

18.43.080 Drive-In and Drive-Through Facilities

Any eating and drinking establishment, retail trade, bank or savings and loan, or service use providing drive-in or drive-through facilities shall be designed and operated to effectively mitigate problems of air pollution, congestion, excessive pavement, litter, noise, and appearance in the following manner. Any drive-through facility requires a site development permit.

- A. Pedestrian walkways and handicap access shall not intersect the drive-through drive aisles.
- B. Drive-through aisles shall meet the width, turning radii, and other requirements of Section 18.41.050, Drive-Up Facilities. Each drive-through entrance with direct connection to a street shall be at least 60 feet from an intersection of public rights-of-way, measured at the closest intersecting curbs. Each entrance to an aisle and the direction of flow shall be clearly designated by signs and/or pavement markings or raised curbs outside the public right-of-way.
- C. Each drive-through aisle shall provide sufficient stacking area as required by Section 18.41.050, Drive-Up Facilities.
- D. The provision of drive-through service facilities shall not justify a reduction in the number of required off-street parking spaces except as allowed by Schedule 18.41.040-A of Chapter 18.41, Off-Street Parking and Loading.
- E. All service areas, trash storage areas, and ground-mounted and roof-mounted mechanical and utility equipment shall be screened from ground-level view from adjacent properties or public rights-of-way.
- F. Menu boards located within 35 feet of a public street or with a sign face visible from a public street or other public space shall not exceed 20 square feet in sign area or 6 feet in height and shall be screened from public view to the extent feasible. Menu boards located greater than 35 feet from a public street and with a sign face that is not visible from a public street or other public space shall not exceed 32 square feet in area or 6 feet in height.
Noise levels shall be no more than 50 decibels, 4 feet between the vehicle and the speaker, and shall not be audible above daytime ambient noise levels beyond property boundaries. Further, a drive-in or drive-through facility shall not increase the existing ambient noise levels above the standards contained in the Noise Element of the General Plan and this code. A sound level analysis shall be submitted to the Director with all development proposals which include outdoor speakers when the use is adjacent to an "R" District. All speakers shall be directed away from any "R" District.
- G. Drive-through facilities shall have an architectural style and project design consistent with the main building or center. The architecture of any drive-through facility shall provide compatibility with surrounding uses in terms of form, materials, color, landscape, and scale.
- H. Each drive-through aisle shall be appropriately screened with a combination of decorative walls and landscape to prevent headlight glare and direct visibility of vehicles from adjacent streets and parking lots.
- I. Drive-through aisles shall not be located within a front or street-side setback area.