



NEW SCHOOL  
APPROVAL  
REQUIREMENTS

Mecklenburg County, NC Jurisdictions

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## Introduction

During the Spring of 2006, the Planning Liaison Committee (PLC) directed Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Charlotte-Mecklenburg Planning Department staffs to work together to:

*“Evaluate standards and ordinances that may unnecessarily increase costs of school development”*

Working in close cooperation with Planning staffs from each of Mecklenburg County’s seven municipal jurisdictions, an approach was devised that involved identifying portions of those local ordinances that might have the greatest potential for being standardized across multiple jurisdictions, thus addressing the PLC’s charge to examine where the municipal approval processes for schools might be simplified by standardizing certain site design characteristics. Toward that end, it was decided that the planning tool best suited to compare and contrast the individual ordinances was a “new school approval requirement matrix”. “The Matrix” would allow for a reasonable and convenient “side-by-side” comparison of 26 of the most significant municipal code site development and zoning requirements in place for each of the seven Mecklenburg municipalities.

Using “The Matrix” as a guide, discussions may be held wherein the advantages, consequences, and procedural requirements of potential standardization of regulatory elements can be evaluated, and appropriate action taken.

The requirements contained herein have been updated annually, since initial publication in early 2007. This represents the fifth update (reflecting requirements in effect in March, 2012). A new feature for 2012 is a Table of Changes (found on Page 17) that summarizes – by year - the school approval changes enacted by Mecklenburg jurisdictions since the 2007 inception of *New School Approval Requirements*.

## Instructions

Use of The Matrix is quite simple. Users should first refer to Page 2 and determine which development characteristic they desire to compare, and reference the number of that characteristic. For instance, the requirement for traffic studies is Characteristic 11. Users should then refer to the subsequent pages where development requirements for each of Mecklenburg County’s seven municipalities are summarized in the same sequence in which they appear on Page 2. Literal “side-by-side” comparisons among municipalities might require the dis-assembly of this document in order to facilitate such a comparison.

# NEW SCHOOL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS (“The Matrix”)

## Mecklenburg County, NC jurisdictions

Refer to Pages 3-16 for the indicated information (for instance, "HV01" describes the zoning districts in Huntersville where schools are allowed by-right)	Huntersville	Cornelius	Davidson	Matthews	Mint Hill	Pineville	Charlotte
<b>Zoning district(s) where schools are allowed by-right</b>	HV01	CR01	DA01	MA01	MH01	PV01	CH01
<b>Zoning district(s) where schools allowed under conditions</b>							
- Special Use Permit or Conditional Use Permit	HV02	CR02	DA02	MA02	MH02	PV02	CH02
- Special site design	HV03	CR03	DA03	MA03	MH03	PV03	CH03
<b>Additional development review requirements</b>	HV04	CR04	DA04	MA04	MH04	PV04	CH04
<b>Specific site requirements:</b>							
- Loading <span style="float: right;">Elementary</span>	HV05e	CR05e	DA05e	MA05e	MH05e	PV05e	CH05e
<span style="color: blue;">Middle</span>	HV05m	CR05m	DA05m	MA05m	MH05m	PV05m	CH05m
<span style="color: blue;">High</span>	HV05h	CR05h	DA05h	MA05h	MH05h	PV05h	CH05h
- Buffering/screening	HV06	CR06	DA06	MA06	MH06	PV06	CH06
- Setbacks	HV07	CR07	DA07	MA07	MH07	PV07	CH07
- Minimum lot area/width	HV08	CR08	DA08	MA08	MH08	PV08	CH08
- Landscaping	HV09	CR09	DA09	MA09	MH09	PV09	CH09
- Site access (vehicular) <span style="float: right;">Elementary</span>	HV10e	CR10e	DA10e	MA10e	MH10e	PV10e	CH10e
<span style="color: blue;">Middle</span>	HV10m	CR10m	DA10m	MA10m	MH10m	PV10m	CH10m
<span style="color: blue;">High</span>	HV10h	CR10h	DA10h	MA10h	MH10h	PV10h	CH10h
- Traffic impacts (incl. traffic studies)	HV11	CR11	DA11	MA11	MH11	PV11	CH11
- Off-site improvements (traffic, pedestrian)	HV12	CR12	DA12	MA12	MH12	PV12	CH12
- Connectivity	HV13	CR13	DA13	MA13	MH13	PV13	CH13
- Building/site design	HV14	CR14	DA14	MA14	MH14	PV14	CH14
- Land dedication for greenway or open space	HV15	CR15	DA15	MA15	MH15	PV15	CH15
- Floodplain/SWIM requirements (incl. County SWIM buffer reqmts)	HV16	CR16	DA16	MA16	MH16	PV16	CH16
- Parking requirements & internal circulation <span style="float: right;">Elementary</span>	HV17e	CR17e	DA17e	MA17e	MH17e	PV17e	CH17e
<span style="color: blue;">Middle</span>	HV17m	CR17m	DA17m	MA17m	MH17m	PV17m	CH17m
<span style="color: blue;">High</span>	HV17h	CR17h	DA17h	MA17h	MH17h	PV17h	CH17h
- L.I.D./stormwater/post-construction impact reqmts	HV18	CR18	DA18	MA18	MH18	PV18	CH18
- Watershed	HV19	CR19	DA19	MA19	MH19	PV19	CH19
- Bicycle	HV20	CR20	DA20	MA20	MH20	PV20	CH20
- (Reserved)	HV21	CR21	DA21	MA21	MH21	PV21	CH21
<b>Development concessions for school sites:</b>							
- Land reservation/dedication	HV22	CR22	DA22	MA22	MH22	PV22	CH22
- Tied to _____ Ordinance	HV23	CR23	DA23	MA23	MH23	PV23	CH23
<b>Requirements for placement of mobiles</b>	HV24	CR24	DA24	MA24	MH24	PV24	CH24
<b>Approvals required by local Boards</b>	HV25	CR25	DA25	MA25	MH25	PV25	CH25
<b>Municipal fee schedule</b>	HV26	CR26	DA26	MA26	MH26	PV26	CH26

# NEW SCHOOL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction:        Huntersville

Requirement:

- HV01        Schools allowed by right in all residential and mixed use districts (R, TR, GR, NR, NC, TC, TND-U & TND-R) and in Campus Institutional (CI) district
- HV02        A Special Use Permit is required for schools in TOD-R (residential transit station area) zoning district. Additionally, “temporary schools” in the CB (Corporate Business) district are allowed with Special Use Permit subject to conditions in Art. 9.35.11 of Huntersville’s Zoning Ordinance. “Temporary schools” are described as those that will operate for 5 years or less in existing buildings on existing lots with maximum enrollment of 300. Conditions require that they be designed, located and accessed so that primary passenger vehicle routes avoid routes used by truck/industrial traffic.
- HV03        n.a.
- HV04        Schools must conform to requirements in Schools section of Sec. 9.35 of Zoning Ordinance, re. parking, fencing, lighting, and other characteristics
- HV05 e, m, h    Parking/loading to occur principally in rear yards; allowed in side yards up to 25% of their width
- HV06        Parking to be screened; entire site to be buffered; service areas and mechanical equipment to be screened
- HV07        Civic buildings: front setback max. 25', side min. 8' (one side only), rear min. 50'
- HV08        No minimum lot area requirements
- HV09        Planting strip or “plaza” required on street frontage; perimeter fencing to be fronted by shrubs; parking abutting right-of-way requires screening.
- HV10e        To be located on streets sized to accommodate anticipated traffic volumes; access to parking/loading areas through abutting properties is encouraged
- HV10m        See above
- HV10h        To be located on lot abutting minor or major thoroughfare; primary vehicular access from that thoroughfare; access to parking/loading areas through abutting properties is encouraged
- HV11        A Traffic Impact Analysis is required if the school will meet the criteria of 50 peak hour trips or 500 average daily total trips (500 ADT equals roughly a 400-student elementary school or a 300-student middle or high school, per the Institute of Traffic Engineers)
- HV12        Road improvement (turn lanes where necessary), pedestrian (5 foot sidewalk)
- HV13        Connectivity is encouraged; connectivity to parking on adjoining lots is encouraged; primary pedestrian access is to be from street (vs. parking lot to rear).

- HV14 Blend with “architectural vocabulary of the area” in massing & materials; street-visible elevations not to be clad in metal siding; front elevation to emphasize human scale; serve as visual community anchors; enclose rooftop mechanical equipment; max. height: 4 stories
- HV15 Land dedication not required.
- HV16 Floodplain/SWIM buffer requirements in effect
- HV17 e, m, h No minimum parking requirements; parking connectivity to adjoining lots is encouraged.
- HV18 LID requirements are in effect
- HV19 Watershed requirements (maximum impervious surface coverage) are in effect in portions of town
- HV20 Bicycle parking required (no minimum)
- HV21 (reserved)
- HV22 Right of acquisition via. purchase or dedication if (1) site is designated by CMS as future school site and (2) site is processed for subdivision
- HV23 Section 6.2.11 of Huntersville Subdivision ordinance
- HV24 Mobiles to be placed in side or rear yards (behind primary facade) and to not be used as “permanent civic buildings”; placement will require entire site to be brought into compliance with applicable codes.
- HV25 None required for schools, with the exception of schools in the TOD-R (residential transit station area) and CB (corporate business) zoning districts where a Special Use Permit is required and therefore Town Board approval would be required.
- HV26 \$400 “review fee” waived for CMS; \$800 re-zoning fee (if necessary).



# NEW SCHOOL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Cornelius

Requirement:

- CR01 Schools allowed in all zoning districts except Highway Commercial and Industrial Campus, with Conditional Zoning
- CR02 All civic uses (including schools) are required to through the Conditional Zoning process
- CR03 Design review required as part of Conditional Use Permit process
- CR04 n.a.
- CR05 e, m, h Civic uses: no parking requirements.
- CR06 Buffers required adjacent to residential areas. Parking landscaping/screening required. Street trees required along frontage. Additional buffers may be required depending on site relationship to adjoining development.
- CR07 No front setbacks, but structure needs to relate to context. Side/Rear setbacks depend on zoning district.
- CR08 Varies; depends upon zoning district
- CR09 See CR06. Also, buffer required within the interior of parking area (no parking space >60' from canopy tree).
- CR10 e, m, h Traffic impact study required to define ingress/egress requirements.
- CR11 Traffic impact study required for schools
- CR12 If infrastructure is sub-standard or if school causes it to be, offsite improvements required.
- CR13 Connectivity will be evaluated and required.
- CR14 Needs to be contextually sensitive (including functionality and aesthetics)
- CR15 Not required unless property involved coincides with Greenway Master Plan
- CR16 Must conform to County standards
- CR17 e, m, h 9' aisle width, 19' length, 24' travel lane for 2-way traffic.
- CR18 Must conform to County standards
- CR19 Impervious limits & open space conditions: if impervious > 24% requires Town Board approval
- CR20 n.a.

- CR21 (reserved)
- CR22 Proposed developments of >200 acres or 500 dwelling units require 18 acre reservation.
- CR23 Chapter 13 of the Land Development Code (“Conformance of General Plans”)
- CR24 Permitted for 1 year with a 2 year potential extension.
- CR25 Conditional Use Permits and Re-zonings: Town Board
- CR26 Conditional Use Permit \$500 (construction documents separate fee)  
R-zoning: \$1,250 (including fee for parallel Conditional Use district)

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## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Davidson

### Requirement:

- DA01 Schools allowed by-right in College Campus Planning Area (subject to certain design requirements for schools and civic buildings as articulated in the Planning Ordinance)
- DA02 Schools allowed in the following Planning Areas (subject to certain basic design requirements for schools and civic buildings in addition to other requirements relating to placement of mobile classrooms, parking, etc., per. Sections 5 and 9.2 of the Planning Ordinance):
- Lakeshore
  - Village Center
  - Village Infill
  - Neighborhood Edge \*
  - Neighborhood General \*\*
  - Central Business District \*\*
  - Flex Campus \*
  - Rural \*\*\*
- \* Maximum 5 acres per parcel & minimum distance ¼ mile from other civic uses
- \*\* Civic uses must occupy minimum 5% of total land area as shown on any master plan, net of open space, parking, and public ROW (not a requirement unless civic use is shown on current & adopted area plan)
- \*\*\* Allowed except as part of a residential subdivision, conservation easement subdivision or low-impact subdivision
- DA03 Site plans subject to staff approval; individual building schematic designs subject to approval of the Design Review Board that seeks to have them “designed appropriately to fit within neighborhoods as integral parts of the community”. Building height by Planning Area:
- Minimum 2 stories, maximum 4 stories: Lakeshore, College Campus, Village Center, Rural, Neighborhood Edge, Neighborhood General, Central Business District, Flex Campus Areas
  - Minimum 2 stories, maximum 2 stories: Village Infill Area
- DA04 School buildings shall conform to standards of civic buildings, Section 9 of Planning Ordinance
- DA05 e, m, h Design so as to facilitate movement/access by sanitation, emergency & other service vehicles without posing danger to pedestrians or impeding parking and access should occur at mid-block or alley.
- DA06 See “landscaping” (DA09)
- DA07 Front: 0 min, no maximum; side 0 min, no maximum.
- DA08 No minimum lot width.
- DA09 New lots <5 spaces require perimeter and interior landscaping; perimeter  $\geq 8'$  wide; landscape “screens” required by project approval will be  $\geq 15'$  wide; existing natural buffers to not be disturbed.

- DA10 e, m, h Buildings must front on street or pedestrian way; minimum of one means of vehicular access via public ROW. Driveways not > 24 feet (2 lanes) or 12 feet (1 lane).
- DA11 n.a.
- DA12 Developments require right-of-way improvements to adjacent existing streets, per town design standards. Network of sidewalks & bicycle lanes are encouraged.
- DA13 Cul-de-sacs are discouraged and block lengths are to be <600'; connectivity within and to adjoining streets is encouraged.
- DA14 Subject to review/approval of Design Review Board & Section 9 of Planning Ordinance.
- DA15 Requires greenway network. 50% acreage in residential subdivisions
- DA16 Permit required from Mecklenburg County Floodplain Administrator: floodplain encroachment not permitted, floodproofing of proposed floodprone development required, adequate draining required to reduce flood hazard of proposed development
- DA17 e, m, h No minimum parking quantities; design principles require circulation that doesn't interfere with pedestrians, placed behind buildings & not in front of buildings, adjoining non-residential lots to be inter-connected. Where safety requires functional separation between parking & circulation location of these may be modified so long as areas abutting streets are detailed as plazas. Lots > 36 spaces require separation by buildings or landscape areas. Lots shall not abut civic buildings.
- DA18 Phase II Post Construction Storm Water regulations (June 2007). Stream buffer overlay district required where upstream buffer  $\geq$  50 acres
- DA19 Watershed overlay district: requires  $\leq$ 24% max lot coverage ( $\leq$ 50% "high density option" subject to Town Board approval) &  $\geq$ 40' vegetative buffer along "perennial streams"
- DA20 Area for bike parking is required (including bike rack) as required by Planning Director & Section 10.2.2 of Planning Ordinance.
- DA21 (reserved)
- DA22 Where site has been identified as a need by CMS or if development > 200 acres or 500 units (min 18 acre reservation)
- DA23 Section 6.5 of Planning Ordinance
- DA24 May be placed anywhere on a lot containing a principal school building, except in front of an existing building; metal buildings in College Campus district may not be visible from street. May be placed for maximum 2 years renewable thereafter in 1-year increments by temporary use permit.
- DA25 Town Board approval for Master Plan, Conditional Master Plan, rezoning, and high-density watershed option; Design Review Board approval for individual building schematic design
- DA26 Design Review Board application: \$400;  
Re-zonings: Straight-up: \$750, Conditional: \$1,000  
"Zoning permits" (non-single family): \$400

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## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Matthews

Requirement:

- MA01 Schools up to 100 students allowed by-right in all single-family residential districts; all multi-family residential districts allow schools up to 400 students by-right; the following districts allow schools (no student # limit) by-right:
- Residential/Institutional,
  - Office,
  - Business districts (B-1, B-2, B-3)
  - Historic Urban Core
- MA02 Conditional zoning required for schools in Residential/Institutional(CD) for property requiring a change in zoning
- MA03 n.a.
- MA04 Under Conditional Districts, anything may be part of a zoning condition
- MA05e, m, h No specific loading requirements for schools
- MA06 Visual screening: 20' at side & rear adjacent to residential zoning or use; may be reduced in depth & amount of plant material if not adjacent to residential zone or use
- MA07 Residential/Institutional: 50' front setback, side & rear yards; other districts may differ
- MA08 Residential/Institutional: 2 acres; if one assembly room sits <1,000 persons then 10 acres  
Residential/Institutional: minimum lot width 200' if assembly space <1,000; 250' if >1,000
- MA09 Streetscaping trees, other boundaries either screening or perimeter planting; 1 tree/10 parking spaces within parking lots. Tree preservation/planting requirements are based on zoning district and amount of existing tree canopy prior to any land disturbance.
- MA10 e, m, h Main entrance to be from "non-minor" (ie. "non-collector") residential street; 1 drive/350' frontage; 2 drives/350-599' frontage; 3 drives>599' frontage
- MA11 Traffic analysis required. for zoning submissions; conditional zoning will require accommodations for on-site parent stacking
- MA12 Dependent upon site; generally part of Conditional zoning process
- MA13 Dependent upon site; generally part of Conditional zoning process
- MA14 Dependent upon site; generally part of Conditional zoning process
- MA15 Dependent upon site; generally part of Conditional zoning process
- MA16 No disturbance of any portion of floodplain; SWIM buffer/Post Construction Ordinance requirement from point where a stream drains 20+ acres

MA17e, m, h	3 spaces/classroom or administrative office OR 1/each 6 seats in auditorium or place of assembly, whichever is greater
MA17m	Same as elementary school
MA17h	5 spaces/classroom or administrative office OR 1/each 5 seats in auditorium or place of assembly, whichever is greater
MA18	Post-construction ordinance (similar to County ordinance) became effective 6/07
MA19	n.a.
MA20	One bicycle parking space required per each classroom.
MA21	(reserved)
MA22	n.a.
MA23	n.a.
MA24	Dependent on site; generally part of Conditional zoning process
MA25	Town Board approves re-zonings.
MA26	Re-zoning: \$750; landscape plan approval \$75; other fees (zoning variance, etc.) might be applicable.

# NEW SCHOOL APPROVAL REQUIREMENTS

## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Mint Hill

Requirement:

- MH01 Schools are not allowed by right in any zoning district
- MH02 Schools allowed in I (CD) Institutional Conditional zoning districts, subject to conditional zoning process and requirements in Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Article 8 (8.5) re. location, site plan review requirement, compatibility with existing development, etc., as established through the required Site Plan Review process
- MH03 See MH02 above.... some site design conditions may be required in connection with Conditional zoning Site Plan Review requirement as a component of Conditional zoning process
- MH04 n.a.
- MH05 e, m, h Covered under “parking”, below (MH17)
- MH06 Vegetative: planting strip  $\geq 10'$  wide; solid screening (fencing)  $\geq 5'$  high; berms  $\geq 6'$  high
- MH07 Front: 50' min.; side: 50' min.; rear: 50' min.....max lot coverage: 30%
- MH08 Min. lot area 217,800 s.f. (5 acres); min. width 50' at frontage
- MH09 See “buffering/screening” (MH6, above)
- MH10 e, m, h Requires frontage on major or minor thoroughfare, or collector
- MH11 Depends on location & on NCDOT requirements
- MH12 “Road improvements may be required”
- MH13 Requirement that streets inter-connect and that thoroughfare corridors be recognized; Circuitous routes +/- traffic calming are required
- MH14 Maximum building height of 35'
- MH15 n.a.
- MH16 Buffer widths required for streams draining  $>50$  acres, with increasing widths for increased drainage basin sizes
- MH17e Calculating parking for Institutional/Civic uses will be a collaborative process that will depend on factors specific to the individual development proposal (there is no pre-set formula or calculation for parking)
- MH17m See above
- MH17h See above
- MH18 Subject to County review

MH19	Subject to County review
MH20	Bicycle parking is required but no predetermined calculation is given. The Conditional zoning process will generate the number.
MH21	(reserved)
MH22	n.a.
MH23	n.a.
MH24	Requires temporary (12 month) permit (\$25 fee) with site plan
MH25	Site Plan Review.
MH26	Re-zoning request fees are based upon acreage and range from \$500 ( $\leq 5$ acres) to \$1,000 ( $> 50$ acres); Conditional Use permits: \$300; Sketch Plan (in connection with Site Plan review): \$250; Preliminary Plan review (in connection with non-residential developments): \$500 + \$150/acre if $< 10$ acres and \$1,000 + \$150/acre if $> 10$ acres



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## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Pineville

Requirement:

- PV01 Schools allowed by-right in all districts, subject to regulations stated elsewhere; development subject to “planning application” that will serve to initiate site plan review and subsequent County review. Schools are permitted in all districts with Special Regulations (6.5.32 of Zoning Ordinance)
- PV02 n.a.
- PV03 n.a.
- PV04 n.a.
- PV05 e, m, h See “parking & internal circulation” (PV17, below)
- PV06 Residential/Industrial district: 100’; Business or Office/Residential district: 20’; Institutional multi-family or manufactured home/Residential district or use: 20’ (located on nonresidential property); plant types specified
- PV07 See Overlay District for Build-to-Line
- PV08 Min. area varies from 7,000 to 30,000 s.f. in residential districts, to none in non-residential districts; min. width varies from 70’-100’ in residential districts and from 0’-50’ in nonresidential districts
- PV09 Minimum landscaping >10% impervious area for new sites and >5% for “renovated” sites; No parking shall be >60’ from a tree; 1 tree/10,000 s.f. impervious area; additional landscaping requirements for front yards (“street yards”)
- PV10 e, m, h Schools >300 capacity must front on “major (Class III) or minor (Class IV) arterial” as defined in town subdivision ordinance. (Class III correspond roughly to major thoroughfares; Class IV streets to minor thoroughfares)
- PV11 Subject to LUESA requirements
- PV12 Class III streets: developer required to dedicate ROW up to 50’ each side of centerline to accommodate improvements necessary to mitigate traffic impacts; if improvements not already programmed to be publicly-funded, developer responsible for their installation.
- Class IV streets: developer required to dedicate ROW up to 35’ each side of centerline to accommodate improvements necessary to mitigate traffic impacts; if improvements not already programmed to be publicly-funded, developer responsible for their installation.
- PV13 Subject to LUESA requirements
- PV14 Subject to LUESA requirements

PV15	Land in floodway and adjacent to stream is encouraged to be dedicated to Mecklenburg County for greenway purposes
PV16	Subject to Mecklenburg County Floodplain Management
PV17 e, m, h	1 space/ staff member + 1.6 spaces/classroom; or 1/3 seats used for assembly (whichever is greater)
PV18	Subject to LUESA requirements
PV19	n.a.
PV20	Bicycle connectivity among developments encouraged; parking required in $\geq 20$ -space lots equal to 1 bike space/50 cars; must provide bike lanes adjacent to public street
PV21	(reserved)
PV22	n.a.
PV23	n.a.
PV24	2 mobiles allowed by-right; placement of additional mobiles require site plan approval (and compliance with applicable setback and landscaping requirements for the applicable district); all mobiles must have skirted foundations and perimeter plantings (Pineville's ordinances refer to mobiles as "modulars", but the requirements are applied to both modular and mobile classroom units)
PV25	Re-zoning (if required).
PV26	Site plan review: for schools, can range from \$75 (for accessory non-residential permits) to \$500 plus \$10/acre for major ( $>30,000$ sq.ft.) projects; "re-review fee" (3 <sup>rd</sup> and subsequent reviews) are \$50/hour

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## Mecklenburg County jurisdictions

Jurisdiction: Charlotte

Requirement:

CH01	Schools allowed by-right in: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ all Residential districts,</li> <li>▪ all MX and MUDD (mixed use) districts,</li> <li>▪ UMUD (Uptown Mixed Use) district,</li> <li>▪ all TOD (transit oriented) districts,</li> <li>▪ Institutional district,</li> <li>▪ all Office districts,</li> <li>▪ B-1 &amp; B-2 (Business) districts,</li> <li>▪ NS (Neighborhood Service) district, and</li> <li>▪ Research districts.</li> </ul>
CH02	n.a.
CH03	n.a.
CH04	n.a.
CH05e	1 space/classroom
CH05m	1 space/classroom
CH05h	1 space/classroom + 1 space/5 students
CH06	Buffers required for adjacent residential properties - some exclusions apply
CH07	Differs by district or (if applicable) conditional site plan (e.g. front setbacks in single family residential districts are >30'; in institutional district >40', and in business districts 20')
CH08	Differs by district or (if applicable) conditional site plan (e.g. for non-residential buildings min. lot area in single family residential districts is 12,000 s.f.; in institutional district minimum lot area is 15,000 s.f. & in business districts minimum lot is 8,000 s.f.)
CH09	Differs by district or (if applicable) conditional site plan
CH10e	Must front on collector, minor or major thoroughfare, primary access to not be provided via residential local (Class B); some exceptions apply
CH10m	Same as elementary
CH10h	Must front on minor or major thoroughfare, primary access to not be provided via residential local (Class B); some exceptions apply
CH11	Proposed developments that generate > 2,500 vehicle trips/day (2,500 vehicle trips is roughly equivalent to a 2,400-student elementary school, a 1,600-student middle school, or a 1,450-student high school)
CH12	Considered on case-by-case basis
CH13	Considered on case-by-case basis

CH14	Considered on case-by-case basis			
CH15	Considered on case-by-case basis			
CH16	Considered on case-by-case basis			
CH17 e, m, h	Differs by district or (if applicable) conditional site plan			
CH18	Considered on case-by-case basis			
CH19	Maximum impervious coverage requirements in Watershed Overlay districts			
CH20	Bicycle parking: one space/classroom			
CH21	(reserved)			
CH22	Considered on case-by-case basis, only if property is major development and re-zoned			
CH23	Measure is voluntary and not tied to ordinance			
CH24	Exceptions to buffers & access may apply, depending on specific district.			
CH25	Only re-zonings, if required.			
CH26	Re-zonings:			
	District requested:	Single family:	\$3,325	Conditional: \$3,575
		Multi-family or institutional:	\$3,725	Conditional: \$4,100
		Other:	\$4,525	Conditional \$5,175

## TABLE OF CHANGES: New School Approval Requirements

Year	Jurisdiction	Cell Revision	Change from Prior Year
2008	Huntersville	HV22	Addition of rights of acquisition of school sites
		HV23	Ordinance citation of above
	Davidson	DA02	Addition of districts in which schools are allowed by-right
		DA03	Site plan approval becomes staff function; max. building height determined by zoning district
		DA04	Schools to conform to civic building standards
		DA05	Loading to occur at mid-block or alley
		DA07	No maximum setbacks
		DA10	Site access: driveway maximum widths established
		DA12	Network of bike/ped lanes are encouraged
		DA13	Connectivity to be encouraged
		DA15	Schools require greenway network
		DA17	Lots >35 spaces require separation by buildings/landscaped areas & will not abut civic buildings
		DA18	Phase II storm water regulations in effect
		DA20	Bicycle parking needs determined by Planning Director
		DA24	Mobiles may be initially placed for 2 years, then subject to 1-year temporary use permit
DA25		Site/master plan approval shift from design review board to town board	
Charlotte		CH01	Schools allowed by-right in research districts
2009	Huntersville	HV01	Specifies districts within which schools are allowed by-right
		HV02	Special use permits for schools in TOD-R districts needn't be context-sensitive
		HV11	Traffic impact analysis required for larger schools (< 500 ADT)
	Cornelius	CR01	Schools allowed by-right in most districts
		CR02	Schools subject to conditional zoning process
	Matthews	MA05	Loading requirements eliminated
		MA09	Added: tree requirements determined by zoning district & extent pre-development tree coverage
		MA16	SWIM requirement changed from 50-acre site to 20-acre basin
		MA17	Parking requirements articulated
		MA20	1 bicycle space/classroom
	Pineville	PV01	Schools are allowed by-right in all districts subject to "planning application" process
		PV07	Setbacks are articulated as "build to" lines in overlay districts
		PV20	Must provide bicycle lanes adjacent to public streets
		PV26	Revision of permit/approval fee schedule
	2010	Huntersville	HV25
Charlotte		CH26	Revised fee schedule
2011	Huntersville	HV02	Provision added allowing "temporary schools" via. Special Use Permit
	Mint Hill	MH02	Schools allowed in Industrial areas as part of conditional zoning process and requirements in UDO
		MH03	Approval changed from Special Use Permit to site plan requirements in Conditional zoning
		MH17	Calculating parking needs will be collaborative process; no set requirements
		MH20	Bicycle parking needs will be determined by conditional zoning process
		MH24	Cash bond no longer required for mobile placement
		MH25	Special Use Permit no longer required
MH26	Fee schedule amended to reflect elimination of Special Use Permit requirement		
2012	Huntersville	HV25	Schools must obtain Special Use Permits in CB (Corporate Business) zoning districts
	Davidson	DA02	Design requirements in effect in College Campus, Flex Campus and Rural districts
		DA03	Site plan review requirement in Lakeshore, Rural and Flex Campus areas; eliminated in Employment Campus area; also building height requirements amended in Neighborhood Edge, Neighborhood General & Central Business District areas
	Mint Hill		Reference to anticipated UDO adoption eliminated
			Add "Change Matrix"

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