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**ARTICLE 4**  
**AGRICULTURAL GENERAL, RESIDENTIAL,**  
**COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL ZONES**

**Section 401. Jurisdiction and Objectives of the Agricultural General Zone**

This zoning district shall comprise all lands within the non-reservation/unincorporated portions of Apache County that are not classified as other zoning districts. The objectives of this zone are fourfold:

1. To provide for the continuation of agricultural, recreational, limited residential, commercial, forestry, and other land uses that are consistent with rural land areas;
2. To provide flexible yet orderly and economical development of more intense urban uses while protecting the health, welfare, and safety of the general public;
3. To assist in the implementation of further planning-related efforts within Apache County; and
4. To act as a “holding” district, providing zoning control until such time as more specific zoning districts may be needed.

**Section 402. Special Provisions**

Any division of lands shall be subject to the Subdivision Ordinance as well as to the provisions of this code. Divisions of land where all parcels are 36 acres in size or larger are exempt from the Subdivision Ordinance.

**Section 403. Permitted Uses**

**A. General uses:**

1. Soil crops;
2. General agriculture: breeding, raising, training, and feeding of horses, cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and poultry provided that new pens, buildings, and corrals are not closer than fifty (50) feet from any adjacent residential property line on and after the effective date of this Ordinance;
3. Commercial uses, provided they are so located as to have direct access to a principal public thoroughfare: retail stores for food, drugs, clothing, hardware, and personal or household goods and notions; restaurants, not including drive-through facilities but including cocktail lounges that are part of the premises; personal service establishments; financial and lending institutions; offices (professional, business, real estate); automobile service stations providing incidental repair services only; and day care facilities;
4. Horses, cattle, goat dairies, poultry and egg farms, fur farms, and public stables provided that pens and buildings are located not less than one hundred (100) feet from a residence or residential district;
5. Forestry uses and nurseries;
6. Guest ranches on parcels having an area not less than ten (10) acres with only one principal dwelling unit or service area providing kitchen facilities;

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7. One single-family dwelling or one modular or mobile home per parcel. Guesthouses are allowed as prescribed in Section 750. For the purpose of this Article, a parcel shall not be less than one acre when the dwelling is connected to a septic system and not less than net 10,000 square feet when connected to a public sewer.
  8. Mineral exploration or development.
  9. Temporary uses characterized by such activities as mass gatherings, temporary storage of unoccupied manufactured dwellings, roadside stands, and those uses compatible with the intent and purpose of the various zones. Temporary uses are permitted at the discretion of the Director as an administrative use.
- B. Home occupations.** Home occupations, where not prohibited by deed restriction, will be permitted in any residence subject to the following restrictions:
1. The home occupation may not occupy more than 25% of floor area.
  2. The home occupation shall not require internal or external alterations or construction features or equipment not customary in dwellings or adjoining buildings.
  3. On-site advertising shall be limited to one sign, not more than two (2) square feet in size and placed flush against the residence. On parcels of land one (1) acre in size or larger, a sign not more than two (2) square feet in size may be displayed within the property boundaries.
  4. Home occupations shall be conducted solely by residents of the dwelling involved and involve no employees.
- C. Public and quasi-public uses:**
1. Water pumping plants, storage tanks, utilities, and other essential services;
  2. Public schools;
  3. Public recreational uses; and
  4. Churches
- D. Accessory uses:**
1. Accessory buildings and uses commonly incidental to permitted uses
  2. Storage of petroleum products shall comply with state fire codes and other applicable ordinances
- E. Uses subject to conditional use permit.** Certain uses, both specified and unspecified in this Ordinance, shall be subject to review and approval of a conditional use permit according to procedures set forth in Article 11. Such uses are considered to be unusual, unique, or potentially incompatible or conflicting with existing or permitted uses in the context of the land use pattern or traditions in Apache County. These uses include but are not limited to:
1. Multi-family dwellings including duplexes, triplexes, apartments, townhouses, and condominiums;
  2. Hotels, motels, and lodging;
  3. Drive-through commercial facilities except banks;
  4. General commercial uses such as wholesaling, storage, auto body/paint shops and similar uses requiring large trucks, or having the potential to generate noise, glare, dust, odor, fumes, or significant daily traffic;
  5. Industrial uses; and
  6. All other uses not listed as permitted uses.

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**Section 404. Development Standards for Permitted Uses**

- A. Lot size. Minimum lot size for any use shall be a minimum of one (1) acre when facilities are on a septic system.
- B. Setbacks:
  - 1. Side yards. All building side yard setbacks shall be a minimum of ten (10) feet for a single-story building. Buildings exceeding fourteen (14) feet in height, as measured from the first finished floor to the highest gable end, shall have additional foot of side yard setback for each additional one (1) foot of building height. Setbacks are measured from the property lines to the roof overhang, or end of porches or decks, whichever protrudes more.
  - 2. Front and rear yard. All buildings shall have a minimum front and rear yard setback equal to the total height of said building as measured from the first finished floor to the highest gable end plus ten (10) feet. Setbacks are measured from the property lines to the roof overhang, or end of porches or decks, whichever protrudes more.
  - 3. Accessory building setbacks. Any and all accessory buildings shall have a minimum ten (10) feet of setback for single-story and fifteen (15) feet of setback for two-story buildings from all property lines and other buildings.
- C. Minimum space between buildings. Minimum space between buildings on one parcel shall be fifteen (15) feet for single story and twenty (20) feet for multiple story.
- D. Parking. The provisions of Article 6 shall apply.
- E. Lighting. The provisions of Article 7 shall apply.
- F. Building height. Building height shall be limited to two stories, or thirty-five (35) feet in height measured from the first finished floor to the highest gable end.

**Section 405. Reserved**

**Section 406. Reserved**

**Section 407. Reserved**

**Section 408. Reserved**

**Section 409. Reserved**