

ORDINANCE NO. 5158

**ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTER 17.20 OF THE
BAKERSFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONING.**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Bakersfield as follows:

SECTION 1.

Title 17, Chapter 17.20 of the Bakersfield Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

Title 17 - Zoning

Chapter 17.20 – C-O Professional and Administrative Office Zone*

Sections:

17.20.020	Uses permitted.
17.20.040	Uses permitted only by conditional use permit.
17.20.070	Front yard.
17.20.080	Side yard.
17.20.090	Rear yard.
17.20.100	Minimum lot area.
17.20.110	Distance between buildings on the same lot.

* Prior history: prior code §§ 17.23.010—17.23.070 and Ord. 2703.

17.20.020 Uses permitted.

The following uses are permitted in a C-O zone;

A. Any one or more of the following uses:

1. Accounting, auditing, tax preparation and bookkeeping services.
2. Advertising agencies.
3. Banks, savings and loans, credit unions and other financial institutions.
4. Business and management consulting services.
5. Business and professional membership organizations.
6. Commercial art and graphic design.
7. Commercial photography, including portrait studios.

8. Computer programming and data processing services.
9. Consumer credit reporting and collection services.
10. Day care nursery.
11. Detective and security systems services.
12. Direct mail advertising services.
13. Employment agency and help supply services.
14. Engineering, surveying, architectural and environmental planning services.
15. Family and social service, clinics and centers.
16. Governmental services and administration, including libraries, museums, galleries and judicial courts; police, fire, and other emergency service alarm centers.
17. Insurance services.
18. Legal services.
19. Management and public relations services.
20. Medical, dental, psychiatric and other health practitioner offices and clinics, including chiropractic, acupuncture, massage therapy and blood banks.
21. Medical and dental laboratories.
22. Mortgage, loan and personal credit institutions.
23. Palm reading, fortune telling, astrologic and psychic services.
24. Pharmacies, in conjunction with medical clinics.
25. Places of assembly, commercial
26. Post office and other courier or parcel delivery services.
27. Public and private utility administration.
28. Real estate development, sales and property management services.
29. Secretarial and court reporting services.
30. Telecommunications administration.
31. Television, radio and cable broadcasting stations.
32. Title and escrow offices.
33. Travel agencies.
34. Trusts and investment agencies.

B. Accessory buildings or structures necessary to such use located on the same lot or parcel of land.

C. Temporary offices including portable, modular or prefabricated structures constructed in conformance with the uniform codes adopted by the city (Title 15 of this code) and not attached to permanent foundations may be allowed for a period not to exceed two years, plus one-year extension subject to the approval of the planning commission.

D. Dwelling for use by caretaker or night security, or as accessory and incidental to the permitted use on the parcel.

17.20.040 Uses permitted only by conditional use permit.

A. The following uses are permitted in a C-O zone only with the approval of a conditional use permit issued in accordance with the procedures provided in Chapter 17.64 of this code:

1. Bail bond services;
2. Body art establishment;
3. Garment cleaning, pressing, alteration and repair;
4. Hair styling shop and beauty salon, including tanning salons;
5. Photocopying and duplicating services;
6. Recycling centers, as defined by Public Resources Code Section 14520, that are within a convenience zone, as defined by Public Resources Code Section 14509.4;
7. Religious institution;
8. School, elementary, junior high, and high;
9. Scientific research and testing services;
10. Vocational and specialized schools providing technical and cultural training;
11. Veterinary services.

17.20.070 Front yard.

Front yard requirements in a C-O zone shall be as follows:

A. All buildings shall be located a minimum of ten feet from the front property line.

17.20.080 Side yard.

Side yard requirements in a C-O zone shall be as follows:

A. Where a lot abuts upon the side of a lot in any R zone, MH zone, or PUD project of a residential nature, there shall be a side yard of not less than twenty feet.

B. On a corner lot, the side yard on the street side of the lot shall be not less than ten feet.

C. In all other cases, a side yard for a professional or administrative office building shall not be required.

17.20.090 Rear yard.

Rear yard requirements in a C-O zone shall be as follows:

A. Where the lot abuts any R, MH zone, or PUD project of a residential nature, there shall be a rear yard of not less than twenty feet.

B. Where there is an alley at the rear of the lot, such rear yard may be measured to the center of the alley.

C. In all other cases, a rear yard shall not be required.

17.20.100 Minimum lot area.

No minimum lot area shall be required in a C-O zone.

17.20.110 Distance between buildings on the same lot.

No distance requirements between buildings on the same lot in a C-O zone.

SECTION 2.

This Ordinance shall be posted in accordance with the provisions of the Bakersfield Municipal Code and shall become effective thirty (30) days from and after the date of its passage.

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Ordinance Amending Chapter 17.20 Relating to Zoning



I **HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Ordinance was passed and adopted, by the Council of the City of Bakersfield at a regular meeting thereof held on MAR 27 2024 by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:
ABSENT:

COUNCILMEMBER: ARIAS, GONZALES, WEIR, SMITH, FREEMAN, GRAY, KAUR
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER _____
COUNCILMEMBER WEIR, KAUR _____

Julie Drimakis
JULIE DRIMAKIS, CPMC, MMC
CITY CLERK and Ex Officio Clerk of the
Council of the City of Bakersfield

APPROVED: MAR 27 2024

By Karen Goh
KAREN GOH
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
VIRGINIA GENNARO, CITY ATTORNEY

By Viridiana Gallardo-King
VIRIDIANA GALLARDO-KING
Deputy City Attorney

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AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING DOCUMENTS

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

County of Kern)ss.

JULIE DRIMAKIS, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

That she is the duly appointed, acting and qualified City Clerk of the City of Bakersfield; and that on the 15th day of April 2024 she posted on the Bulletin Board at City Hall, a full, true and correct copy of the following: Ordinance No. 5158, passed by the Bakersfield City Council at a meeting held on the 27th day of March 2024 and entitled:

ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 17, CHAPTERS 17.20 OF THE BAKERSFIELD MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ZONING.

JULIE DRIMAKIS, MMC
City Clerk and Ex Officio of the
Council of the City of Bakersfield

By: Lorraine Roza
DEPUTY City Clerk