

## **CHAPTER 175**

### **MINERAL EXTRACTION (ME) ZONING DISTRICT**

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**175.010. PURPOSE.** The purpose and intent of the ME, Mineral Extraction Zone, is to identify natural mineral deposits, to provide for the extraction of these minerals, to insure the compatibility of the mining operations with adjoining uses, and to insure an adequate use and re-use of these lands.

**175.020. USES.** No building or structure or land shall be used, and no building or structure shall be erected, structurally altered, enlarged, or maintained, except for the following uses:

- (A) Extraction and processing of natural mineral deposits;
- (B) Timber raising and harvest;
- (C) Farm use;
- (D) Dwellings and accessory structures necessary to carry out the above activities;
- (E) Wind energy systems, meteorological towers, and photovoltaic systems that are not commercial power generating facilities, but not including wind energy systems utilizing a tower and meteorological towers that require tower lighting, are located in an adopted urban growth boundary, or that would require modification to the height or type of construction standards described in Section 112.135(C)(1). Wind energy systems utilizing towers and meteorological towers are subject to standards listed in Sections 112.135 and 112.137. Roof-mounted, building-integrated, building-mounted and architectural wind energy systems that extend no more than an additional 5 feet above the highest ridge of the building's roof or 15 feet above the highest eave, whichever is higher, and do not exceed the height limitation of the zone, are subject to the standards listed in Section 112.137. Photovoltaic systems are subject to the standards described in Section 112.138. [Amended by Ordinance 09-06]

**175.030. USES SUBJECT TO ADMINISTRATIVE REVIEW.** The following uses are permitted, subject to review and approval under the prescriptive standards specified herein and as may otherwise be indicated by federal, state and local regulations and permits:

- (A) Wind energy systems utilizing a tower and meteorological towers outside of an adopted urban growth boundary that are not commercial power generating facilities that would utilize a tower(s) that requires lighting or that requires modification to the height or type of construction standards described in Section 112.135(C)(1), as provided in Sections 112.135 and 112.137. [Amended by Ordinance 09-06]

**175.040. CONDITIONAL USES.** The following uses may be approved, subject to compliance with the procedures and criteria under Chapter 119, applicable state and federal regulations, and other specific criteria as may be indicated:

- (A) Wind energy systems utilizing a tower and meteorological towers within an adopted urban growth boundary up to 100 feet in height that are not commercial power generating facilities, as provided in Sections 112.135 and 112.137. [Amended by Ordinance 09-06]

**175.050. STANDARDS.** Within any ME Zone, the following minimum standards apply to the location of processing facilities and the mining operation;

- (A) The minimum set forth in Section 120.420 of this ordinance.
- (B) All processing facilities shall be set back at least 100 feet from any public road or zone boundary;
- (C) A plan for the re-use of the property shall be submitted to and approved by the Hearings Officer. This plan shall meet the standards of Section 120.445 of this Ordinance.