

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE UNIFIED DEVELOPMENT
ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA**

An ordinance amending *Table 7.1-1 and Section 8.4.6* of the Unified Development Ordinance to update standards for correctional facilities.

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia deems it necessary to update the Unified Development Ordinance in order to facilitate the use of land and to maintain consistency with other UDO jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the City of Gastonia deems it necessary to and in the public interest to have clear, concise and consistent standards for the management of growth and development throughout the city; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GASTONIA as follows:

Section 1. This text amendment shall revise *Section 7.1 Table of Uses, Table 7.1-1 Table of Uses* of the UDO as follows:

TABLE 7.1-1: TABLE OF USES

USE CATEGORY	Defined	Supp. Reg Ch.	Parking Reg Ch.	O-1	OLC
CORRECTION FACILITY, CLASS 1	Y	8.2.6	10	CS	CS

Section 2. This text amendment shall revise *Section 8.4.6* in the UDO as follows:

8.4.6 CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

- A. The principal structure and any accessory use or structure (excluding property boundary fencing) shall be located at least five three hundred (500 300) feet from any residential structure or property located in a residential zoning district. This distance shall be measured from the building face of the principal structure to the residential structure.
- B. That property boundary fencing shall not employ barbed wire, razor wire, electrical fencing, or similar materials where abutting property located in a residential district. Said fence shall be setback twenty (20) feet from the property line.
- C. In addition to the security fencing, the landscaping requirements for a Type B buffer yard shall be provided on the exterior of fencing wherever it is adjacent to a street or property in a residential district.
- D. Any facility larger than five (5) acres shall have direct access to a major or minor thoroughfare as depicted on the most currently adopted version of the local thoroughfare plan or comprehensive transportation plan.
- E. Any expansion of a correctional facility building footprint requires a special use permit or conditional rezoning. Vertical expansions that do not require an increase of the building footprint shall be exempt from this requirement.

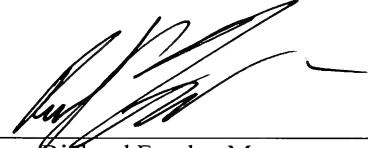
Section 3. All ordinances or portions of ordinances in conflict herein are hereby repealed.

Section 4. Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any part thereof which is not specifically declared to be invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 5. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Section 6. This ordinance is consistent with the Gastonia 2025 Comprehensive Plan and the city's commitment to establishing an interconnected, multimodal transportation system, and is reasonable and in the public interest because it promotes health, safety, and welfare.

This the 21st day of October, 2025.



Richard Franks, Mayor

ATTEST:



Suzanne J. Miles
City Clerk



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