

ARTICLE VI

REQUIREMENTS BY DISTRICT

600. Conservation Preservation District (CP).

Intent. Georgetown County is unique in that within its bounds are a large portion of the State's estuarine land and water formations. These areas possess great natural beauty and are the breeding grounds and refuges of marine life, birds and land animals whose survival is economically important to sport and commercial fishing, hunting activity, and nature study by our citizens and visitors to the area. In addition, these areas provide needed open space for general outdoor recreational use so necessary for the health and general welfare of the residents of the County. The regulations which apply within this District are designed to reserve such areas for the purposes outlined herein and to discourage any encroachment by residential, commercial, industrial or other uses capable of adversely affecting the relatively undeveloped character of the District.

600.1 Permitted Uses. The following uses shall be permitted in any Conservation Preservation District:

- 600.101 Hunting, fishing, aqua farming, recreational boating, swimming and nature study;
- 600.102 Hunting preserves and wildlife refuges including the planting of grain for wildlife and the repairing of dikes for such purposes;
- 600.103 Harbors, channels essential to connect harbors, boat ramps, marine facilities, and major wharfs and docks of industrial or recreational areas to the main streams and estuaries of the area;
- 600.104 Waterways, channels, and other essential aids to navigation, shortening the intracoastal waterway, or providing for a direct connection between harbors, wharfs and boat ramps;
- 600.105 Publicly owned and/or operated park, dock, boat landing, open space, recreational facility or use, and the equipment necessary to operate such areas;
- 600.106 Directional markers or official signs of public agencies;
- 600.107 Private dock, boathouse or fishing pier; and,
- 600.108 Such other uses, including alteration of land, shall be permitted when the Zoning Administrator is presented with valid State and Federal permits required for such use; PROVIDED that the use so permitted shall be compatible with the nearest zoned district other than the Conservation Preservation District.

- 600.2 Conditional Uses. The following uses shall be allowed on a conditional basis in any Conservation Preservation District. *(Amended Ord. 2016-15)*
- 600.201 All ranges must be designed to the greatest degree possible in compliance with standards established by the National Rifle Association or the National Outdoor Shooting Sports Association. A written plan must be submitted to the County Planning Department describing how the range conforms to the above noted standards and the areas in which it does not;
- 600.202 Commercial outdoor shooting ranges provided that any range under the provisions of this section shall apply for and receive a Certificate of Zoning Compliance before beginning operation;
- 600.203 No commercial outdoor shooting range created after the enactment of this Ordinance, September 13, 2016, shall be located on a parcel less than ten (10) acres in size;
- 600.204 All commercial outdoor shooting ranges accommodating rifles shall be located such that any shooting station is at least two thousand (2,000) linear feet in a straight line from any habitable dwelling, church, school, park, hospital or nursing home. Ranges dedicated to shotguns shall meet a minimum separation requirement of five hundred (500) linear feet. Dwellings located on the same parcel as the shooting range and dwellings owned by an owner of the subject shooting range are not included in this separation requirement. Additionally, the separation requirement from a dwelling may be waived if the owner of the dwelling provides an affidavit agreeing to waive such requirement in perpetuity. An applicant may request County Council in writing to reduce the above separation requirements due to conditions found on a particular parcel that mitigate noise issues or demonstrate that features will be added that mitigate such noise.
- 600.205 All ranges, except those only used for shooting trap, sporting clays and skeet with shotguns, or firing shotguns in any manner, shall utilize a backstop and safety baffles. Ranges must be designed to keep all projectiles within the range;
- 600.206 Outdoor shooting shall cease each day at 8:00 PM and not begin in the morning until 8:00 AM; and
- 600.207 A indoor shooting range may be considered as an accessory to an outdoor shooting range but an outdoor shooting range may not be considered as an accessory use to an indoor range.