

§ 9.14. SAN MARCOS COMMUNITY DISTRICT OVERLAY.

1. Purpose and Intent. The provisions of the San Marcos Community District (SMCD) are intended to implement and be consistent with the land use goals, objectives, policies, and strategies of the San Marcos Community Plan and the Sustainable Growth Management Plan (SGMP). **Arts and agricultural uses support the history and future vision of the San Marcos District. The SMCD supports and accommodates agricultural and artistic businesses that do not cause a detriment to the rural residential nature of the community. Appropriate uses include artist studios, agriculture and ranching with equestrian uses based on established land use patterns.** The SMCD is designed to implement the San Marcos Community Plan to ensure compatibility among various land uses, in the San Marcos community.
2. Sustainable Design Standards. The development standards of Chapter 7 of this ordinance shall be applicable to all development, except as otherwise specified herein.
 - 2.1. Cerrillos Reservoir Setbacks. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 7 of this Code with the following exceptions:
 1. Parcels bordering the Cerrillos Reservoir shall set back a minimum of 200 feet.
 - 2.2. Cerrillos State Park Setbacks. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 7 of this Code with the following exceptions:
 1. Parcels bordering the Cerrillos State park shall set back a minimum of 200 feet.
 - 2.3. County Trails Setbacks. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 7 of this Code with the following exceptions:
 1. Parcels bordering County trails identified on Map 5 of the Official Map Series of this Code shall be set back a minimum of 50 feet.
 - 2.4. ~~Archeological Site Setbacks. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 7 of this Code with the following exceptions:~~
 1. ~~Parcels bordering identified archeological site shall be set back a minimum of 100 feet.~~
- 2.5. Swimming Pools. Construction of a Swimming Pool is not permitted in the San Marcos Community District for residential properties.
3. Establishment of Zoning Districts. The zoning standards of Chapter 8 of this Code shall be applicable to all development, except as otherwise specified herein.
 - 3.1. Generally. The SMCD modifies the underlying base zoning districts in order to address special siting, use, and compatibility issues requiring regulations that supplement or supplant those found in the underlying zoning districts. If an overlay zone regulation conflicts with any standard of the underlying zone, the standard of the overlay zone shall govern.
 - 3.2. Base Zoning Districts. Base zoning districts approved for use in the SMCD are listed in Table 9-14-1.

Table 9-14-1: San Marcos Base Zoning Districts

RUR	Rural
RUR-F	Rural Fringe
RUR-R	Rural Residential

1. Use Regulations. Uses shall be permitted, conditional and on the SMCD Use Table [Table 9.14.8] with exceptions outlined below.
 - a. Retirement housing, assisted living facility, life care or continuing care facilities, skilled nursing facilities:
 - i. This type of permitted use shall be limited to 5,000 square feet
 - b. Water treatment and purification facility:
 - i. This is a permitted use for private and personal water treatment and purification systems.
 - ii. This is a conditional use for any other water treatment or purification facility..
2. SMCD Rural (SMCD RUR); Purpose. The purpose of this district is to designate areas suitable for a combination of agricultural, equestrian, residential and other compatible uses. The intent of the SMCD RUR district is to protect agricultural uses from encroachment by development and to support agricultural, ranch, very large lot residential, ecotourism, equestrian uses, home-based businesses and arts studios. Density transfers and clustered development shall be allowed in order to support continued farming and/or ranching activities, conserve open space or protect scenic features and environmentally sensitive areas.
 - a. Use Regulations. Uses shall be permitted, conditional and prohibited as identified in Chapter 8 and Appendix B of this Code, with exceptions identified on the SMCD Use Table [Table 9.14.8].
 - i. Water wells, well fields, and bulk water transmission pipelines:
 - (a) This does not prohibit private wells.
 - b. Dimensional Standards. The Dimensional Standard for SMCD RUR are identified on Table 9-14-2.

Table 9-14-2: Dimensional Standards SMCD RUR (Rural)

Zoning District	SMCD RUR
Density (# of acres per dwelling unit)	40
Lot width (minimum, feet)	150
Lot width (maximum, feet)	n/a
Height (maximum, feet) hay or animal barn, silo	50
Height (maximum, feet) all other structures	24

3. SMCD Rural Fringe (SMCD RUR-F); Purpose. The purpose of this district is to designate areas suitable for a combination of estate-type residential development, agricultural uses and other compatible uses. This zone also serves to protect agricultural and environmental areas that are inappropriate for more intense development due to their sensitivity. The SMCD RUR-F zone accommodates primarily large lot residential, retreats, ecotourism, equestrian uses and renewable resource-based activities, seeking a balance between conservation, environmental protection and reasonable opportunity for development.
 - a. Use Regulations. Uses shall be permitted, conditional and prohibited as identified in identified on the SMCD Use Table with exceptions as prescribed below:
 - i. Commercial greenhouses:
 - (a) There shall be a minimum 500-foot setback from property lines for commercial greenhouses.
 - b. Dimensional Standards. The Dimensional Standards for SMCD RUR-F are identified on Table 9-14-3.

Table 9-14-3: Dimensional Standards SMCD RUR-F (Rural Fringe)

Zoning District	SMCD RUR-F
Density (# of acres per dwelling unit)	20
Lot width (minimum, feet)	100
Lot width (maximum, feet)	n/a
Height (maximum, feet) – hay or animal barn, silo	36
Height (maximum, feet) – all other structures	24

4. SMCD Rural Residential (SMCD RUR-R); Purpose. The purpose of this district is to provide for the development of single-family homes on large lots, either individually or as part of rural subdivisions; to preserve the scenic and rural character of the County; to

provide consolidated open space and agricultural lands; and to recognize the desirability of carrying on compatible agricultural operations and home developments in areas near the fringes of urban development while avoiding unreasonable restrictions on farming or ranching operations. Uses that support rural character of the broader area shall be allowed including agricultural production, small-scale renewable energy production, home-based businesses, bed and breakfasts, artist studios, agro-tourism, equestrian and boarding facilities, and farmers' markets.

- a. Use Regulations. Uses shall be permitted, conditional and prohibited as identified for the SMCD RUR-R District as identified on the SMCD Use Table with exceptions as prescribed below:
 - i. Water wells, well fields, and bulk water transmission pipelines:
 - (a) This does not prohibit private wells.
 - ii. Movie Ranch
 - (a) This use must be on a parcel over 65 acres in size.
 - (b) Property must be directly accessed from a County or State Road.
 - (c) Maximum individual building size of new permanent structures is 5,000 square feet.
 - (d) Maximum aggregate building size for new permanent structures is 15,000 square feet.
- b. Dimensional Standards. The Dimensional Standards for SMCD RUR-R are identified in Table 9-14-4.

Table 9-14-4: Dimensional Standards SMCD RUR-R (Rural Residential)

Zoning District	SMCD RUR-R
Density (# of acres per dwelling unit)	10
Lot width (minimum, feet)	100
Lot width (maximum, feet)	n/a
Height (maximum, feet)	24

- 5. SMCD Commercial Neighborhood (CN); Purpose. The purpose this district is to allow for low-intensity convenience retail and personal services, as well as office uses, that are intended to serve the needs of residents. In San Marcos the Commercial Neighborhood Zoning District locations are in close proximity to NM 14.
 - a. Use Regulations. Us shall be permitted, conditional for SMCD CN as identified on the

SMCD Use Table.

- b. Dimensional Standards. The Dimensional Standards for SMCD CN are identified on Table 9-14-5.

Table 9-14-5: Dimensional Standards SMCD CN (Commercial Neighborhood)

Zoning District	SMCD CN
Density	n/a
Frontage (minimum, feet)	50
Lot width (minimum, feet)	n/a
Lot width (maximum, feet)	n/a
Height (maximum, feet)	24
Lot coverage (maximum, percent)	50%
Maximum building size (aggregate)	15,000
Maximum size of individual establishments (sq. ft.)	5,000

- c. Lighting. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 7 of this Code with the following exceptions:

- i. 24-hour business lighting is prohibited.

4. Supplemental Zoning Standards. Standards shall be regulated as identified in Chapter 10 of this Code with the following exceptions:

1. Home Occupations; Purpose. The purpose of the Home Occupations in the SMCD is to support economic development opportunities that are not disruptive to the residential character of the area or significantly interfere with the use of adjacent residential properties. Home Occupations shall be as regulated in Chapter 10 of this Code except as prescribed in Table 9-14-6.

Table 9-14-6 SMCD Home Occupations.

	No Impact	Low Impact	Medium Impact
Permit type	Business Registration	Development Permit	Conditional Use Permit Only Permitted in Commercial Neighborhood zone-Distric
Non-resident employees	1	4	5
Area used for business (maximum)	25% of heated square footage	50% of heated square footage	50% of heated square footage
Accessory building	100 SF	600 SF	1,500 SF
Appointments/patron visits (average per day)	0	5	12
Business traffic	none	see Section 10.6.5	see Section 10.6.5

Signage	Not Permitted	see Section 7.9.4.3	see Section 7.9.4.3
Parking and access	Resident and employee only	see Section 10.6.5	see Section 10.6.5
Heavy Equipment	None	0	3-6

5. Use Table. Uses permitted in the base zones and planned development zoning districts are shown in the SMCD Use Table 9-14-8. All uses are designated as permitted, accessory, or conditional, as further explained in Table 9-14-7. Accessory uses may be subject to specific regulations as provided in Chapter 9, 10, and conditional uses are subject to the conditional use permit standards provided in Chapter 4. In addition, uses may be subject to modification by the overlay zoning regulations included in this chapter.

Table 9-14-7: Use Table Labels

P	Permitted Use: The letter “P” indicates that the listed use is permitted by right within the zoning district. Permitted uses are subject to all other applicable standards of the SL DC.
A	Accessory Use: The letter “A” indicates that the listed use is permitted only where it is accessory to a use that is permitted or conditionally approved for that district. Accessory uses shall be clearly incidental and subordinate to the principal use and located on the same tract or lot as the principal use.
C	Conditional Use: The letter “C” indicates that the listed use is permitted within the zoning district only after review and approval of a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Chapter 4.
DCI	Development of Countywide Impact: The letters “DCI” indicate that the listed use is permitted within the zoning district only after review and approval as a Development of Countywide Impact.
X	Prohibited Use: The letter “X” indicates that the use is not permitted within the district.

The Use Matrix also includes Function, Activity and Structure Codes in accordance with the Land Based Classification System. Uses not specifically enumerated. When a proposed use is not specifically listed in the use matrix, the Administrator may determine that the use is materially similar to a listed use if: The proposed use is listed as within the same structure or function classification as the use specifically enumerated in the use matrix as determined by the Land-Based Classification Standards (LBCS) of the American Planning Association (APA).; or If the use cannot be located within one of the LBCS classifications, the Administrator shall refer to the most recent manual of the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). The proposed use shall be considered materially similar if it falls within the same industry classification of the NAICS manual. A proposed use shall be treated in the same manner as the listed use to which it is materially similar. For example, if the proposed use is materially similar to a permitted use, this use shall also be a permitted use.