

Town of Coventry Schedule of District Use Regulations

The following uses are permitted only in the zoning district marked with a “P.” Uses permitted in the zoning district as a special use permit under the provisions of Article IV of this chapter are marked with an “S.” Where an “N” appears, the uses are prohibited. Note that Article XII (regarding parking), Article XVI (Development Plan Review), Article XIV (Land Development Projects), and Article XVII (Landscaping) will likely apply to some residential and agricultural uses, as well as most commercial and industrial uses.

Table 6-1

A. Residential

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Single-family detached dwelling	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	<u>The maximum density of a subdivision for residential purposes in the VMC zone shall be 2 units per acre.</u>
02	<u>Accessory dwelling unit (ADU)</u> <i>Accessory living quarters in-law</i>	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	
03	<i>Accessory family dwelling unit</i>	N	<i>Lot must have 20 acres</i>									
04	Two-family dwelling	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
05	Multi-family dwelling project	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Article XIV
06	Taking of Boarders or the renting of rooms by a resident family (up to two boarders)	P	P	P	N	P	P	N	N	N	N	
07	Taking of boarders or the renting of rooms by a resident family (3 or 4 roomers or boarders)	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	N	N	

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
08	Taking of Boarders or the renting of rooms by a resident family (5 to 12 roomers or boarders)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
09	Bed-and-breakfast inn	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
10	Motel and hotel	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	See § 255-930F hotel only in BP zone
11	Mobile home park	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Article XI and Chapter 9 of the Code of Ordinances
12	Community residence	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See definitions; residences with 6 or fewer individuals are exempt from zoning
13	Family day care	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	See definitions
14	Multi-family 1- and 2-bedroom apartment above commercial uses	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Development must have double the square footage of commercial floor area compared to residential floor area

Note: Conversion of residential dwellings into additional dwelling units requires development plan review pursuant to Article XVI.

B. Agricultural.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Veterinarian and animal hospital	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
02	Horticultural nursery and Greenhouses. Includes onsite sale of produce and items associated with gardening and plant landscaping	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	See Table 6-4, 6-5, 6-6
03	Fish hatcheries	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
04	Commercial raising breeding of animals or fowl, excluding swine. For domestic animals, see kennels in Table E-2-06 below	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Requires 5 acres and structures located 85 feet from property line. Use not to exceed 15% lot coverage, not including wetlands. See Article IX, § 255-950. Fenced animal area 30 feet from property line.
05	Commercial boarding of horses or other livestock	P	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See agricultural dimensional requirements of B-04 and Article IX, § 255-950

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
09	Marijuana cultivation by not more than two patients cardholders as defined in R.I.G.L. § 21-28.6 Within their residential dwelling for personal, medical use only and not for sale or distributions	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	N	N	
10	Marijuana cultivation other than for personal medical use as set forth in section 09	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	

c. Industry.

1. Extractive industry.

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Earth removal	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Article X

2. Industrial nonmanufacturing.

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I-1	I-2	Comments
01	Metal fabrication or machine shop	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
02	Screened outdoor or indoor storage and wrecking of junk or salvage material; automobile junk yards (includes sales of material)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Chapter 204, Article II of the Code of Ordinances

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I-1	I-2	Comments
03	Screened open lot storage of building material and machinery, etc.	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	Accessory to principal use of sales or manufacturing
04	Open storage of solid fuel, sand or gravel	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
05	Storage of flammable or explosive materials above ground and underground	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Limited to liquid natural gas in a BP Zone
06	Commercial woodlots and firewood storage and sales	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Article XVII
07	Equipment garage for the commercial storage of construction vehicles and heavy equipment over 4-ton carrying capacity	N	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	P	P	See Article XVI, Development Plan Review
08	Recycling of solid waste (not to include agricultural or fish waste)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See Chapter 204, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances (individual business needs for source separation is allowed)
09	Commercial composting	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See § 255-930H and Article XVI; consult with DEM; see also Chapter 204, Article II, of the Code of Ordinances

Note: See Article VII, industrial Performance Standards, and Chapter 18, Article IV of the Code of Ordinances

3. Industrial manufacturing.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Food and food kindred products (processing) including canneries	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
02	Manufacture of textile products and apparel	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
03	Production of bakery goods	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	
04	Manufacture of wood products and furniture	N	N	N	N	P	N <u>P</u>	N	P	P	P	
05	Sawmill and planing mills	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	To include sales of wood products produced on the property
06	Printing, publishing and allied industries	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
07	Manufacture of pharmaceuticals	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
08	Manufacture of chemicals and allied products	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	
09	Manufacture of rubber and plastic products	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	
10	Manufacture of leather and leather products	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	
11	Manufacture of glass products	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
12	Manufacture of concrete products	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
13	Primary metal industries	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	
14	Manufacture of fabricated metals, machinery	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
15	Manufacture of electrical machinery, machinery equipment, and supplies	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
16	Manufacture of transportation equipment	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
17	Manufacture of professional, scientific and controlling instruments; photographic and optical goods; watches and clocks	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	
18	Arts and crafts manufacturing, manual assembly of jewelry parts, production of folk art (i.e., leather, glass, soap, wood, pottery, stone or metal workshop) including retail trade	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	
19	Biological technologies and associated laboratories and research facilities	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	
20	Manufacture or assembly of electronic parts	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	
21	Assembly of prefabricated metal products	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	
22	Manufacture of ordinances	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	

Note: See Article VII, Industrial Performance Standards, and Chapter 142 of the Code of Ordinances.

	Use	RR-5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
15	Windmills, wind turbines Subject to additional regulations as set forth in Article XX. The requirements set forth in such article shall be in addition to the requirements of this ordinance pertaining to special use permits*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Allowed by right on all municipally owned properties. Applicant must demonstrate that the light flicker caused by the turbine will not negatively affect nearby homes
16	Major solar installation**	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
	Medium solar installation*	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
	Minor solar installation**	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Roof-mounted solar installation**	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
17	Telecommunications antennas and towers (new or principal structures) except small repeater antennas mounted on utility pole which will be allow in all zones	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	Communications towers are permitted on municipally owned property (see Article IX)
18	Telecommunications antennas and towers (accessory use)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	Communication towers are allowed on municipally-owned property (see Article 9)
19	Cable TV and telephone equipment	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	Cable TV and telephone equipment is allowed on municipally-owned property

* See Article XX.

** Subject to additional regulations as set forth in Article XXI

of this chapter. NOTE: See Article IX, § 255-970.

NOTE: See Articles VII, XVI, XVII and Chapter 142 of the Code of Ordinances.

D. Commercial.

1. Wholesale.

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Wholesale distribution establishments, the principal activity of which is sale of merchandise to individuals and corporations for resale to the public (no retail sales)	N	N	N	N	P <u>N</u>	P <u>N</u>	N	P	P	P	*Special use permit required for uses greater than 2,000 square feet

2. Retail trade: building materials, hardware and farm equipment.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Sale of lumber and other building materials	N	N	N	N	P	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	
02	Sale of heating plumbing and electrical supply and service	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	
03	Sale of paint, glass, floorcovering and wallpaper	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	
04	Sale of hardware	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N <u>P</u>	
05	Sale of farm equipment and heavy equipment, including rental	N	N	N	N	P	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	

3. Retail trade: food.

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Supermarkets	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	See definitions

	Use	RR5	RR-3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
02	Grocery stores, delicatessens, meat and fish markets, retail sale of baked goods and dairy products; permanent fruit and vegetable markets	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	N	N	*Less than 10,000 square feet GFA; see definitions
03	Convenience stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	

4. Retail trade: motor vehicles.

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

5. Retail trade: apparel and apparel accessories.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Shoe store	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
02	Tailor or dressmaker	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
03	Sale of miscellaneous apparel and accessories including yarn, fabric, sewing shop, leather shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	

6. Retail trade: furniture, furnishing and equipment.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Sale and repair of furniture, floor covering, home furnishings and accessories stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	
02	Sale and repair of appliances	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	
03	Sale and repair of radio, television, musical instruments, record, CD, and tape shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N	
04	Rental service stores (light equipment)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
05	Camping, fishing or hunting equipment store (retail or rental)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	

7. Retail trade: eating and drinking places.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Lunchroom or restaurant (no alcoholic beverage)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	
02	Tavern, cafe, club, bar or lounge (alcoholic beverage)	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N	
03	Lunchroom or restaurant (alcoholic beverage)	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	

04	Drive-in and fast-food restaurants (no alcoholic beverages)	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	See § 255-930A
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8. Retail trade: miscellaneous retail stores.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Drugstores, video rental, office equipment, sporting goods and gun stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
02	Packaged liquor stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
03	Secondhand stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Limited to 100 square feet outside display area
04	Antique shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Limited to 100 square feet outside display area
05	Flea market - outdoors/indoors	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	
07	Lawn and garden supply stores	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Not to include landscape supply in bulk
08	Swimming pool sales	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	
09	Fuel dealers, oil and bottled gas sale and service only	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Refers to retail sales of bottled gas to individuals for home use
10	Sale of general merchandise, department store (including storage up to 30% of GFA)	N	N	N	N	P*	P*	P	P	N	N	*Limited to 10,000 square feet building

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
11	Landscape supply (in bulk)	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	See Article XVI; outdoor storage of aggregate materials including sand, stone, bark, mulch, and loam in excess of 4 cubic yards, not to exceed 12 feet height, and not to exceed the lot coverage percentages designated in Tables 6-3 and 6-4

9. Storage facilities.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	General warehousing and storage facilities (nonflammable and nonexplosive within a building)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	
02	Self-storage facilities	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	P	P	See Article II, Definitions

E. Personal, business and professional services.

1. Professional offices.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	General commercial offices, bank or financial institution	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	

02	Temporary real estate office and/or model home	P	P	P	P	N	N	N	P	N	N	To be located only in an approved subdivision, for one year only, in a model home
03	Customary home occupation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	P	P	Up to 100 square feet, no employees, no parking; See § 255-930G
04	Office (for use by the resident of the premises, up to one employee in addition to resident)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	
05	Physical therapy and other health-related services	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Allowed in R-20 only if on arterial road
06	Medical and dental offices and	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	Allowed in R-20 only if on arterial

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
	laboratories, legal, engineering and design and other professional offices											road

2. Personal services.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Laundry or dry cleaners (pick-up) and self-service laundromat	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	N	N	In BP Zone, these uses allowed only in multioccupant structures
02	Photo studio, taxidermist and similar specialty shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	See comments under 01
03	Beautician and barber shops, shoe repair, tattoo shop and similar specialty shops	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	See comments under 01
04	Mortuary or funeral home	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	See comments under 01

05	Caterer	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N	N	N	See comments under 01
06	Kennels, or the boarding of animals (including retail sales)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Annual kennel license required from Town Council
07	<u>Pet grooming</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>N</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	
07	Travel agency, newspaper office (no printing)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N	N	See comments under 01

3. Automotive repair, services and garages.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Paid off-street parking lot or structure	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	See Article XII
02	General automotive repair, automobile body shop, vehicle washing shop	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	See § 255-930A and C

4. Miscellaneous repair services.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Small engines and appliance and miscellaneous repair services	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	P	P	

F. Governmental, education and institutional.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Government-owned building (except garage or utility)	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	
02	Garage or utility (government-owned building)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	P	N	

03	Fire or police station, and municipal schools	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	In BP, school use requires approval of Fire and Police Chief
04	Private day-care, kindergarten, elementary or secondary school, junior college college or university	N	N	N	N	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	Up to six children allowed in family day care (See definitions and Table 6-1, Use A-14); also Comments 03
05	Trade or professional	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
	school											
06	Individual instruction	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N <u>P</u>	
07	Group instruction	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	Up to 6 individuals in residential zones
08	Library or museum	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	N	N	
09	Churches	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	
10	Religious services (regularly held, not in churches)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	N	N	N	
11	Cemetery	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	See § 255-930D
12	Hospitals	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	
13	Walk-in medical clinic or treatment center	N	N	N	N	P <u>N</u>	N	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	
14	Rest, retirement, convalescent or nursing homes	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	

g. Recreation.

1. Commercial outdoor recreation.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Camps and campgrounds	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Town Council permit required
02	Riding academies and riding schools (may include accessory indoor rink)	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Excludes outside lighting for night use

4. Open lands.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Conservation lands,	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	

	wildlife areas, nature preserves											
02	Open lands operated as commercial picnic groves	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	N	N	N	

5. Outdoor recreation operated by nonprofit organizations.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Private parks, including subdivision parks	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
02	Indoor and/or outdoor private nonprofit recreation not elsewhere classified	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	P	N	N	
03	Indoor and/or outdoor private nonprofit recreation facilities owned and operated by a nonprofit neighborhood association	N	N	N	N	N	N	P	N	P	P	

6. Indoor commercial amusement or recreation services.

	Use	RR5	RR3	RR2	R20	VRC	VMC	GB	BP	I1	I2	Comments
01	Studios and schools for musical instruments, dance, singing etc.	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	P	P	

02	Bowling alleys, billiard and pool, motion picture theater, exercise center, gymnasium, sauna or Turkish bath	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N	N	
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	turkish bath											
03	Video or pinball arcades	N	N	N	N	N <u>P</u>	N	P	P	N	N	
04	Paintball, air soft and laser tag arena	N	N	N	N	P	P	P	P	N <u>P</u>	N <u>P</u>	