make many forms of development inappropriate or potentially injurious to the public health or safety. The uses permitted in this district are primarily of low intensity, which would not interfere with natural conditions, and for which such conditions would not pose severe problems; areas developed for more intensive use, which include significant open space, or which provide educational or recreational facilities to the public, are also appropriate in this district."

Following is a list of the Permitted Uses, Special Uses and Conditional Uses in the CRE District. Permitted Uses are allowed by right. Special Uses must be approved by the City Council. Conditional Uses must be approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

PERMITTED USES:

Agriculture

Agriculture, General
Agriculture, Cropping

Business – Professional and Financial Services

Vocational, Trade or Business School

Business – Miscellaneous

Day Care Facility (*Non-Home Based*)

Public and Quasi-Public

Elementary, Junior High School, or Senior High School
Library, Museum or Gallery
Municipal or Government Building
Nonprofit or Governmental, Educational and Research Agencies
Park
Public Maintenance and Storage Garage
University/ College

SPECIAL USES:

Agriculture

Mineral Extraction, Quarrying, Topsoil Removal and Allied Activities****
Plant Nursery or Greenhouse

Business - Recreation

Private Indoor Firing Range++

Public and Quasi-Public

Church, Temple or Mosque
Farmer’s Market
Institution of an Educational or Charitable Nature
Sewage Treatment Plant or Lagoon****

CONDITIONAL USES:

Agriculture

Artificial Lake of one (1) or more acres

Business - Miscellaneous

Cemetery****

CONDITIONAL USES Continued:

Business - Recreation

Bait Sales
 Camp or Picnic Area****
 Commercial Fishing Lake
 Country Club or Golf Course
 Driving Range
 Lodge or Private Club
 Miniature Golf Course
 Outdoor Commercial Recreation Enterprise (*Except Amusement Park*)****
 Private Indoor Recreational Development
 Resort or Organized Camp****
 Riding Stable****

Table V-1 Notes:

**** See Table VII-1 for Standards for Specific Conditional Uses
 †† See Section VII-5.E Standards for Private Indoor Firing Ranges

DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS IN THE CRE 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
CRE	1 acre	150	35 ³	0.40	0.55	25	15	25

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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