- 18.58.110 Drive-In and Drive-Through Facilities
- A. Purpose and applicability. This Section establishes supplementary standards for drive-in restaurants and fast food establishments, with drive-through facilities, located within the CH (Highway Commercial) zoning district which conduct business while customers remain in their vehicles. Other types of drive-in and drive-through facilities are not permitted.
- B. Permit requirement. Drive-in restaurants and fast food or counter-service establishments, with drive-through facilities, shall require Use Permit approval, in compliance with Chapter 18.76 (Use Permits and Minor Use Permits).
- C. General standards. Drive-in and drive-through facilities shall be designed and operated to effectively mitigate problems of air pollution, congestion, excessive pavement, litter, noise, and unsightliness and shall comply with the on-site circulation standards in Subsection E., below, which are not applicable to drive-in theaters or service stations.
- D. Accessory use required. Drive-thru facilities may only be accessory to an allowable main use.
- E. On-site circulation. Parcels with drive-through facilities shall be provided with internal circulation and traffic control devices as follows.
- 1. Aisle design. Drive-thru aisles shall be located and designed as follows.
- a. The entrance/exit of any drive-thru aisle shall be at least 50 feet from an intersection of public rights-of-way (measured at the closest intersecting curbs) and at least 25 feet from the edge of any driveway on an adjoining parcel. The drive-thru aisle or stacking area (see following Subsection E.2) shall not be located adjacent to a street frontage.
- b. Drive thru-aisles shall be designed with a minimum 10-foot interior radius at curves and a minimum 12-foot width.
- 2. Stacking area. A clearly identified area shall be provided for vehicles waiting for drive-through service that is physically separated from other onsite traffic circulation.
- a. The stacking area shall accommodate a minimum of five cars for each drive-through window in addition to the vehicle(s) receiving service.
- b. The stacking area shall be located so that the area for five cars is located before their reaching the menu board.
- c. Separation of the stacking area from other traffic shall be by asphaltic or concrete curbing, or paint striping on at least one side of the lane.
- 3. Walkways. Pedestrian walkways should not intersect the drive-thru drive aisles, but where they do, they shall have clear visibility, and emphasized by enhanced paving or marking.
- F. Screening. An eight-foot high solid decorative wall shall be constructed on each property line that is adjoining a residentially zoned/occupied

parcel. The design of the wall and the proposed construction materials shall be subject to the approval of the Director.

G. Signs.

- 1. Directional signs. Each entrance to, and exit from, an aisle and the direction of flow shall be clearly designated by signs and pavement marking(s) or raised curbs.
- 2. Menu boards. Menu boards shall not exceed 24 square feet in area, with a maximum height of six feet, and shall face away from public rights-of-way. Outdoor speakers shall be located at least 50 feet from any residentially zoned/occupied parcel.
- H. Minimum floor area for restaurants. To ensure that the drive-thru service facility is an accessory to a primary restaurant use, the minimum interior floor area for drive-thru restaurants shall be 1,000 gross square feet.
- I. Facility design within shopping centers. Drive-thru facilities within an integrated shopping center shall have an architectural style consistent with the theme established in the center. The architecture of any drive-thru facility shall provide compatibility with surrounding uses in terms of color, form, materials, scale, etc.
- J. Parking. No reduction in off-street parking requirements shall be granted a restaurant because drive-thru service facilities are provided.
- K. Public hearing notice. Whenever a hearing is held regarding a land use permit for a drive-through facility, notice procedures for the public hearing shall comply with the requirements of Section 65091(d) of the California Government Code.