

CHAPTER 20.060 - R-L RANGELAND DISTRICT

Sec. 20.060.005 - Intent.

This district is intended to create and preserve areas for (A) the grazing of livestock, (B) the production and harvest of natural resources, and (C) the protection of such natural resources as watershed lands from fire, pollution, erosion, and other detrimental effects. Processing of products produced on the premises would be permitted as would certain commercial activities associated with crop and animal raising. Typically the R-L District would be applied to lands for incorporation into Type H Agricultural Preserves, other lands generally in range use, and intermixed smaller parcels and other contiguous lands, the inclusion of which is necessary for the protection and efficient management of rangelands.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.010 - Permitted Uses.

The following use types are permitted in the R-L District:

(A) **Residential Use Types (See Chapter 20.016).**

Family residential—single-family.

(B) **Civic Use Types (See Chapter 20.020).**

Cemetery;  
Community recreation;  
Essential services;  
Fire and police protection services;  
Minor impact utilities.

(C) **Commercial Use Types (See Chapter 20.024).**

Animal sales and services—horse stables;

Animal sales and services—kennels;  
Animal sales and services—stockyards.

(D) **Agricultural Use Types (See Chapter 20.032).**

Animal raising—general agriculture;

Animal waste processing;  
Forest production and processing—limited;  
Forest production and processing—portable sawmills;  
Horticulture;  
Packing and processing—limited;  
Packing and processing—winery;

Row and field crops;

Tree crops.

(E) **Accessory uses as provided in Chapter 20-164.**

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987; Ord. No. 4038 (part), adopted 1999)

Sec. 20.060.015 - Uses Subject to an Administrative Permit.

The following use types are permitted in the R-L District upon issuance of an Administrative Permit:

(A) **Residential Use Type (See Chapter 20.016).**

Farm employee housing.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.020 - Uses Subject to a Minor Use Permit.

The following use types are permitted in the R-L District upon issuance of a Minor Use Permit:

(A) **Residential Use Types (See Chapter 20.016).**

Family residential—dwelling groups;

Farm labor housing.

(B) **Civic Use Types (See Chapter 20.020).**

Day care facilities/small schools.

(C) **Commercial Use Types (See Chapter 20.024).**

Agricultural sales and services;

Animal sales and services—auctioning;

Animal sales and services—veterinary (large animals);

Cottage industries—general.

(D) **Agricultural Use Types (See Chapter 20.032).**

Packing and processing—general.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.025 - Uses Subject to a Major Use Permit.

The following use types are permitted in the R-L District upon issuance of a Major Use Permit:

(A) **Residential Use Types (See Chapter 20-016).**

Family residential—cluster development.

(B) **Civic Use Types (See Chapter 20.020).**

Educational facilities;

Lodge, fraternal and civic assembly;

Major impact services and utilities;

Religious assembly.

(C) **Commercial Use Types (See Chapter 20.024).**

Commercial recreation—outdoor sports and recreation;  
Commercial recreation—outdoor entertainment;  
Transient habitation—campground;  
Transient habitation—lodging (limited);  
Transient habitation—resort and recreational facilities.

**(D) Agricultural Use Types (See Chapter 20.032).**

Packing and processing—commercial cooperate.

**(E) Extractive Use Types (See Chapter 20-036).**

Mining and processing.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987; Ord. No. 3972 (part), adopted 1997)

Sec. 20.060.030 - Minimum Lot Area.

One hundred sixty (160) acres.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.035 - **Maximum Dwelling Density.**

**One (1) unit per one hundred sixty (160) acres.**

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.040 - Minimum Front and Rear Yards.

Fifty (50) feet each.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.045 - Minimum Side Yards.

Fifty (50) feet each.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.050 - Setback Exception.

Any nonconforming parcel which is less than five (5) acres shall observe a minimum front, side and rear yard of twenty (20) feet.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.055 - Building Height Limit.

Thirty-five (35) feet.

(Ord. No. 3639 (part), adopted 1987)

Sec. 20.060.060 - Lot Splits in Agricultural Preserves for Farmworker Housing.

In compliance with Government Code 51230.2, a two (2)-way division of a parcel of land that is currently subject to a Williamson Act contract may be allowed, if all of the following apply:

- (A) The resulting parcel is to be sold or leased for agricultural employee ("farmworker") housing, and is not more than five (5) acres in size. For the purposes of this section, "agricultural employee" shall have the same meaning as defined by subdivision (b) of Section 1140.4 of the Labor Code.
- (B) The parcel shall be sold or leased to a nonprofit organization, a city, a county, a housing authority, or a state agency, for the sole purpose of the provision and operation of farmworker housing. A lessee that is a nonprofit organization shall not sublease that parcel without the written consent of the landowner, and shall notify the county of such sublease.
- (C) The parcel to be sold or leased shall be subject to a deed restriction that limits the use of the parcel to farmworker housing facilities for not less than thirty (30) years. The deed restriction shall also provide, through reversionary or similar provision, that the parcel shall automatically revert to and be merged with the parcel from which it was subdivided when the parcel ceases to be used for farmworker housing for a period of more than one (1) year. The deed restriction shall be in a form satisfactory to county counsel.
- (D) There is a written agreement between the parties to the sale or lease of the parcel and their successors to operate the parcel to be sold or leased under joint management of the parties, subject to the terms and conditions and for the duration of the Williamson Act contract.
- (E) The parcel to be sold or leased is contiguous to one (1) or more parcels that are located within a designated urban service area, and which are zoned for and developed with urban residential, commercial, or industrial land uses.
- (F) The farmworker housing project shall include provisions designed to minimize potential impacts on surrounding agricultural and rural residential land uses.

A subdivision of land pursuant to this section shall not affect any Williamson Act contract executed pursuant to Article 3 (commencing with Section 51240) of the Government Code, and the parcel to be sold or leased shall remain subject to that contract.

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