

1 THE TOWN OF COVENTRY
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4 **ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

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6 IN AMENDMENT OF THE TOWN OF COVENTRY CODE OF ORDINANCES,
7 2008 PART II – GENERAL LEGISLATION,
8 CHAPTER 255, ARTICLE IX – Supplementary Regulations
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10 **Ordinance No. 2026-19**

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12 *The Town Council of the Town of Coventry hereby ordains as follows:*

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14 **Section 1.** The Town of Coventry Code of Ordinance, Part II General Legislation is hereby
15 amended by amending the following Chapter and Sections of Article X:

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17 **Article IX, Chapter 255 — Zoning (Supplementary Regulation)**

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19 **§ 255-930 Supplemental regulations for specific land uses.**

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21 A. Gasoline service stations, automotive repair and drive-in restaurants. Gasoline stations, service
22 stations, drive-in restaurants, car washes, automotive repair shops, auto body repair shops, boat
23 repair shops, and similar highway oriented "drive-in" uses shall be designed to conform with the
24 following requirements, in addition to other applicable provisions of this chapter.

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26 (1) The minimum lot area shall be 20,000 square feet with a minimum street frontage of not less
27 than 150 feet.

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29 (2) Suitable separation shall be made between the pedestrian sidewalk and the vehicular parking
30 or moving area with the use of appropriate bumper, wheel guards, or traffic islands in accordance
31 with Article XII of this chapter. Where the portion of the property used for vehicular traffic abuts
32 a street, such portion shall be separated from the street line by a concrete curb at least six inches
33 high.

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35 (3) The entire area used for vehicle service shall be paved, except for such unpaved area as is
36 landscaped and protected from vehicle use by a low barrier.

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38 (4) The construction standards for all drive access openings (curb cuts) shall be in accordance with
39 Code § 255-1230C.

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41 (5) The distance of any driveway from any property line shall be at least 10 feet.

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43 (6) The distance between curb cuts serving the same lot or adjacent lots shall be no less than 40
44 feet.
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46 (7) The distance between a street intersection and a curb cut shall be in accordance with Code §
47 255-1230D.

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49 (8) Buffer landscaping and screening shall be done in accordance with Article XVII of this chapter.

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51 ~~(9) No vehicles shall be stored on site for salvage or dismantling.~~

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53 ~~(10)~~ Hydraulic hoists, pits, lubricating, greasing, washing, and repair equipment shall be entirely
54 enclosed within a building. Tire and battery service ~~and automotive repair, excluding automobile~~
55 ~~body repair and painting,~~ may be carried out within the premises.

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57 (10) All automotive repair and auto body repair shall take place within a building.

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59 (11) Fuel pumps shall not be located within 100 feet of a residential zoned property, or a property that is
60 currently being used for a residential use.

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62 (12) Fuel pumps shall not be located within 50 feet of a non-residential zoned property.

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64 (13) Fuel pumps shall not be located within 30 feet of a public or private right-of way.

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66 (14) Light shall not produce direct or indirect glare as to cause illumination in excess of 0.50 foot-candles
67 when measured from an adjacent residential zoned parcel, or a parcel that is currently being used as a
68 residential use.

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70 (15) Storage of vehicles or boats to be repaired shall be located in the rear and/or side of the repair
71 building and such storage area shall be enclosed with a six-foot-high fence which shall effectively
72 screen the area from view. Where the storage area is visible from the road or adjacent uses, four-
73 foot-high evergreens shall be planted along the fence.

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75 (16) No junk vehicles, boats or marine equipment shall be stored on site. No vehicles, boats or
76 marine equipment shall be kept on site for the cannibalization of parts.

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78 (17) Drive-through speakers shall not be located within 100 feet of a residential zoned property,
79 or a property that is currently being used for a residential use.

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81 B. Automotive and boat dealerships/new and used. All car, ~~and~~ truck, and boat dealerships shall
82 conform to the following requirements, in addition to the other provisions of this chapter:

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84 (1) The minimum lot area shall be 40,000 square feet with a minimum street frontage of not less
85 than 200 feet.

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87 (2) The requirements of § 255-930A(2) through ~~(9)16~~.

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89 (3) The number of vehicles to be displayed and stored on ~~site~~ car and truck dealerships shall be
90 limited as follows:

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92 (a) The lot exclusive of building, landscape areas and drives shall be laid out as a parking lot with
93 travel lanes and back up areas and with each space being a minimum of 8.5 feet by 18 feet. The
94 number of required parking spaces shall be deducted from the total number of spaces on the lot.
95 The remaining spaces dictate the number of cars that can legally be displayed at the dealership.
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97 (b) Spaces shall be set back five feet from side and rear property lines and five feet from sidewalk
98 areas or 10 feet from street lines. This setback shall be marked by some type of curb stop.
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100 (4) Any building permit or zoning certificate issued for an automotive or boat dealership shall note
101 the number of vehicles that can legally be displayed on the lot.
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103 ~~C. Auto body repair shops/repair and sale of boats, motors, marine equipment. Auto body repair~~
104 ~~shops shall conform to the following requirements, in addition to other applicable provisions of~~
105 ~~this chapter:~~
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107 ~~(1) All auto body repair shall take place within a building.~~
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109 ~~(2) Storage of vehicles, or boats or marine equipment to be repaired shall be located in the rear~~
110 ~~and/or side of the repair building and such storage area shall be enclosed with a six-foot-high fence~~
111 ~~which shall effectively screen the area from view. Where the storage area is visible from the road~~
112 ~~or adjacent uses, four-foot-high evergreens shall be planted along the fence.~~
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114 ~~(3) No junk vehicles, boats or marine equipment shall be stored on site. No vehicles, boats or~~
115 ~~marine equipment shall be kept on site for the cannibalization of parts.~~
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117 ~~(4) The requirements of Code § 255-930A(1) through (910).~~
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119 **Section 2.** The Town of Coventry Code of Ordinance, Part II General Legislation is hereby
120 amended by amending the following Chapter and Sections of Article VI: 140.
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122 **Article VI, Chapter 255-Zoning (Zoning District Use and Dimensional Regulations)**
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124 **§ 255-600 Zoning District Use and Dimensional Regulations.**
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126 A. The following Schedule of District Use Regulations, attached to this Chapter as Table 6-1, is
127 designed to regulate the uses in the various zoning districts in the Town. Specific uses are listed
128 for each zoning district.
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130 B. For uses not specifically listed in Table 6-1, the property owner may submit a written request
131 to the Zoning Official for an evaluation and determination of whether the proposed use is of similar
132 type, character, and intensity as a listed use.
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134 C. The following uses are permitted only in the zoning district marked with a " P." Uses
135 permitted in the zoning district as a special use permit under the provisions of Article IV of this
136 chapter are marked with an " S." Where the letter "N" appears, the uses are prohibited. Note that
137 Article XII, regarding parking, Article XVI (Development Plan Review), Article XIV (Land

Town of Coventry Schedule of District Use Regulations

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4. Retail trade: motor vehicles.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Motor vehicle, motorcycle, boat, or trailer dealers – new and used (including repairs conducted only within a building)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	See § 255-930B
02	Tire, battery and accessory dealers – no service (auto parts store)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	
03	Gasoline service (full or self) station (minor repairs only, may be combined with convenience store)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N P	P	N P	N	See § 255-930A
04	Storage; or repair and sales of boats	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	See § 255-930C

138 Development Projects), and Article XVII (Landscaping), will likely apply to some residential and
139 agricultural uses, as well as most commercial and industrial uses.

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141 **[Amended _____ by Ord. No. 2026-_____]**

142 [This space intentionally left blank for legislative purposes only]

143 [Table 6-1 is a separate document containing amendments]

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145 **Section 3.** This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and final adoption.

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147 Approved as to Form:

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150 _____ Date _____

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154 Introduced by/Pursuant to: Council 

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156 Referred to/for: First Reading of the Ordinance on _____, 2026

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158 Planning Commission for recommendation on _____, 2026

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160 Public Hearing before the Town Council on _____, 2026

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163 Passed or Denied on a vote of _____

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John-Paul A. Verducci – Town Council President

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169 Approved:

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Daniel O. Parrillo – Town Manager

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175 Certification Actions by Town Clerk:

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