

1 ORDINANCE NO. _____

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3 AN ORDINANCE to amend and reordain Articles II (DEFINITIONS), IV (COMMERCIAL,
4 OFFICE AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES), V (MIXED USE ZONES), VI (SPECIAL AND
5 OVERLAY ZONES), and VIII (OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING) of the City of
6 Alexandria Zoning Ordinance to allow auxiliary dwelling units in commercial zones, in
7 accordance with the text amendment heretofore approved by city council as Text
8 Amendment No. 2022-00004.

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10 WHEREAS, the City Council finds and determines that:

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12 1. In Text Amendment No. 2022-00004, the Planning Commission, having found
13 that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice so require,
14 recommended approval to the City Council on June 23, 2022 of a text amendment to the Zoning
15 Ordinance to adopt amendments to allow auxiliary dwelling units in commercial zones, which
16 recommendation was approved by the City Council at public hearing on July 5, 2022;

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18 2. The City Council in adopting this ordinance expressly adopts, ratifies, affirms and
19 concurs in the finding and action of the Planning Commission above stated;

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21 3. All requirements of law precedent to the adoption of this ordinance have been
22 complied with; now, therefore,

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24 THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

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26 Section 1. That Article II of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is,
27 amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in
28 underline, as follows:

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32 2-136.2 Dwelling, auxiliary.

33 A portion of a commercial building containing up to four dwelling units located on a ground
34 floor or floors above or below retail or commercial uses.

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36 2-136.23 – Dwelling, co-living.

37 A portion of a building containing five or six private living spaces, a shared kitchen and other
38 communal areas. Each private living space must include a bedroom but may or may not
39 include a private bathroom. Each co-living dwelling cannot exceed a total occupancy of eight
40 people. Cooking facilities, specifically a stove or oven, shall not be provided within a private
41 living space. Typically, private living spaces within a co-living dwelling are leased on an
42 individual basis.

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46 Section 2. That Article IV of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is,

1 amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in
2 underline, as follows:

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6 4-102 Permitted uses.

7 The following uses are permitted in the CL zone:

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9 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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12 4-108 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

13 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
14 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
15 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
16 this zone, ~~and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
17 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size, comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
18 where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are
19 allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet
20 measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from
21 front property line.

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25 4-202 Permitted uses.

26 The following uses are permitted in the CC zone:

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28 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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31 4-208 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

32 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
33 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
34 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
35 this zone, ~~and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
36 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size, comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
37 where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are
38 allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet
39 measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from
40 front property line.

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44 4-302 Permitted uses.

45 The following uses are permitted in the CSL zone:

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1 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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3 4-308 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

4 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
5 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
6 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
7 this zone, ~~and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
8 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
9 where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are
10 allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet
11 measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from
12 front property line.

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16 4-402 Permitted uses.

17 The following uses are permitted in the CG zone:

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19 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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22 4-408 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

23 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
24 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
25 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
26 this zone, ~~and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
27 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
28 where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are
29 allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet
30 measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from
31 front property line.

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35 4-502 Permitted uses.

36 The following uses are permitted in the CD zone:

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38 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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41 4-508 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

42 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
43 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
44 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
45 this zone, although open space, in the form of balconies, courtyards and rooftop terraces, is
46 strongly encouraged where feasible. ~~each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking

1 ~~required for a multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size with the following exceptions:~~
2 ~~parking spaces may be compact size or tandem; parking shall be located either on the site or~~
3 ~~within 500 feet of it; and each one-bedroom apartment unit shall provide at least one parking~~
4 ~~space. comply with Section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and where parking is required spaces may~~
5 ~~be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are allowed behind a first floor commercial use,~~
6 ~~if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet measured from the front building wall and the~~
7 ~~building is setback no further than 30 feet from front property line.~~

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11 4-602 Permitted uses.

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13 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units

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16 ~~4-608 Accessory apartments. Auxiliary dwellings.~~

17 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
18 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
19 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
20 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
21 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
22 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
23 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
24 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
25 ~~front property line.~~

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29 4-802 Permitted uses.

30 The following uses are permitted in the OC zone:

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32 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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35 ~~4-808 Accessory apartments. Auxiliary dwellings.~~

36 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
37 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
38 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
39 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
40 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
41 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
42 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
43 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
44 ~~front property line.~~

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4-902 Permitted uses.

The following uses are permitted in the OCM(50) zone:

(B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

~~4-907 Accessory apartments.~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of this zone, and each s ~~Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from front property line.~~

4-1002 Permitted uses.

The following uses are permitted in the OCM(100) zone:

(B.1) Auxiliary dwellings, not to exceed four units;

~~4-1007 Accessory apartments.~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of this zone, and each s ~~Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from front property line.~~

4-1403 Permitted uses.

In order to provide an active pedestrian-oriented retail environment along Mount Vernon Avenue, especially along the sidewalk and pedestrian way, permitted uses in the NR zone are limited as follows.

(B) Permitted uses above the ground floor:

1 (2) ~~Dwelling unit;~~ Auxiliary dwellings, not to exceed four units;

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4 4-1414 Auxiliary dwellings.

5 Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and shall be categorized as nonresidential for
6 the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of this zone. Such dwellings shall comply
7 with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and where parking is required spaces may be compact size
8 or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of
9 the building is more than 50 feet measured from the front building wall and the building is
10 setback no further than 30 feet from front property line.

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12 Section 3. That Article V of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is,
13 amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in
14 underline, as follows:

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18 5-102 Permitted uses.

19 The following uses are permitted in the CRMU-L zone:

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21 (B.1) Auxiliary dwellings, not to exceed four units;

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24 ~~5-112 Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

25 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
26 floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments
27 shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of
28 this zone, and each s ~~Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a~~
29 multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and
30 where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are
31 allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet
32 measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from
33 front property line.

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37 5-202 Permitted uses.

38 The following uses are permitted in the CRMU-M zone:

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40 (B.1) Auxiliary dwellings, not to exceed four units;

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1 5-212 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

2 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
3 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
4 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
5 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
6 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
7 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
8 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
9 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
10 ~~front property line.~~

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14 5-302 Permitted uses.

15 The following uses are permitted in the CRMU-H zone:

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17 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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20 5-312 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

21 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
22 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
23 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
24 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
25 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
26 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
27 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
28 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
29 ~~front property line.~~

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33 5-402 Permitted uses.

34 The following uses are permitted in the CRMU-X zone:

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36 (A.3) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed for units;

37 ~~(A.34)~~ Motor vehicle parking or storage for 20 vehicles or fewer;

38 ~~(A.45)~~ Day care center;

39 ~~(A.56)~~ Personal service establishment;

40 ~~(A.67)~~ Private school, commercial;

41 ~~(A.78)~~ Public school;

42 ~~(A.89)~~ Recreation and entertainment use, indoor;

43 ~~(A.910)~~ Retail shipping establishment, up to 20,000 gross square feet;

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1 5-411 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

2 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
3 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
4 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
5 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
6 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
7 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
8 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
9 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
10 ~~front property line.~~

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14 5-502 Permitted uses.

15 The following uses are permitted in the W-1 zone:

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17 (B.1) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed four units;

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20 5-513 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

21 ~~One or two apartment~~ Up to four auxiliary dwelling units are permitted and located on a floor or
22 ~~floors above retail or commercial uses, shall be permitted as an accessory use. Such apartments~~
23 ~~shall be categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of~~
24 ~~this zone, and each s~~ Such apartment dwellings shall provide the parking required for a
25 ~~multifamily dwelling unit of equivalent size. comply with section 8-200(A)(16) for parking and~~
26 ~~where parking is required spaces may be compact size or tandem. Auxiliary dwellings are~~
27 ~~allowed behind a first floor commercial use, if the depth of the building is more than 50 feet~~
28 ~~measured from the front building wall and the building is setback no further than 30 feet from~~
29 ~~front property line.~~

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33 Section 4. That Article VI of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is,
34 amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in
35 underline, as follows:

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39 6-702 Uses.

40 Uses in the King Street urban retail zone are divided into two categories, depending on their
41 location, in order to protect and enhance opportunities for existing and future retail uses. The two
42 use categories, which are each further divided into permitted and special uses, are defined as
43 followed:

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45 (A) *Ground floor uses.*

46 (1) *Permitted uses:*

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2 (i) Auxiliary dwelling, not to exceed eight units;

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4 (B) *Upper floor uses.*

5 (1) *Permitted uses:*

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7 (b) Multifamily dwelling units or ~~accessory apartments~~ up to eight auxiliary dwelling
8 units;

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11 6-704 ~~Accessory apartments~~ Auxiliary dwellings.

12 A maximum of eight ~~apartment~~ auxiliary dwelling units, located on a floor or floors above retail
13 or commercial uses, shall be permitted ~~as an accessory use~~. Such ~~apartments~~ dwellings shall be
14 categorized as nonresidential for the purpose of applying the area and bulk regulations of this
15 zone, although open space, in the form of balconies, courtyards and rooftop terraces, is strongly
16 encouraged where feasible. Each such ~~apartment~~ dwelling shall provide a minimum of one
17 parking space for each dwelling unit, and the parking spaces may be compact size or tandem and
18 parking may be located either on the site or within 500 feet of it.

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22 Section 5. That Article VIII of the Zoning Ordinance be, and the same hereby is,
23 amended by deleting the language shown in strikethrough and inserting new language shown in
24 underline, as follows:

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28 Sec. 8-200 General parking regulations.

29 (A) *Schedule of requirements.* The following number of parking spaces shall be provided for
30 each use listed. In the case of any use not listed in section 8-200(A), the requirements of
31 the most similar listed use shall apply. The requirements of section 8-200(A) may be
32 reduced when special zoning allows parking reductions and the required approvals of the
33 director and the director of transportation and environmental services have been obtained
34 and the conditions of said approval are complied with.

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36 (16) *Specific commercial uses:*

37 (a) Within the enhanced transit area:

38 i. Minimum requirement—0.25 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

39 ii. Maximum requirement—3.0 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

40 (b) Outside the enhanced transit area:

41 i. Minimum requirement—0.75 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

42 ii. Maximum requirement—4.0 spaces per 1,000 square feet of floor area.

43 (c) The following uses are specific commercial for the purposes of determining
44 parking requirements:

45 i. Animal care facility.

46 ii. Collegiate school or university.

