CARMEL CITY CODE
CHAPTER 10: ZONING & SUBDIVISIONS
ARTICLE 1: ZONING CODE

CARMEL ZONING ORDINANCE
CHAPTER 20J: AG-1/AGRICULTURE DISTRICT

20J.00 AG-1/Agriculture District

20J.00.01 Purpose and Intent
The purpose of the AG-1/Agriculture District is to recognize and address the needs of agricultural lands and activities located in rapidly developing areas. It is the intention of this district to preserve and conserve prime agricultural land and protect existing open areas from this encroachment.

20J.01 Permitted Uses
See Appendix A: Schedule of Uses.

20J.02 Special Uses and Special Exceptions
(See Chapter 21: Special Uses & Special Exceptions for additional regulations)
See Appendix A: Schedule of Uses.

20J.02.01 Minimum Area Requirements:

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<td>Cemetery</td>
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20J.02.02 Other Requirements: None.

20J.03 Accessory Buildings and Uses
(See Chapter 25: Additional Use Regulations for additional regulations)
20.04 **Height and Area Requirements**: (See Chapter 26: Additional Height, Yard and Lot Area Regulations for additional regulations)

20.04.01 **Maximum Height**:
1. Principal Building: Thirty-five (35) feet
2. Accessory Building: Twenty-five (25) feet
3. Agricultural Building: Fifty (50) feet

20.04.02 **Minimum Lot Area**: Five (5) acres. Provided, however, any area devoted to feed lot for cattle, hogs or poultry shall be a minimum of five hundred (500) feet from any dwelling which is located on a lot of less than five (5) acres, other than the principal dwelling.

20.04.03 **Minimum Lot Standards**:
1. Minimum Front Yard: Fifty (50) feet
2. Minimum Side Yard: Fifty (50) feet.
3. Minimum Rear Yard:
   a. Principal Building: Fifty (50) feet
   b. Accessory Building: Fifty (50) feet
   c. Agricultural Building: One hundred fifty (150) feet
4. Minimum Lot Width: Three hundred (300) feet
5. Maximum Lot Coverage: Fifteen percent (15%) of lot
6. Minimum Ground Floor Area:
   a. One-Story dwelling: One thousand (1,000) square feet
   b. Two- or more story Dwelling: Eight hundred (800) square feet
7. Minimum Lot Frontage: Three hundred (300) feet on a Street
8. Maximum Lot Depth-to-Width Ratio: Four to One (4:1)

20.05 **Variance**

Any property owner owning property with an existing use that was a legally permitted use prior to annexation of the land but would not be a legally permitted use within the corporate boundaries of the City shall have twenty-four (24) months in which to apply for a variance and all fees for such application shall be waived. The twenty-four-month period shall run from the effective date\(^1\) of this ordinance if the property is within the corporate boundaries of the City of Carmel on the effective date of this ordinance. The twenty-four-month period shall run from the effective date of the annexation ordinance that annexes the property into the City of Carmel if the property is not within the corporate boundaries of the City of Carmel on the effective date of this ordinance.

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