
SECTION 10.8 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 R-1 residential land development procedures, but always with the intention of furthering the public health, safety, and general welfare.
- 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 processed as follows:
1. **Stage I** - Except as provided for in Section 17.0, I., of this ordinance, applications for a map amendment to zone an area RCD shall be accompanied by a development plan, as regulated by Section 9.20, A., of this ordinance, along with supporting information/documentation pertaining to each of the criteria items identified in Subsection O., below. If an area, however, is currently zoned RCD, the submission of the Stage I Development Plan, for review by the planning commission and the legislative body, shall not be required until the area is proposed to be developed. Development shall include the demolition, erection, physical expansion, change of use, or outside remodeling of any structure. Development shall not include the normal maintenance (e.g., cleaning, painting, etc.) of any structure.
 - 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 ninety (90) 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 approved Stage I Development Plan.

The legislative body shall forward a copy of the approved Stage I Development Plan to the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, for further processing in accordance with the requirements for Stage II Development Plan and Record Plat.

Upon approval of the RCD Overlay Zone, the official zoning map shall be amended by adding the prefix "RCD" to the residential zone (e.g., RCD-R-1B, RCD-R-1C, RCD-R-2, etc.).

2. Stage II -- Plan and Record Plat - A Stage II Development Plan and Record Plat shall be developed in conformance with the approved Stage I Development Plan and in accordance with the requirements of Section 9.20, B. and C. of this ordinance, and submitted to the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, for its review and approval. 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. of this ordinance, 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 Development Plan with regard to its compliance with the required elements of Section 9.20, B. of this ordinance, other applicable elements of this ordinance, other applicable regulations, and its conformity with the approved Stage I

Development Plan. Minor adjustments from the approved Stage I Development Plan may be permitted, provided that the adjustments do not affect the spatial relationship of structures, change land uses, increase overall density, significantly alter circulation patterns (vehicular and pedestrian), or decrease the amount and/or usability of open space or recreation areas, or conflict with other applicable requirements of this ordinance.

Upon approval of the Stage II Development Plan, by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, a copy of said plan shall be forwarded to the zoning administrator, who shall grant permits only in accordance with the approved Stage II Development Plan and other regulations as may be required by this ordinance.

- b. Upon approval of the Stage II Development Plan, the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, shall review the submitted Record Plat, if applicable, with regard to its compliance with the required elements of Section 9.20, C. of this ordinance, the applicable requirements of the subdivision regulations, and its conformance with the approved Stage II Development Plan.

Upon approval of the Record Plat, by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, copies of said plat, certified by the planning commission, and suitable for recording, shall be forwarded to the office of the County Clerk to be recorded.

- D. **RESIDENTIAL USES AND DENSITIES:** All types of residential housing units 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 residential 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. **ACCESSORY USES:** Accessory uses shall be as specified within the zone being overlaid.
- F. **CONDITIONAL USES:** Conditional uses, including any customary accessory structures and uses, shall be as specified within the zone being overlaid, subject to the approval of the Board of Adjustment, as set forth in Sections 9.12 and 18.7 of this ordinance.
- G. **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 Stage I Development Plan and may include the following:

1. Child care centers
2. Churches
3. Community centers
4. Country clubs
5. Fire or police stations
6. Libraries
7. Open space/recreation areas

H. AREA REQUIREMENTS

1. No RCD Zone shall be permitted on less than five (5) acres of land. However, an area of less than five (5) acres may be zoned RCD, provided it is adjacent to an area with an existing approved Stage I Development Plan and is currently zoned RCD.
2. The minimum area for submission of a Stage I Development Plan, within an existing RCD Zone, shall be not less than three (3) acres. However, a Stage I Development Plan may be submitted for an area of less than five (5) acres, provided it is consistent with an officially adopted Neighborhood Concept Plan for the area in question, and said Stage I Development Plan is in agreement with all other requirements of the RCD Zone.

I. HEIGHT, YARD, AND SETBACK REGULATIONS: Requirements shall be as approved in the plan.

J. 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.

K. FENCES, WALLS, AND SIGNS: The location, height, and type of all fences, walls, and signs, shall be as approved in the plan.

L. EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL: Effective erosion and sedimentation controls shall be planned and applied in accordance with Section 9.7 of this ordinance.

M. COMMON OPEN SPACE/RECREATION AREA: At least twenty (20) percent 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 activities within the RCD. Common open space/recreation areas shall be that

part of the total project exclusive of buildings, streets, parking areas, single-family residential lots, and access drives.

- N. SCREENING: Shall be as approved in the plan.
- O. CRITERIA: Evaluation of the proposed development plan shall be based upon the following criteria:
 - 1. Agreement with the various elements of the Wilder Comprehensive Plan and where applicable, any officially adopted Neighborhood Concept Plan by the planning commission or the legislative body, or other adopted plan.
 - 2. Extent to which the proposed development plan is consistent with the purpose of the RCD Zone.
 - 3. Adequacy of the proposed site, considering such factors as the sufficiency of the size of the site to comply with the established criteria, the configuration of the site, and the extent to which the site is formed by logical boundaries (based on topography, natural features, streets, relationship of adjacent uses, etc.).
 - 4. Nature and extent of the proposed commercial types, proposed in relation to the unique characteristics of the site; the current or anticipated need for such use(s) and the specific size and locale of the market area from which the specific uses of the site will draw or serve.
 - 5. Extent to which the proposed design, as indicated in the Stage I Development Plan, is compatible with development contiguous to the site. Compatibility shall be reviewed in terms of intensity of land use type in relation to the general character of the surrounding area; the scale (e.g., height and mass of structures) of the proposed development; location of open spaces and size of setbacks; provisions of screening areas or utilization of natural features; the transition of land use types based on the proposed design; and the impact of the proposed development on adjacent uses, such as noise, visual impact, hours of operation, traffic circulation, etc.
 - 6. Amount of traffic that would be generated by the proposed operation and the ability of the existing highway system to adequately handle said traffic. Where deficiencies exist, proposed traffic improvements that would correct such deficiencies may be considered.
 - 7. Extent to which the design of the internal street system provides for the efficient and safe movement of traffic within the site, and to and from the site without adversely affecting the ability of the adjoining street system to carry traffic.
 - 8. Extent to which all necessary public utilities and facilities are available to service the development including police and fire protection, water and sewer services, and other services normally provided within the area.

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- P. AMENDMENTS: Any amendments to plans, except for the minor adjustments which may be permitted by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, shall be made in accordance with the procedure required by Subsection C., subject to the same limitations and requirements as those under which such plans were originally approved.
- Q. UTILITIES: All utilities in a RCD shall be underground.
- R. EXPIRATION: Development plans within 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 RCD 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 Development Plan has not been approved by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, within a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive months from the date of the approved Stage I Development 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 approved Stage I Development 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 Development Plan by the planning commission, or its duly authorized representative, 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 approved Stage I Development Plan obsolete. The amount of construction constituting initiating substantial construction shall be as approved in the approved Stage II Development Plan.