
SECTION 10.12 RCD (RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER DEVELOPMENT) OVERLAY ZONE

- A. **PURPOSE:** The purposes of the Residential Cluster Development (RCD) Overlay Zone are to: provide a means whereby clusters of attached and detached single-family residential units may be constructed in any Residential Zones, and therein, through a development plan, permit a wide flexibility in the design, location, siting of the building, and yard and setback requirements in order to provide for, to the greatest extent possible, the preservation of hillside areas and other natural geographic and topographic features, and to provide for more usable and suitably located recreation facilities and open space than would otherwise be provided under conventional residential land development procedures.

- B. **GENERAL:** A Residential Cluster Development (RCD) Overlay Zone may only be permitted to be superimposed over any of the Residential (R) Zones, provided that all conditions or provisions of this section of the ordinance, the applicable requirements of the subdivision regulations, and any additional requirements, as may be determined necessary to provide for the most efficient layout of the RCD Overlay Zone and its proper integration with the surrounding development, are met; and a public hearing is held on the RCD application.

- C. **APPLICATION AND PROCESSING:** Applications for Residential Cluster Development Overlay Zone shall be submitted to the planning commission with a copy to the city engineer. The application shall be processed as follows in two stages:
 - 1. **Stage I -- Development Plan and Zoning Map Amendment - Application for amendment to RCD Overlay Zone shall include a development plan in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.20, A., Stage I Plan requirements.**
 - a. The planning commission shall hold a public hearing on the proposed application in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 424, and review said application with regard to its compliance with the stated purposes of the RCD Overlay Zone, the required elements of the Stage I Development Plan, and other applicable requirements of this section. Upon holding such hearing, the planning commission shall make one of the following recommendations to the legislative body: approval, approval with conditions, or disapproval. The planning commission shall submit, along with their recommendations, a copy of the Stage I Development Plan and the bases for their recommendation.

 - b. The legislative body shall, within forty-five (45) days after receiving the recommendations of the planning commission, review said

recommendations and take action to approve or disapprove said RCD application. Such action may incorporate any conditions imposed by the planning commission. However, should the legislative body take action to impose different conditions than were reviewed and considered by the planning commission, then said conditions shall be resubmitted to the planning commission for further review and recommendation, in accordance with Subsection C., 1., a., above. Approval of the RCD Overlay Zone shall require that development be in conformance with the Stage I approved plan.

The legislative body shall forward a copy of the approved plan to the planning commission for further processing in accordance with the requirements for Stage II Plan and record plat.

Zoning Map Amendment - Upon approval of the RCD Overlay Zone, the official zoning map shall be amended by adding the prefix "RCD" to the existing residential zone (e.g., RCD-R-1B, RCD-R-1C, RCD-R-2, etc.) for the area as shown on the Stage I approved plan.

2. Stage II -- Plan and Record Plat - A Stage II Plan and Record Plat shall be developed in conformance with the Stage I approved plan and in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.20, B. and C., and submitted to the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, prior to approval or disapproval by the city for its review. Except for the manner of submission and processing, the subdivision regulations may be waived, where applicable, and the requirements of Section 9.20, B. and C. shall be substituted therefore. Those requirements not specifically waived by the planning commission shall conform with the subdivision regulations.
 - a. The planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, shall review the submitted Stage II Plan with regard to its compliance with the required elements of this ordinance and other applicable regulations, and its conformity with the Stage I approved plan. The city zoning administrator, in approving the Stage II Plan, may authorize minor adjustments from the Stage I approved plan, provided that the adjustments do not: affect the spatial relationship of structures; change land uses; increase overall density; alter circulation patterns (vehicular and pedestrian); or decrease the amount and/or usability of open space or recreation areas; or affect other applicable requirements of this ordinance.

Upon completion of the review by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, of the Stage II Plan, a copy of said plan shall be

forwarded to the zoning administrator, permits shall be issued only in accordance with the Stage II approved plan and other regulations as may be required by this ordinance.

- b. Upon approval of the Stage II Plan, the planning commission shall review the submitted Record Plat with regard to its compliance with the required elements of Section 9.20, C., for record plats, the applicable requirements of the subdivision regulations, and its conformance with the Stage II approved plan.

Upon planning commission approval of the record plat, copies of said plat, certified by the planning commission, and suitable for recording, shall be forwarded by the planning commission to the office of the county clerk to be recorded.

- D. **RESIDENTIAL USES AND DENSITIES:** Attached and detached single-family dwellings may be permitted within a RCD Overlay Zone. The density of dwelling units in a RCD shall be determined by the density (dwelling units per net acre) as calculated from the existing residential (R) zone superimposed by the RCD Overlay Zone. This density shall be applied to the total project area, excluding that land devoted to streets (public and private).
- E. **PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC USES:** Public and semi-public structures and uses may be permitted in the RCD. These uses shall be delineated on the plan and shall be limited to one or more of the following uses:
 1. Churches
 2. Community centers, including day care facilities
 3. Country clubs
 4. Fire or police stations
 5. Libraries
 6. Open space/recreation areas
 7. Schools (nursery, elementary, and secondary)
- F. **AREA REQUIREMENTS:** No RCD Overlay Zone shall be permitted on less than three (3) acres of land. However, development of a smaller tract adjacent to an existing RCD Overlay Zone may be permitted, if the proposed development conforms to and extends the original development as if the new area had been a part of the original development.
- G. **HEIGHT, YARD, AND SETBACK REGULATIONS:** Requirements shall be as approved in the plan.

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- H. OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING AND/OR UNLOADING: Off-street parking and, when applicable, loading and/or unloading facilities, shall be provided in accordance with Articles XI and XII of this ordinance.
- I. FENCES, WALLS, AND SIGNS: The location, height, and type of all fences, walls, and signs, shall be as approved in the Stage I plan.
- J. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL: Effective erosion and sedimentation controls shall be planned and applied in accordance with Section 9.7 of this ordinance.
- K. COMMON OPEN SPACE/RECREATION AREA: At least twenty percent (20%) of the total acreage of the proposed RCD shall be retained as common open space/recreation area, and dedicated to a public and/or private entity for operation and maintenance. Such open space/recreation areas shall be physically situated so as to be readily accessible, available to, and usable by all residents of the RCD. Common open space/recreation areas shall be that part of the total project exclusive of dwellings, streets, parking areas, single-family lots, commercial areas, and other non-open space and non-recreationally oriented facilities.
- L. AMENDMENTS: Any amendments to plans, except for the minor adjustments which may be permitted by the zoning administrator, shall be made in accordance with the procedure required by this ordinance, subject to the same limitations and requirements as those under which such plans were originally approved.
- M. EXPIRATION: Any amendment to the RCD Overlay Zone shall be subject to the time constraints, as noted below. Upon expiration of said time period, and any extensions thereto, the legislative body may initiate a request for a public hearing by the planning commission, in accordance with the requirements of KRS Chapter 100, for the purpose of determining whether said PUD Overlay zone should revert to its original zoning designation. A public hearing may be initiated if either of the following conditions apply:
1. Stage II Plan has not been approved by the planning commission within a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months from the date of the approval of the Stage I approved plan and overlay zone amendment by the legislative body; provided that an extension may be permitted upon approval of the legislative body, or their duly authorized representative, if sufficient proof can be demonstrated that prevailing conditions have not changed appreciably to render the Stage I approved plan obsolete.
 2. Substantial construction has not been initiated within a period of twelve (12) consecutive months from the date of approval of the Stage II Plan by

the legislative body of a particular section; provided that an extension may be permitted upon approval of the legislative body, or its duly authorized representative, if sufficient proof can be demonstrated that the construction was delayed due to circumstances beyond the applicant's control, and that prevailing conditions have not changed appreciably to render the Stage I approved plan obsolete. The amount of construction constituting initiating substantial construction shall be as approved in the Stage II approved plan.

- N. UTILITIES: All utilities in a RCD Overlay Zone shall be underground.