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The General Commercial (GC) Zone is intended to implement the policies of the Commercial designation in the Official Plan. This Zone generally permits a wide range of commercial uses such as retail stores, restaurants and automotive-oriented commercial uses, as well as institutional uses.

All structures and buildings erected, altered or used in a GC Zone shall comply with the regulations of this Section, as well as any other applicable provisions in this By-law.

11.1 Permitted Uses

No building or part thereof and no land shall be used, caused to be used, or be permitted to be used for purposes other than:

- Animal hospital
- Arcade
- Automotive repair garage
- Automotive sales establishment
- Automotive service station
- Automotive supply store
- Bar
- Brewpub
- Commercial school
- Community centre
- Convenience store
- Day care centre
- Dwelling unit, accessory to a permitted commercial use
- Farmers' market
- Financial institution
- Funeral home
- Home improvement centre
- Hotel
- Institutional uses
- Medical facility
- Motel
- Office
- Parking lot
- Personal service establishment
- Pharmacy
- Place of assembly or recreation
- Place of worship
- Recreational and athletic facility
- Restaurant
- Retail food store
- Retail store
- Self-storage facility
- Small-scale brewery
- Transportation depot
- Vehicle rental agency
- Wholesale establishment

11.2 Zone Standards

Provision	Requirement	
a) Minimum Lot Area	600 m ²	
b) Minimum Lot Frontage	20 m	
c) Minimum Front Yard	6 m	
d) Minimum Interior Side Yard	i. Where abutting a Residential Zone	12 m
	ii. Where abutting a non-Residential Zone	2 m
e) Minimum Exterior Side Yard	6 m	
f) Minimum Rear Yard	i. Where abutting a Residential Zone	18 m
	ii. Where abutting a non-Residential Zone	11 m
g) Maximum Building Height	20 m Hotel: 30 m	

11.3 Additional Provisions

11.3.1 Landscaping, Buffering and Fencing

Where a side yard or rear yard of a lot used for a permitted commercial use abuts a Residential Zone, the following provisions apply:

- a) A screening fence shall be provided; and



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- b) Required side yards and rear yards shall be established and maintained as a landscaped area throughout with the exception of that portion which may be used for parking or permitted storage purposes.

11.3.2 Manufacture and Sale of Products

A retail store may include manufacturing of products sold on the premises, provided that the space devoted to such manufacturing does not exceed 50% of the total floor area.

11.4 Exception Zones

Reserved for future use.