

City of Valdosta Land Development Regulations

Chapter 226 Off-street Loading and Service Areas

Section 226-1 Provision of Off-street Loading Spaces

- (A) Application. Whenever the normal operation of any development requires that goods, merchandise or equipment be routinely delivered to or shipped from the development, a sufficient off-street loading and unloading area must be provided in accordance with this LDR.
- (B) Minimum Number of Spaces. The minimum number of off-street loading spaces required for buildings containing more than 5,000 gross square feet of non-residential use shall be one space for the first 25,000 square feet of total floor area or fractional part thereof. For such uses in excess of 25,000 square feet, the building shall provide loading spaces as provided in this paragraph 226-1(B).

MINIMUM LOADING AND UNLOADING SPACE REQUIREMENTS

Square Feet	Number of Spaces
5,000 - 25,000	1
25,001 - 99,999	2
100,000 - 159,999	3
160,000 - 239,999	4
240,000 - 349,999	5
For each additional 100,000 square feet or fraction thereof, one additional space shall be required.	

- (C) Prohibited Use. No area allocated to loading and unloading facilities may be used to satisfy the area requirements for off-street parking, nor shall any portion of any off-street parking area be used to satisfy the area requirements for loading and unloading facilities.
- (D) Location of Off-street Loading Spaces.
- (1) All required off-street loading spaces shall be located on the same lot as the building that they are intended to serve or on an adjacent lot, when shared with the use occupying said adjacent lot.
 - (2) Each required off-street loading space shall have direct access to a street or alley that provides safe and adequate ingress and egress for trucks.
- (E) Permanent Reservation. Areas reserved for off-street loading required by this Chapter shall not be reduced in area or changed to any other use unless the permitted use; except where equivalent loading space is provided and approved by the City Engineer.

Section 226-2 Construction and Dimensions of Off-Street Loading Spaces.

- (A) Required Dimensions for Each Loading Stall. Each loading stall shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide and 30 feet in length, except that for wholesale and industrial use, loading stalls shall be a minimum of 10 feet wide and 50 feet in length.
- (B) Loading areas shall provide an adequate ingress and egress with a minimum vertical clearance of 12 feet and a driveway grade no greater than 4%. The loading area shall not exceed a grade of 2%.
- (C) Paving. All required loading areas shall be paved with asphalt, concrete, porous paving blocks, gravel or other materials, as approved by the City Engineer. Paving areas shall be of sufficient size and strength to support the weight of service vehicles.

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Section 226-3 Dumpsters

- (A) Location. Dumpsters shall be either enclosed within a building and out of sight from public streets or located outside to the rear of the principal building.
- (B) Pad.
- (1) Dumpsters shall be placed on concrete pads of sufficient size and strength to support the weight of service vehicles.
 - (2) Restaurants and other food service establishments shall place dumpsters on concrete pads that are designed to slope into a drain that is equipped with an adequately sized grease trap per applicable Health Department Regulations and meeting all applicable Health Department Regulations, Utilities Department standards, and building codes.
- (C) Screening. Dumpsters not located in the rear yard shall be surrounded by an opaque enclosure not less than 6 feet in height and also screened by perimeter planting as required in Section 328-5.