

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE 4, URBAN WORKPLACE AND SHOPFRONT BUILDINGS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO CLARIFY THE RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL FLOOR AREA REQUIREMENTS

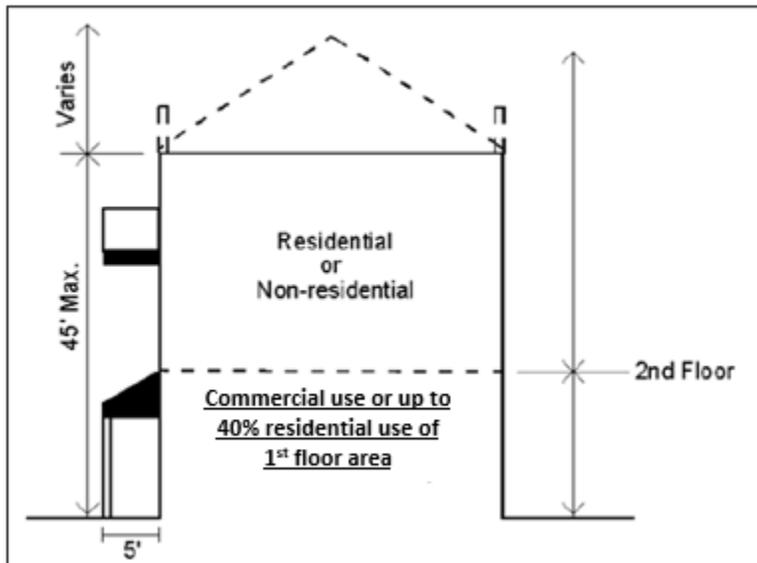
Section 1. Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville that Article 12, Definitions, of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended by modifying the definition of Commercial Use and adding a new definition of non-residential use as follows:

Commercial use. A category of uses that includes retail establishments, offices, professional and personal services, light manufacturing and assembly, branch banks, financial services, health care services, indoor motion picture theatres, conference centers, laboratories and associated research facilities whose products or waste products entail no special environmental handling requirements, studios, broadcast facilities (excluding towers), inns, theatres, restaurants without drive-through windows, bars, and day care facility as a principle use. Each use permitted in the commercial use category shall also meet any applicable conditions set out in Article 9, Conditions for Certain Uses. Excluded from the commercial use category are adult uses; vehicle, boat, or manufactured home sales, service, and repair; drive-through windows as a principal or accessory use; wholesale sales; heavy manufacturing; outdoor storage; **floor area that is shared with residential uses as provided in Article 4;** outside commercial kennels, and other uses that, by their nature or service characteristics are auto dependent, have potential for environment degradation, or are otherwise incompatible with nearby residential use.

Non-residential use. All uses that are not a residential use.

Section 2. Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville that Article 4, Workplace Building, of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

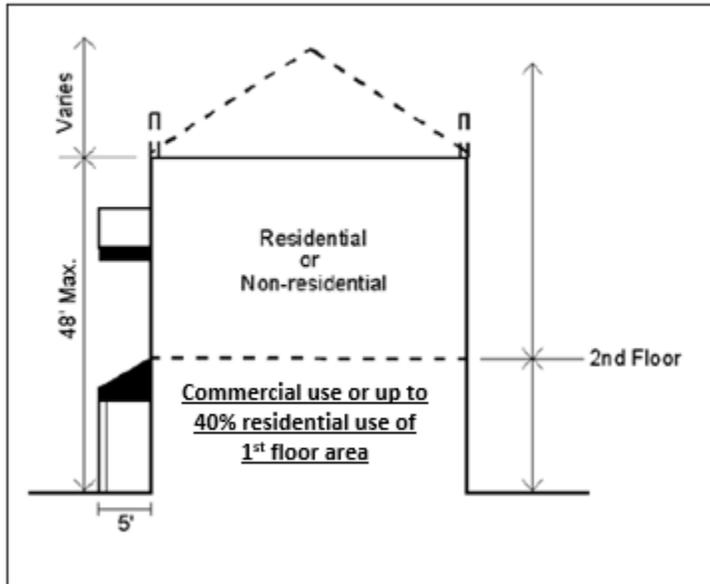
Building Type / Urban Workplace



1. Building height shall be measured as the vertical distance from the highest finished grade relative to the street frontage, up to the eaves or the highest level of a flat roof.
2. The height of parapet walls may vary depending upon the need to screen mechanical equipment.
3. Building height to the ridge may vary depending on the roof pitch.
4. Permitted uses are indicated above and are further controlled by zoning district standards.
5. Hotels in the Highway Commercial (HC) zoning district may exceed the maximum building height (shown above), not to exceed six (6) stories, subject to the provisions of Article 9.45.
6. **First floor commercial floor area shall include floor area used exclusively for commercial use and shall not include any floor area that contains or is shared with residential uses, such as storage, mechanical rooms, etc. Any floor area devoted partially or wholly to serving residential uses, shall be considered residential floor area.**

Section 3. Be it ordained by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Huntersville that Article 4, Shopfront Building, of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Building Type / Shopfront Building



1. Building height shall be measured as the vertical distance from the highest finished grade relative to the street frontage, up to the eaves or the highest level of a flat roof.
2. The height of parapet walls may vary depending upon the need to screen mechanical equipment.
3. Building height to the ridge may vary depending on the roof pitch.
4. Permitted uses are indicated above and are further controlled by district regulations.
5. Where an existing residential building converts to a mixed-use building, at least 40% of the habitable floors area shall be residential
6. First floor commercial area shall include floor area used exclusively for commercial use and shall not include any floor area that contains or is shared with residential uses, such as storage, mechanical rooms, etc. Any floor area devoted partially or wholly to serving residential uses, shall be considered residential floor area.

Section 4. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

HUNTERSVILLE ORDINANCE ADVISORY BOARD: November 3, December 1, December 15, 2022, and January 5, 2023; recommended approval (5-2) with “Commercial use up to 40% residential use of 1st floor area”

PUBLIC HEARING DATE: January 3 and 17, 2023

PLANNING BOARD MEETING: January 24, 2023; recommended approval (9-0) with “Commercial use up to 50% residential use of 1st floor area”

TOWN BOARD DECISION: February 20, 2023, **APPROVED UP TO 40% RESIDENTIAL**