



INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

TO: **Planning and Community Development**
FROM: **Nora Gierloff, DCD Director**
BY: **Isaac Gloor, Associate Planner**
CC: **Thomas McLeod**
DATE: **July 8, 2024**
SUBJECT: **Title 18 Housekeeping: Accessory Dwelling Units**

ISSUE

Minor housekeeping amendments to Title 18 to update Accessory Dwelling Unit development standards.

BACKGROUND

In November of 2023, the City Council approved zoning code amendments that altered the development standards for Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) to comply with the recently passed State Law, known during development as HB 1337. These amendments allow for all parcels where Single-Family Homes are permitted to now develop up to two ADUs, in either attached or detached form, without owner occupancy and, if near frequent transit, without additional parking. Parking standards for single-family homes were not changed, and ADUs are still subject to most of the same development standards as single-family homes are, including setbacks and impervious surface limits. While the majority of changes made were amendments to TMC 18.50, the chapter containing 'Supplemental Development Standards', additional areas where code must be changed to comply with Tukwila's requirements have been identified in the time since the Council's action.

On May 23rd, 2024, the Planning Commission held a public hearing on this topic and unanimously agreed to recommend that the City Council approve these amendments.

DISCUSSION

Below is a summary of the identified code sections and proposed changes:

- **TMC Table 18-6: Land Uses Allowed by District**
 - **Issue:** State law requires that Tukwila permit ADUs anywhere that the City permits Single-Family Homes. Most of Tukwila's Single-Family Homes are located within Tukwila's three residential zoning districts: Low-Density Residential, Medium-Density Residential, and High-Density Residential. The land use table currently permits ADUs within those districts. However, Tukwila also permits single-family homes within several other districts, including the Mixed Use Office (MUO), Office (O), Residential Commercial Center (RCC), Neighborhood Commercial Center (NCC), Tukwila Valley South (TVS), and Tukwila South Overlay (TSO) districts. As Table 18-6 does not show that ADUs are permitted within those districts, Tukwila could not allow a new ADU to be established within them. This leaves Tukwila out of compliance with the requirements of State Law.
 - **Suggested Change:** Staff proposes to amend TMC Table 18-6 to include ADUs as permitted accessory uses within the MUO, O, RCC, NCC, TVS, and TSO zoning districts. While this would permit ADUs within 4 additional zoning districts than what is currently permitted, the impact is expected to be minor, as these districts do not currently contain many eligible properties and are unlikely to in the future.

- TMC 18.50.220(B)(3): Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards; General Standards
 - Issue: This code section establishes the maximum size of detached ADUs, which, as required by the State, is set at 1000 square feet. However, it also states that if an ADU is built over a detached garage, the department will not count the square footage of the detached garage toward the maximum size of an ADU. While this is accurate, it implies that in other scenarios, the department *would* count the square footage of a garage and use that to limit the size of ADUs. This implicit meaning is unintentional, and if enforced, would violate state requirements.
 - Suggested Change: Staff proposes to amend TMC 18.50.220(B)(3) to remove the sentence “*If built over a detached garage, the detached garage would not count toward the area limit for the ADU*”. This change would remove the implication that other types of garages may count toward ADU area limits. This sentence is unnecessary, as garages are not habitable and would not count toward an ADUs floor area in any circumstance.
- TMC 18.50.055(C): Single-Family Dwelling Design Standard Exceptions
 - Issue: Washington State allows cities to establish design standards for ADUs, provided that those standards are no more restrictive than the standards for single-family dwellings. The TMC does this by establishing design standards for all new single-family dwellings, as well as accessory dwelling units and other accessory structures that require a building permit. These standards, as they are equally applied, comply with State requirements. Prior to the November code update by Council, Tukwila’s Accessory Dwelling Unit standards contained design requirements that were more restrictive than those for single-family homes. While those requirements were removed from the code specifically referencing ADUs, Tukwila’s single-family design standards still contain a reference to the now defunct code section.
 - Suggested Change: Staff proposes to correct this scrivener’s error and remove TMC 18.50.055(C).

FINANCIAL IMPACT

None.

RECOMMENDATION

The Council is being asked to approve the ordinance as proposed and consider this item at the July 22, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting and the Special Meeting Consent Agenda later that night.

ATTACHMENT

- A. 2024 ADU Housekeeping Ordinance

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, AMENDING TUKWILA MUNICIPAL CODE (TMC) SECTIONS 18.50.055 AND 18.50.220; AMENDING TABLE 18-6; TO ENSURE ACCESSORY DWELLING UNIT REGULATION COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila is an incorporated city within a fully planning jurisdiction under the Growth Management Act (GMA), per RCW 36.70A.040; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tukwila is subject to the provisions of Engrossed House Bill (“EHB”) 1337 as a fully planning jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Tukwila Municipal Code (TMC) Section 18.50.055 establishes exceptions from Single-Family design standards relating to Accessory Dwelling Units, and

WHEREAS, TMC Section 18.50.220 establishes development regulations related to Accessory Dwelling Units; and

WHEREAS, Table 18-6 of the TMC establishes the zoning districts that Accessory Dwelling Units may be permitted within; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2023, the City Council passed Ordinance No. 2716, updating many of the development regulations existing within the TMC regarding Accessory Dwelling Units that were non-compliant with EHB 1337; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified sections of the TMC that require further updates to be compliant with EHB 1337; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2024, the City submitted the proposed amendment to the Washington State Department of Commerce for its expedited 30-day review and received documentation of completion of the procedural requirement (Submittal ID 2024-S-7090); and

WHEREAS, in taking the actions set forth in this ordinance, the City has complied with the requirements of the State Environmental Policy Act, Chapter 43.21C RCW; and any action taken by a city to comply with the requirements of EHB 1337 is not subject to legal challenge under chapter 43.21C RCW; and

WHEREAS, the Tukwila Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing on May 23, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the City Council held a duly noticed public hearing on July 22, 2024; and

WHEREAS, based on careful consideration of the facts and law, the City Council finds that the proposed amendments attached and incorporated herein should be approved as presented;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Findings of Fact. The City Council finds as follows:

A. The above recitals, set forth as “WHEREAS” clauses, are hereby adopted as Findings of Fact in support of the adoption of this ordinance.

B. The amendments that are established below are consistent with EHB 1337.

Section 2. TMC Section 18.50.055 Amended. Ordinance Nos. 2678 §14; 2581 §10; 2368 §52; and 2098 §3, as codified at TMC Section 18.50.055, “Single-Family Design Standard Exceptions,” are hereby amended to read as follows:

18.50.055 Single-Family Design Standard Exceptions

A. The design standards required in TMC Section 18.50.050 (4), (5) and (6) may be modified by the Community Development Director as part of the building permit approval process.

1. The criteria for approval of use of unconventional exterior siding are as follows:

a. The structure exhibits a high degree of design quality, including a mix of exterior materials, detailing, articulation and modulation; and

b. The proposed siding material is durable with an expected life span similar to the structure; and

c. The siding material enhances a unique architectural design.

2. The criteria for approval of a house with a front door that faces the side or rear yard are as follows:

a. The topography of the lot is such that pedestrian access is safer or more convenient from the side or rear yard;

b. The entrance is oriented to take advantage of a site condition such as a significant view; or

c. The entry feature is integral to a unique architectural design.

B. The design standards required in TMC Section 18.50.050 (5) and (6) may also be modified by the Community Development Director as part of the building permit approval process if the proposal includes a replacement of a single wide manufactured home with a double wide and newer manufactured home. The property owner can apply for this waiver only one time per property starting from the date of adoption of this ordinance. Additionally, the proposal should result in aesthetic improvement to the neighborhood.

~~C. The design standards required in TMC Section 18.50.220.A (4) may be modified by the Community Development Director as part of the building permit approval process. The design of an attached ADU that does not reflect the design vocabulary of the existing primary residence may be approved if the new portion of the structure exhibits a high degree of design quality, including a mix of durable exterior materials, detailing, articulation and modulation.~~

Section 3. TMC Section 18.50.220 Amended. Ordinance Nos. 2716 §5 and 2581 §11 as codified at TMC Section 18.50.220, "Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards," **subparagraph B.3**, are hereby amended to read as follows:

18.50.220 Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) Standards

B. General Standards.

1. Two (2) ADUs may be created per lot. The lot shall contain one (1) principal unit and a maximum of two (2) ADUs. These ADUs may be either attached or detached.

2. Attached ADUs may occupy a maximum of 40% of the square footage of the principal unit (excluding the area of any attached garage) or up to 1,000 square feet, whichever is greater.

3. Detached ADUs may be a maximum of 1,000 square feet. ~~If built over a detached garage, the detached garage would not count toward the area limit for the ADU.~~

4. Detached ADUs may be up to 25 feet in height.

5. ADUs are subject to the development standards of the zoning district they are located within. Development standards relating to setbacks and development coverage do not apply to conversions of existing non-conforming structures that are proposed for ADU conversion. New ADUs are not subject to rear yard setbacks on parcels where the rear yard abuts an alley.

6. ADUs may not be rented for periods of less than 30 days.

Section 4. TMC Table 18-6, "Land Uses Allowed by District," Amended. Ordinance No. 2718 §7, as codified at TMC Table 18-6, "Land Uses Allowed by District" is hereby amended as forth in the amended Table 18-6 attached as Exhibit A.

Section 7. Corrections by City Clerk or Code Reviser Authorized. Upon approval of the City Attorney, the City Clerk and the code reviser are authorized to make

necessary corrections to this ordinance, including the correction of clerical errors; references to other local, state or federal laws, codes, rules, or regulations; or ordinance numbering and section/subsection numbering.

Section 8. Severability. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance or its application to any person or situation should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this ordinance or its application to any other person or situation.

Section 9. Effective Date. This ordinance or a summary thereof shall be published in the official newspaper of the City, and shall take effect and be in full force five days after passage and publication as provided by law.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TUKWILA, WASHINGTON, at a Regular Meeting thereof this _____ day of _____, 2024.

ATTEST/AUTHENTICATED:

Andy Youn, CMC, City Clerk

Thomas McLeod, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM BY:

Filed with the City Clerk: _____

Passed by the City Council: _____

Published: _____

Effective Date: _____

Ordinance Number: _____

Office of the City Attorney

Attachment: Exhibit A, Table 18-6: "Land Uses Allowed by District"

Exhibit A – Table 18-6: Land Uses Allowed by District

See Table 18-2 for uses allowed in TUC and Figure 18-1 for uses allowed in Shoreline.

For properties zoned LDR, MDR and HDR that are designated as Commercial Redevelopment Areas (see figure 18-9 or 18-10), the uses and development standards of the adjacent commercial zone are permitted and shall apply, subject to the specific criteria and procedures defined in TMC 18.60.060

	LDR	MDR	HDR	MUO	O	RCC	NCC	RC	RCM	C/LI	LI	HI	MIC/L	MIC/H	TVS	TSO	PRO
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Adult day care	A	A	A	A	A			A	A							P	
Adult entertainment (subject to location restrictions ¹)										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Airports, landing fields and heliports (except emergency sites)										U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Amusement Parks								C	C	C	C	C			C	P	
Animal rendering											U					P	
Animal shelters and kennels, subject to additional State and local regulations (less than 4 cats/dogs = no permit)								C	C	C	C	C			C		
Animal Veterinary, including associated temporary indoor boarding; access to an arterial required	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P						P	
Bed and breakfast lodging for not more than twelve guests ⁵	C	C	C														
Bed and breakfast lodging (no size limit specified)				C												P	
Bicycle repair shops				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Boarding Homes		C	C														
Brew Pubs				P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Bus stations							P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cargo containers (*see also TMC 18.50.060)	A&S	A&S	A&S					A&S	A&S	A&S	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Cement manufacturing										U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Cemeteries and crematories	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	C	C	C			C	C	
Colleges and universities				C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C6	C6	C6	P	
Commercial laundries								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Commercial Parking (Commercial parking is a use of land or structure for the parking of motor vehicles as a commercial enterprise for which hourly, daily, or weekly fees are charged. TMC Section 18.06.613)				P7	P7			P7	P7	P7	P8	P8				P8	

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Contractor storage yards										P	P	P	P	P	P		
Continuing care retirement facility				C	C		C	C	C	C					C	P	
Convalescent & nursing homes & assisted living facility for not more than twelve patients		C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P					P	P	
Convalescent & nursing homes & assisted living facility for more than twelve patients				C	C		C	C	C	C					C	P	
Convention facilities								P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Correctional institutes					U11						U	U		U			
Daycare Centers (not home-based)		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Daycare Family Home (Family Child Care Home) ¹²	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A						A	A	
Diversion facilities and diversion interim services facilities south of Strander Blvd										U							
Domestic Shelter	P	P	P	P	P												
Dormitory	C	C	C	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13	A13			A13	A13	
Drive-in theatres								C	C	C	C	C			C		
Dwelling – Detached single family (Includes site built, modular home or new manufactured home). One detached single family dwelling per existing lot permitted in MUO, O, RCC, NCC, TVS.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P								P	P	
Dwelling- Detached Zero-Lot Line Units		P															
Dwelling- Duplex, triplex or fourplex or townhouse up to four attached units		P														P	
Dwelling- Townhouses			P													P	
Dwelling –Multi-family			P					P14								P	
Dwelling – Multi-family units above office and retail uses				P		P	P	P	P						C15	P	
															22/		
															ac		
Dwelling – Senior citizen housing, including assisted living facility for seniors *see purpose section of chapter, uses sections, and development standards		P meeting density and all other MDR standards	P 60/ac	P 60/ac			P 60/ac	P 60/ac	P 60/ac						C15	P	
															100/		
															ac		
Dwelling unit – Accessory ¹⁶	A	A	A	A	A	A	A								A	A	
Electrical Substation – Distribution	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Electrical Substation – Transmission/Switching												U			U	U	U

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Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Level 1 and Level 2	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Electric Vehicle Charging Station – Level 3, battery exchange stations, and rapid charging stations. (TMC 18.50.140)	A	A	A	A	A	A	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Emergency Housing								P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	
Emergency Shelter								P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	P37	
Essential public facilities, except those uses listed separately in any of the other zones								U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Extended-stay hotel								P34	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Farming and farm-related activities																P	P
Fire & Police Stations	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Fraternal organizations				P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Garage or carport (private) not exceeding 1,500 sq.ft. on same lot as residence and is subject to the regulations affecting the main building	A	A															
Greenhouses (noncommercial) and storage sheds not exceeding 1,000 sq/ft	A	A	A	A													
Greenhouses or nurseries (commercial)						P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Hazardous waste treatment and storage facilities (off-site) subject to compliance with state siting criteria (RCW Chapter 70.105) (See TMC 21.08)												C		C			
Heavy equipment repair and salvage										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Helipads, accessory																C	
Home Occupation (Permitted in dwellings as covered in TMC Section 18.06.430.)	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A						A	A	
Hospitals				C	C			C	C	C	C	C			C	P	
Hotels								P34	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	
Hydroelectric and private utility power generating plants								U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Industries involved with etching, film processing, lithography, printing and publishing								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Internet Data/Telecommunication Centers								C		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Landfills and excavations which the responsible official, acting pursuant to the State Environmental Policy Act, determines are significant environmental actions	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Laundries; self-serve, dry cleaning, tailor, dyeing				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Libraries, museums, or art galleries (public)	C	C	P	P	P	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Manuf./Mobile home park ¹⁷		C	P														

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<i>Manufacturing and industrial uses that have little potential for creating off-site noise, smoke, dust, vibration or other external environmental impacts or pollution:</i>																	
A) Manufacturing, processing and/or packaging pharmaceuticals and related products, such as cosmetics and drugs							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
B) Manufacturing, processing and/or packaging previously prepared materials including, but not limited to, bags, brooms, brushes, canvas, clay, clothing, fur, furniture, glass, ink, paint, paper, plastics, rubber, tile, and wood							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
C) Manufacturing, processing, assembling, packaging and/or repairing electronic, mechanical or precision instruments such as medical and dental equipment, photographic goods, measurement and control devices, and recording equipment							P18	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
D) Manufacturing, processing, packaging of foods, such as baked goods, beverages, candy, canned or preserved foods, dairy products and byproducts, frozen foods, instant foods, and meats (no slaughtering)											P	P	P	P			
i) Fermenting and distilling included																	
ii) No fermenting and distilling							P18	P	P	P					P	P	
<i>Manufacturing and industrial uses that have moderate to substantial potential for creating off-site noise, smoke, dust, vibration or other external environmental impacts:</i>																	
(A) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling chemicals, light metals, plastics, solvents, soaps, wood, coal, glass, enamels, textiles, fabrics, plaster, agricultural products or animal products (no rendering or slaughtering)										C	C	C	C	P	C		
(B) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling of previously manufactured metals, such as iron and steel fabrication; steel production by electric arc melting, argon oxygen refining, and consumable electrode melting; and similar heavy industrial uses										C	C	C	C	P	C		
(C) Manufacturing, processing and/or assembling of previously prepared metals including, but not limited to, stamping, dyeing, shearing or punching of metal, engraving, galvanizing and hand forging								C	C	C	C	P	P	P	C		
D) Manufacturing, processing, assembling and/or packaging of electrical or mechanical equipment, vehicles and machines including, but not limited to, heavy and light machinery, tools, airplanes, boats or other transportation vehicles and equipment										P	P	P	P	P	C		
E) Heavy metal processes such as smelting, blast furnaces, drop forging or drop hammering													C	P			

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Manufacturing that includes rock crushing, asphalt or concrete batching or mixing, stone cutting, brick manufacture, marble works, and the assembly of products from the above materials										C	C	P	C	P	C	C	
Manufacturing, refining or storing highly volatile noxious or explosive products (less than tank car lots) such as acids, petroleum products, oil or gas, matches, fertilizer or insecticides; except for accessory storage of such materials												U		U	U	U	
Marijuana producers, processors, or retailers (with state issued license)												P			P	P19	
Mass transit facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Medical and dental laboratories				P	P			P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Minor expansion of an existing warehouse ²⁰																	S
Mortician and funeral homes								P	P	P	P	P			P	C	
Motels								P	P	P	P	P	C	C	P	P	
Offices including: medical, dental, government (excluding fire & police stations), professional, administrative, computer software development, business, e.g. travel, real estate & commercial				P22	P	P22	P23	P	P	P	P	P	P9 C10	P24 C25	P	P	
Office or sample room for wholesale or retail sales, with less than 50% storage or warehousing							P										
Park & ride lots				C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Parking areas	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Parking areas, for municipal uses and police stations	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Parks, trails, picnic areas and playgrounds (public), but not including amusement parks, golf courses, or commercial recreation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
Pawnbroker/Payday lender								C	C	C	C	C			P	P	
Permanent Supportive Housing	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38										
Planned Shopping Center (mall)								P	P	P	P	P			P	P26	
Radio, television, microwave, or observation stations and towers	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	
Railroad freight or classification yards												U	U	U	U		
Railroad tracks (including lead, spur, loading or storage)										P	P	P	P	P	P		

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Recreation facilities (commercial – indoor) – athletic or health clubs				P	P		P	P	P	P	P	P	C3	P	P	P	
Recreation facilities (commercial – indoor), including bowling alleys, skating rinks, shooting ranges							C	P	P	P	P				P	P	
Recreation facilities (commercial – outdoor), including golf courses, golf driving ranges, fairgrounds, animal race tracks, sports fields										C	C	C				C	
Recreation facilities (public), including, but not limited to sports fields, community centers and golf courses	C	C	C	C	C		C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	P
Recreational area and facilities for employees				A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Religious facilities with an assembly area less than 750 sq. ft.	C	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Religious facilities with an assembly area greater than 750 sq. ft. and associated community center buildings	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C			C	C	
Removal and processing of sand, gravel, rock, peat, black soil and other natural deposits together with associated structures										U	U	U	U	U	U	U	
Rental of vehicles not requiring a commercial driver's license									P36	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Rental of commercial trucks and fleet rentals requiring a commercial driver's license										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Research and development facilities																P	P
Residences for security or maintenance personnel				A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	
Restaurants, drive-through permitted									P35	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Restaurants, drive-through not permitted				P	P	C	P										
Retail, General				P	P4	P	P35	P35	P	P	P	P	C3	C3	P	P	
Sales and rental of heavy machinery and equipment subject to landscaping requirements of TMC Chapter 18.52*										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Salvage and wrecking operations												P		P	C		
Salvage and wrecking operations which are entirely enclosed within a building										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Sanitariums, or similar institutes																C	
Schools and studios for education or self-improvement				P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P9 C10	P27	P	P	
Schools, preschool, elementary, junior & senior high schools (public), and equivalent private schools	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C	C						C	C	P (public only)
Secure community transition facility ²⁸														U			

P = Permitted outright; A = Accessory (customarily appurtenant and incidental to a permitted use); C = Conditional (subject to TMC 18.64); U = Unclassified (subject to TMC 18.66); S = Special Permission (Administrative approval by the Director)	LDR	MDR	HDR	MUO	O	RCC	NCC	RC	RCM	C/LI	LI	HI	MIC/L	MIC/H	TVS	TSO	PRO
Self-storage facilities								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Sewage lift station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U									P	
Shelter	P	P	P	P	P												
Stable (private)	A29	A29	A29													P	
Storage (outdoor) of materials allowed to be manufactured or handled within facilities conforming to uses under this chapter; and screened pursuant to TMC Chapter 18.52								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Storage (outdoor) of materials is permitted up to a height of 20 feet with a front yard setback of 25 feet, and to a height of 50 feet with a front yard setback of 100 feet; security required												P	P	P	C	C	
Storm water - neighborhood detention + treatment facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U									P	
Storm water pump station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Studios – Art, photography, music, voice and dance				P	P	P	P	P	P	P					P	P	
Taverns, nightclubs								P	P	P	P	P	P30	P30	P	P	
Telephone exchanges					P		P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Theaters, except those theaters which constitute “adult entertainment establishments” as defined by this Zoning Code							P	P	P	P	P	P			P	P31	
Tow-truck operations, subject to all additional State and local regulations										P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Transfer stations (refuse and garbage) when operated by a public agency												U	U	U	U		
Transitional Housing	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38	P38										
Truck terminals										P	P	P	P	P	P		
Utilities, regional																	C
Vehicle sales lot?								P32	P	P	P	P			P	P	
Vehicle service station							P33	P33	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Vehicle storage (no customers onsite, does not include park-and-fly operations)																	P
Warehouse storage and/or wholesale distribution facilities								P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		
Water pump station	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Water utility reservoir and related facilities	U	U	U	U	U	U	U										
Wireless Telecommunications Facilities (*see TMC Ch. 18.58)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

Note: The Director of Community Development will make a determination for uses not specifically listed in the Zoning Code. The Director will consider whether the proposed use is:

- a. Similar in nature to and compatible with other uses permitted out right within a similar zone; and
- b. Consistent with the stated purpose of the zone; and
- c. Consistent with the policies of the Tukwila Comprehensive Plan.

1. Adult entertainment establishments are permitted, subject to the following location restrictions:
 - a. No adult entertainment establishment shall be allowed within the following distances from the following specified uses, areas or zones, whether such uses, areas or zones are located within or outside the City limits:
 - (1) In or within 1,000 feet of any LDR, MDR, HDR, MUO, O, NCC, RC, RCM or TUC zone districts or any other residentially-zoned property;
 - (2) In or within one-half mile of:
 - (a) Public or private school with curricula equivalent to elementary, junior or senior high schools, or any facility owned or operated by such schools; and
 - (b) Care centers, preschools, nursery schools or other child care facilities;
 - (3) In or within 1,000 feet of:
 - (a) public park, trail or public recreational facility; or
 - (b) church, temple, synagogue or chapel; or
 - (c) public library.
 - b. The distances specified in TMC Section 18.30.020.1.a shall be measured by following a straight line from the nearest point of the property parcel upon which the proposed use is to be located, to the nearest point of the parcel of property or land use district boundary line from which the proposed land use is to be separated.
 - c. No adult entertainment establishment shall be allowed to locate within 1,000 feet of an existing adult entertainment establishment. The distance specified in this section shall be measured by following a straight line between the nearest points of public entry into each establishment.
2. No dismantling of cars or travel trailers or sale of used parts allowed.
3. Retail sales and services are limited to uses of a type and size that clearly intend to serve other permitted uses and/or the employees of those uses.
4. Retail sales as part of a planned mixed-use development where at least 50% of gross leasable floor area development is for office use; no auto-oriented retail sales (e.g. drive-ins, service stations).
5. Bed and breakfast facilities, provided:
 - a. the manager/owner must live on-site,
 - b. the maximum number of residents, either permanent or temporary, at any one time is twelve,
 - c. two on-site parking spaces for the owner and permanent residents and one additional on-site parking space is provided for each bedroom rented to customers,
 - d. the maximum length of continuous stay by a guest is 14 days,
 - e. breakfast must be offered on-site to customers, and
 - f. all necessary permits or approvals are obtained from the Health Department.
6. Colleges and universities with primarily vocational curriculum if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use.
7. Commercial parking, provided it is:
 - a. a structured parking facility located within a structure having substantial ground floor retail or commercial activities and designed such that the pedestrian and commercial environments are not negatively impacted by the parking use; or
 - b. a surface parking facility located at least 175 feet from adjacent arterial streets and behind a building that, combined with appropriate Type III landscaping, provides effective visual screening from adjacent streets.
8. Commercial parking subject to TMC Chapter 18.56, Off-Street Parking and Loading Regulations.

9. Offices including, but not limited to, software development and similar uses, financial services, schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use, less than 20,000 square feet. This category does not include outpatient medical and dental clinics.
10. Offices including, but not limited to, software development and similar uses, financial services, schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use, 20,000 square feet and over.
11. Correctional institution operated by the City of Tukwila.
12. Family child care homes, provided the facility shall be licensed by the Department of Early Learning or its successor agency and shall provide a safe passenger loading zone.
13. Dormitory as an accessory use to other uses that are otherwise permitted or approved conditional uses such as churches, universities, colleges or schools.
14. Dwelling - multi-family units on a lot that does not front on Tukwila International Boulevard South, subject to the HDR requirements of TMC Section 18.50.083, Maximum Building Length, and TMC Section 18.52.060, 2-4, Recreation Space Requirements.
15. Dwelling - Multi-family units (Max. 22.0 units/acre except senior citizen housing which is allowed to 100 units/acre, as a mixed-use development that is non-industrial in nature); must be located on property adjacent to and not greater than 500 feet from the Green River, Tukwila Pond, or Minkler Pond.
16. See TMC Section 18.50.220 for accessory dwelling unit standards.
17. Manufactured/mobile home park, meeting the following requirements:
 - a. the development site shall comprise not less than two contiguous acres;
 - b. overall development density shall not exceed eight dwelling units per acre;
 - c. vehicular access to individual dwelling units shall be from the interior of the park; and
 - d. emergency access shall be subject to the approval of the Tukwila Fire Department.
18. NCC allows businesses that include a retail component in conjunction with their manufacturing operation and meeting other performance standards of Chapter 18.22. These businesses may manufacture, process, assemble and/or package the following:
 - a. foods, including but not limited to baked goods, beverages, candy, canned or preserved foods, dairy products and by products, frozen foods, instant foods and meats (no slaughtering);
 - b. pharmaceuticals and related products such as cosmetics and drugs;
 - c. bags, brooms, brushes, canvas, clay, clothing, fur, furniture, glass, ink, paints, paper, plastics, rubber, tile and wood;
 - d. electronic, mechanical, or precision instruments;
 - e. other manufacturing and assembly of a similar light industrial character;
 - f. industries involved with etching, lithography, printing, and publishing, meeting the City's performance standards and offering their services to the local populace on a walk-in basis;
 - g. businesses that service and repair the above products, that are entirely enclosed within a building, offering their services to the local populace on a walk-in basis and meeting the City's performance standards.
19. Where the underlying zoning is HI or TVS.

20. Minor expansion of an existing warehouse if the following criteria are met:
- a. The area of the proposed expansion may not exceed 5% of the floor area of the existing warehouse;
 - b. The proposed expansion will not increase any building dimension that is legally non-conforming;
 - c. Only one minor expansion may be permitted per warehouse in existence as of the date of adoption of the Tukwila South Project Development Agreement;
 - d. The proposed expansion must be constructed within two years of the date of approval;
 - e. The proposed development shall be compatible generally with the surrounding land uses in terms of traffic and pedestrian circulation, building and site design;
 - f. All measures have been taken to minimize the possible adverse impacts the proposed expansion may have on the area in which it is located.
21. Movie theaters with more than three screens if the following criteria are met:
- a. The applicant must demonstrate through an economic analysis that the theater will not have a significant financial impact on any other theater in Tukwila;
 - b. The proposed development shall be compatible generally with the surrounding land uses in terms of traffic and pedestrian circulation, building and site design;
 - c. The proposed theater must demonstrate substantial conformance with the goals and policies of the Comprehensive Land Use Policy Plan and the Tukwila South Master Plan;
 - d. All measures have been taken to minimize the possible adverse impacts the proposed theater may have on the area in which it is located.
22. Offices, when such offices occupy no more than the first two stories of the building or basement and floor above.
23. Offices, when such offices occupy no more than the first two stories of the building, or basement and floor above, or three stories, in the Urban Redevelopment Area along Tukwila International Boulevard.
24. Offices; must be associated with another permitted use (e.g., administrative offices for a manufacturing company present within the MIC).
25. Offices not associated with other permitted uses and excluding medical/dental clinics, subject to the following location and size restrictions:
- a. New Office Developments:
 - (1) New office developments shall not exceed 100,000 square feet of gross floor area per lot that was legally established prior to 09/20/2003.
 - (2) No new offices shall be allowed on lots that abut the Duwamish River and are north of the turning basin. The parcels that are ineligible for stand-alone office uses are shown in Figure 18-12.
 - b. An existing office development established prior to 12/11/1995 (the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan) that exceeds the maximum size limitations may be recognized as a conforming Conditional Use under the provisions of this code. An existing office development established prior to 12/11/1995 (the effective date of the Comprehensive Plan) may convert to a stand-alone office use subject to the provisions of this code.
26. Planned shopping center (mall) up to 500,000 square feet.
27. Schools for professional and vocational education if associated with an established aviation, manufacturing or industrial use.
28. Secure community transition facility, subject to the following location restrictions:
- a. No secure community transition facility shall be allowed within the specified distances from the following uses, areas or zones, whether such uses, areas or zones are located within or outside the City limits:
 - (1) In or within 1,000 feet of any residential zone.
 - (2) Adjacent to, immediately across a street or parking lot from, or within the line of sight of a "risk potential activity/facility" as defined in RCW 71.09.020 as amended, that include:
 - (a) Public and private schools;
 - (b) School bus stops;

- (c) Licensed day care and licensed preschool facilities;
 - (d) Public parks, publicly dedicated trails, and sports fields;
 - (e) Recreational and community centers;
 - (f) Churches, synagogues, temples and mosques; and
 - (g) Public libraries.
- (3) One mile from any existing secure community transitional facility or correctional institution.
- b. No secure community transition facility shall be allowed on any isolated parcel which is otherwise considered eligible by applying the criteria listed under TMC 18.38.050-12.a, but is completely surrounded by parcels ineligible for the location of such facilities.
- c. The distances specified in TMC 18.38.050-12.a shall be measured as specified under Department of Social and Health Services guidelines established pursuant to RCW 71.09.285, which is by following a straight line from the nearest point of the property parcel upon which the secure community transitional facility is to be located, to the nearest point of the parcel of property or land use district boundary line from which the proposed land use is to be separated.
- d. The parcels eligible for the location of secure community transition facilities by applying the siting criteria listed above and information available as of August 19, 2002, are shown in Figure 18-11, "Eligible Parcels for Location of Secure Community Transition Facilities." Any changes in the development pattern and the location of risk sites/facilities over time shall be taken into consideration to determine if the proposed site meets the siting criteria at the time of the permit application.
29. Private stable, if located not less than 60 feet from front lot line nor less than 30 feet from a side or rear lot line. It shall provide capacity for not more than one horse, mule or pony for each 20,000 square feet of stable and pasture area, but not more than a total of two of the above mentioned animals shall be allowed on the same lot.
30. No night clubs.
31. Theaters for live performances, not including adult entertainment establishments and movie theaters with three or fewer screens are permitted. Movie theaters with more than three screens will require a Special Permission Permit.
32. Automotive sales must have an enclosed showroom with no outdoor storage of vehicles. Pre-existing legally established uses in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, on December 15, 2020, are exempt from the enclosed showroom requirement, provided the use is limited to the existing parcel(s) currently occupied on that date. Pre-existing legally established automotive sales where existing parking lots abut the public frontage must provide effective visual screening of the parking lot from sidewalks (or street if no sidewalk currently exists) using Type II landscaping when any of the following occurs: an expansion or alteration of the structure, a change of ownership, or when the business is vacated or abandoned for more than 24 consecutive months and a new business is proposed.
33. Allowed; however, if in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, the following conditions apply: Outdoor storage of vehicles, tires, or other materials used for service is not permitted. Gas stations are permitted if the pumps and parking are located behind the building, the pumps meet the setback requirements, and the pumps comply with building and fire codes. Queuing lanes are not permitted between buildings and back of sidewalk. Wholesale distribution and storage of fuel (e.g. natural gas, propane, gasoline) are not permitted in the TIB Study Area. Pre-existing legally established automotive service uses with outdoor storage or parking abutting the public frontage must provide effective visual screening of the parking and outdoor stored materials from sidewalks (or street if no sidewalk currently exists) using Type II landscaping when any of the following occurs: an expansion or alteration of the structure, a change of ownership, or when the business is vacated or abandoned for more than 24 consecutive months and a new business is proposed.
34. Allow if the following are provided: a full-service restaurant and a Class A liquor license, 24-hour staffed reception, all rooms accessed off interior hallways or lobby, and a minimum 90 rooms.
35. Allowed, however if in the TIB Study area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, the following conditions apply: Drive-through facilities are permitted when located behind a building. Queuing lanes are not permitted between buildings and public frontage sidewalks. Where the use is located on a corner or with access to an alley, drive-throughs must exit to a side street or an alley that connects to a side street, where feasible.
36. Automotive rentals must have an enclosed showroom with no outdoor storage of vehicles. Pre-existing legally established uses in the TIB Study Area, as set forth in Figure 18-60, on December 15, 2020, are exempt from the enclosed showroom requirement, provided the use is limited to the existing parcel(s) currently occupied on that date.

- 37. Subject to the criteria and conditions at TMC 18.50.250 and 18.50.270.
- 38. Subject to the criteria and conditions at TMC 18.50.260 and 18.50.270.