

Sec. 18-201. Parks and Open Space (POS) District.

(a) Purpose. There are areas within the City which need a designation of parks and open space in order to preserve them for the present and future recreational enjoyment of the residents of the City. The Parks and Open Space District is intended to preserve and enhance public and private open space, natural and improved parks and other recreational areas in locations consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other adopted Master Plans. These areas serve many functions including providing opportunities for outdoor recreation; providing contrasts to the built environment; preserving scenic qualities; protecting sensitive or fragile environmental areas; and preserving the capacity and water quality of the storm water drainage system.

(b) General provisions.

(1) This zoning designation may be used for all City-owned land that meets the purpose of the zone and may be requested for privately-owned land that meets the purpose of the zone and is over one acre in size.

(2) Unless otherwise regulated, all uses shall be approved through a Minor Development Permit.

(c) Uses permitted.

(1) Main uses.

a. Arboretum.

b. Botanical Garden.

c. Golf Course.

d. Library.

e. Oil and Gas Facilities.

f. Open Space (Public or non-profit owned--designated "OS" on the Zoning Map).

g. Parks.

h. Public Utilities.

i. Recreation Center (SUP).

j. Reservoirs.

k. School (when on a City-owned site with an approved IGA that is combined with a public park) (SUP)

l. Skating Facilities (Indoor) (SUP).

m. Skating Facilities (Outdoor).

n. Sports Courts.

o. Sports Fields.

p. Swimming Pool.

q. Wireless Telecommunications Facilities as regulated by Section 18-1104.

(2) Temporary Uses.

a. Traveling Show, Carnival, Circus or Special Event.

(3) Accessory Uses.

- a. Community Garden.
- b. Equipment and Facilities (benches, picnic tables, playgrounds, restrooms, etc.).
- c. Historic or Learning Sites.
- d. Lighting on Sports Fields.
- e. Natural or Man-made Water Features.
- f. Parking Lots associated with a Permitted Use.
- g. Pavilions.
- h. Picnic Areas and Facilities.
- i. Trails.
- j. Wildlife Refuge.
- k. Wind Energy Conversion Systems (WECS).

(d) Yard, Lot and Space Regulations. All regulations related to development will be determined through Development Permit review.

(e) Required off-street parking. The number of off-street parking spaces shall be determined during Development Permit review. The following general standards will apply when applicable: three spaces for each game court; plus one space for each additional 150 square feet of floor area; and 70 spaces for each playing field used for league play.

(f) Initiation.

(1) Creation of a POS District shall follow procedures for the change in zoning district classification. Requests for the rezoning of property to a POS District may be initiated by City Council, City staff, or the property owner of the land to be zoned.

(2) It is the responsibility of the owner/applicant to specify how a property meets the purpose of the zoning district.

(g) Additional Provisions.

(1) The designation of "Open Space (OS)" under this zoning district may only be removed from land following a public hearing before City Council. The procedure for zoning amendments shall be followed to remove the "OS" designation.

(2) Lighting on sports fields for use after dusk can only be installed after approval of a Major Development Permit.

(3) Any amplification or public address system can only be installed after approval of a Minor Development Permit.

(4) There is no specified size range for public open space, other than the minimum area needed to conserve a significant natural feature.

(5) Signage may be posted in designated "OS" areas. These signs shall be a maximum of 48 square feet in size and a maximum of six feet high. A sign must be set back a minimum of 15 feet from the right-of-way line. There must be a minimum distance of 250 feet between signs.

(6) Parking lots in "OS" areas will be allowed when needed for trailheads or access to a particular natural feature. Parking lots will not be allowed on "OS" designated land that will serve adjacent uses, even if those uses are allowed in the Parks and Open Space Zoning District.

(Ord. No. 2667, § 3, 5-29-01; Ord. No. 3001, § 1, 7-24-07)