

11. Essential Services Overlay District

A. Statement of Intent

Essential services and public buildings shall be a permitted use for all districts which are currently in the public domain and which is the location of actual or planned facilities intended to serve the public; to permit orderly and economic development of public service utilities.

B. Definition of Essential Service and Buildings

The erection, construction, alternation, or maintenance by public utilities or municipal departments or commissions of underground or overhead telephone, gas, electrical, steam, communication, or water transmission, distribution, collection, supply, or disposal systems, including poles, wires, mains, drains, sewers, pipes, conduits, cables, fire alarm boxes, policy call boxes, traffic signals, hydrants, and other similar equipment and buildings in connection therewith for the furnishing of adequate service by such public utilities or municipal departments or commissions to the residents of Princeton.

C. General Standards

1. Area and yard requirements, if relevant (e.g. buildings), shall be the same as the underlying district.
2. Building/structural provisions shall be governed only by the State Building Code and other state mandated ordinances such as: Flood Plain Management, Wild and Scenic Rum River Protection Area, etc. This ordinance does not relieve the need for additional permits that may be required for the project.
3. Parking requirements shall be based on the use.
4. Buffer requirements: Where an essential service is located adjacent to another district in which the principal permitted use may be in conflict with or may be negatively affected by a building in the district, the Planning Commission may require buffer strips or other landscaping and related measures to protect the public interest and/or to comply with the spirit and intent of this ordinance.
5. Pole buildings may be used if the building is on a five (5) acre site or larger. Area and yard requirements shall be reviewed for comment by the Planning Commission.