

ARTICLE 7 – FOREST RESOURCE (FR)

Preamble (Intent):

The Forest Resource (FR) District is designed to protect and encourage the reservation of productive forest land resources for forest management, including tree production, harvesting, and reforestation. By intent, small lots and permanent residential occupancy is discouraged.

Section 701. Principal Uses Permitted:

No building shall be erected except for one or more of the following specified uses:

1. Hunting and fishing cabins, seasonal homes, vacation homes, cabin rental, and permanent mobile home on sites of ten (10) acres or more.
2. Temporary mobile home or travel trailer maintained in sound running condition with a current vehicle license. *(A zoning permit is required obtained from the Zoning Administrator.)*
3. Tree farms, forest production and forest harvesting operations.
4. Public parks, playgrounds, recreational areas, camping grounds, hunting grounds, fishing sites and wildlife preserves; and sportsmen's clubs and/or associations.
5. Railroad uses, not including switching yards, storage buildings, or freight yards.
6. Mining/Mineral Extraction.
7. On-site Use Wind Energy System and Anemometer Tower of 20 meters (65.6 feet) or less.
8. Short-Term Rental.
9. Single-family dwellings may be permitted subject to the ten (10) acres minimum lot size. *(To include: recreational structures and mobile homes.)*

Section 702. Principal Uses Permitted Subject to Special Conditions:

The following uses shall be permitted subject to the conditions herein imposed for each use, the Conditional Review Standards of Article 11, and only after the review and approval of the site plan by the Planning Commission.

1. Forest industries, including sawmills, planing mills, veneer mills and related operations, provided:
 - a. The use is an extension or expansion of an existing operation, or is a temporary activity necessary to current logging operations.
 - b. There are no nuisances imposed upon tourist service facilities or outdoor recreation uses in the immediate vicinity.
 - c. The site of the proposed use encompasses an area of at least five (5) acres.

2. Facilities necessary for the production and transmission of hydroelectricity, after the review and recommendations of the Planning Commission to ensure that the use provides all reasonable protection to natural waterways and other environmental amenities.
3. Utility Grid Wind Energy System, an on-site use wind energy system over 20 meters (65.6 feet) high and anemometer towers over 20 meters (65.6 feet) and not to exceed three hundred thirty (330) feet, blade tip at its highest point.
4. Geodesic domes.
5. Tiny homes.

Section 703. Required Conditions:

Wherever any property in the FR District has frontage on any Great Lake or its connecting waters, there shall be a minimum water side setback of seventy-five (75) feet from the ordinary high line, for all habitable structures, and the setback area shall be maintained in a greenbelt, so called, or native protection strip, as provided for in the SR District, Section 602.

Small non-habitable structures such as utility buildings may be permitted within the minimum setback of forty (40) feet, upon the approval of the Zoning Administrator.