

17.xx.xxx Bed and Breakfast Inns.

A. Purpose. In order to further the development of the tourism and recreation economy of the County, while protecting the single family residential character of neighborhoods, the standards set forth in subsection C, below, shall apply to bed and breakfast inns.

B. Definitions.

“Bed and breakfast inn” means any owner-occupied residence that provides guest rooms, without individual kitchens, for paying guests, as a transient lodging facility.

C. Standards. Bed and breakfast inns shall be considered an expanded home occupation in residential and agricultural districts and shall only be authorized by approval of a special use permit based on the standards provided herein. Bed and breakfast inns within commercial zone districts are permitted by right pursuant to §17.32.xxx.

1. The inn can provide up to a maximum of 20 guestrooms, which shall be contained within the primary or secondary dwelling units only, in compliance with the development standards of the applicable residential or agricultural zone districts.
2. The property owner shall reside in either the primary or secondary dwelling unit on site.
3. Meal service shall be limited to registered guests and shall consist of breakfast and light snacks as a portion of the overall room rate in compliance with the California Retail Food Codes enforced by the County (CA HSC §113893).
4. One, non-internally illuminated sign shall be permitted based on the applicable zone district standard set forth in Chapter 17.16 unless greater sign area is authorized under the special use permit. The design of the sign shall be reviewed by the approving authority for architectural compatibility with the inn’s structure.
5. Bed and breakfast inns shall have direct access to a maintained road in conformance with Department of Transportation standards. The entrance, parking area and walkways shall be illuminated pursuant to Chapter 17.14.170 and kept free of obstructions or hazards of any type.
6. Kitchens shall be clean, well-maintained and comply with accepted standards of sanitation and hygiene by conforming to the requirements of the applicable El Dorado County Environmental Health Department permit.

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7. Bed and breakfast inns shall provide off-street parking at a ratio of one space per each guest room, plus two spaces required for the principal dwelling. Guest parking shall be subject to the following:
 - a. No guest parking shall be permitted within the required front or side yard setback.
 - b. Tandem parking, meaning two cars parked one behind the other, may be allowed. Denser parking lot configurations may be allowed if valet parking is required.
 - c. Guest parking shall be designed so as to prohibit the backing of vehicles directly into any public right of way in order to exit any parking space.
 - d. The parking area provided for a bed and breakfast inn may have a gravel surface.
8. A bed and breakfast inn consisting of five or fewer guestrooms shall be considered a single residential dwelling unit or lodging house for the purpose of building codes, unless additional standards are required by the California Codes, as amended and adopted by El Dorado County. Six or more guestrooms within one building shall be subject to further requirements under the California Codes.
9. Bed and breakfast inns within Agricultural Districts as identified on the General Plan land use maps or adjacent to land zoned Exclusive Agriculture (AE), Planned Agriculture (PA), Select Agriculture (SA), Residential Agriculture (RA-20, -40, -60, -80, -160), or Timberland Production Zone (TPZ) districts must be reviewed by the Agricultural Commission for compatibility with surrounding agricultural land uses prior to action by the approving authority.
10. The operation of a bed and breakfast inn shall be subject to Title 3.28 (Transient Occupancy Tax) and Title 5.08 (Business License Requirements) of the El Dorado County Code. The business license shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises prior to operation of the business.
11. The special use permit may authorize limited ancillary activities such as weddings, receptions, fund raisers or similar events attended by non-guests, subject to conditions of approval that include, but are not limited to, restrictions upon the frequency and time of holding events, duration thereof, and the maximum number of persons attending. Food preparation, except for the aforementioned breakfast and light snacks, shall not be permitted to occur in the bed and breakfast inn. A separate area, inaccessible from within either the main inn or second dwelling unit, is required to serve as either a commercial kitchen or catered staging area for these events. Unless expressly authorized in the special use permit, such ancillary activities are prohibited.

A temporary use permit for an ancillary activity may be processed in situations where special events are not authorized under the special use permit for the inn. Applicable conditions shall be imposed, as determined necessary by the approving authority, which

restrict the number of people attending and offset other related impacts, in order to maintain the residential character of the surrounding neighborhood.

12. New construction proposed on a bed and breakfast inn site, including buildings not necessarily proposed for bed and breakfast inn use, or exterior remodeling of the building to be used for the inn, is subject to architectural review by the approving authority as part of the special use permit process. This determination will be based on compatibility with neighborhood building style, building materials and any historic style indigenous to the area.