

“*Recreational Court*” shall mean a planned area at, above, or below existing ground level in which recreational activities relating to physical competition are conducted. It is generally a quadrangular space marked off for playing one or more various games with a ball or other object. This includes, but is not limited to, tennis, paddle tennis, badminton, basketball and volleyball. A swimming pool is not considered a recreational court.

Recreational courts and the necessary fencing and exterior lighting may be permitted through the Conditional Use Permit or Site Plan Review process.

Site Plan Review Process

A Site Plan Review is required for all recreational courts without lighting.

A detailed plan shall show clearly the areas of the property to be covered by cement, sand, asphalt, or other hard surface, and shall include a separate detailed scale drawing showing the height, location, design, and materials to be used in any fencing and/or screening material to be constructed as a portion of the recreational courts.

Conditional Use Process

A Conditional Use Permit is required for all recreational courts with lighting and/or fencing.

A detailed plan shall show clearly the areas of the property to be covered by cement, sand, asphalt, or other hard surface, and shall include a separate detailed scale drawing showing the height, location, design, and materials to be used in any fencing and/or screening material to be constructed as a portion of the recreational courts. Said plan shall also clearly show the location, type, and illuminating power of any artificial lighting to be used or installed as an incident to said recreational courts.

Drainage Plans

Site plans shall clearly state whether the existing drainage on the subject property will be altered by the construction of the recreational courts. To the extent that the drainage will be altered, the applicant shall include as a part of his application, a grading plan prepared by a registered civil engineer. Said grading plan must show how the drainage will be handled after the completion of the court. The drainage plan shall be reviewed by the City Engineer and must be approved by him prior to approval of said application.

Fencing Restrictions

Site plans shall specify the type of fencing to be used including the size, number and spacing of supporting posts, and cross members and the size or gauge of the fencing material to be installed. No view-obstructing fencing will be permitted unless exceptional circumstances exist with respect to the property. If chain link fencing is utilized, it shall be of eleven (11) gauge or heavier and not visible from the public right-of-way.

Unless special conditions exist, the fencing shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height.

Lighting Restrictions

a. Distance of Fixtures and Poles from Lot Lines.

1. No light fixture shall be located at a horizontal distance less than ten (10) feet from the nearest lot line.
2. No supporting pole shall be located at a horizontal distance less than five (5) feet from the nearest lot line.

b. No light fixture or supporting pole shall be located at a vertical distance greater than twenty-two (22) feet from the court surface. This shall mean the highest point of fixture or supporting pole.

c. Number of Poles and Fixtures Permitted.

1. No more than one light fixture per six hundred (600) square feet of court surface area is permitted.
2. A maximum of eight (8) light fixtures per recreational court are permitted.
3. A maximum of eight (8) poles per recreational court are permitted.

d. The power rating of the lamp shall not exceed five hundred (500) watts per light fixture.

e. The total power rating of all lamps shall not exceed one watt per square foot of court surface.

f. The light fixture must be designed, constructed, mounted and maintained such that, with supplementary shielding the light source is cut-off when viewed from any point above five (5) feet measured outside of the lot at the lot line.

g. The light fixture must be designed, constructed, mounted, and maintained such that with supplementary shielding as necessary the maximum illumination intensity measured at the wall of any residential building on abutting property shall not exceed one-half (1/2) footcandle above ambient levels.

h. The surface area of any recreational court shall be designed, painted, colored and/or textured as to reduce the reflection from any light incident thereon.

i. Recreational court lighting may be operated only during the hours between 7:00 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.

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