

VIRGIN TOWN
ORDINANCE NO. 2026-XX

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VIRGIN MUNICIPAL CODE TO DEFINE SHUTTLE STOPS;
ADOPTING A NEW SECTION IN CHAPTER 16.8 ESTABLISHING SUPPLEMENTARY
REGULATIONS FOR SHUTTLE STOPS AND ASSOCIATED PARK-AND-RIDE FACILITIES;
AMENDING THE COMMERCIAL AND HIGHWAY RESORT ZONING DISTRICTS TO
REFERENCE SUCH REGULATIONS; AND PROMOTING PUBLIC SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY,
AND COORDINATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Virgin Town is a municipal corporation and political subdivision of the State of Utah, organized and existing under the provisions of Utah Code Annotated Title 10; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Utah Code Annotated 10-20-101 et seq., the Town Council of Virgin Town is authorized to enact land use regulations, zoning ordinances, and development standards to protect public health, safety, and welfare and to promote orderly growth and development within the Town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council recognizes that shuttle stops and associated park-and-ride facilities can support public and regional transportation services, reduce traffic congestion, and improve mobility for residents, employees, and visitors when properly located and designed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council further recognizes that shuttle stops may involve unique site configurations, including passenger parking located on private property and shuttle loading and unloading occurring within the public right-of-way or adjacent properties, and therefore require clear and coordinated regulatory standards; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the Virgin Municipal Code currently identifies shuttle stops as a conditional use within certain zoning districts without a corresponding definition or supplementary development standards, resulting in ambiguity in application and enforcement; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds it necessary to amend the definitions section of the Virgin Municipal Code, adopt supplementary regulations in Chapter 16.8 governing the location, design, and operation of shuttle stops, and amend the Commercial and Highway

Resort zoning districts to reference such regulations to ensure internal consistency and clarity within the Code; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council desires to limit shuttle stops to public or quasi-public transportation services and to prevent the establishment of private, unaffiliated shuttle facilities that could conflict with the Town's land use and transportation planning objectives; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that adoption of this ordinance will promote consistency, predictability, and accountability in the review of shuttle stop applications and will further the Town's goals for safe, accessible, and well-coordinated transportation facilities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF VIRGIN TOWN, UTAH, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 16.2.12 DEFINITIONS. Title 16, Chapter 2, Section 12 of the Virgin Municipal Code is hereby amended to add the following definition:

Shuttle Stop. A designated location for the loading and unloading of passengers, luggage, or equipment associated with public or quasi-public transportation services. A shuttle stop may include an associated off-street parking area intended for passenger use, such as a park-and-ride facility, which shall be considered an Accessory Parking Lot under this Title and not a Commercial Parking Lot, Public Parking Lot, or Municipal Parking Lot, provided the parking area is located within reasonable proximity to the shuttle loading area. A shuttle stop does not include vehicle maintenance, repair, fueling, or long-term vehicle storage.

SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF NEW SECTION 16.8.60 SHUTTLE STOP STANDARDS. A new section is hereby adopted and enacted in Title 16, Chapter 8 (Supplementary Regulations) of the Virgin Municipal Code to read as follows:

16.8.60 – Shuttle Stop Standards

A. Applicability.

1. The standards of this section shall apply to all shuttle stops approved pursuant to this Title.
2. Compliance with this section is required in addition to all other applicable provisions of this Title.
3. Where the requirements of this section conflict with other provisions of this Title, the more restrictive requirement shall apply.

4. For purposes of interpretation and enforcement, parking areas expressly authorized as accessory to a shuttle stop under this section shall be deemed part of the shuttle stop use.
5. For the purposes of this section, a shuttle stop may be approved even where the shuttle loading and unloading area is not physically located on the same lot as the associated passenger parking area or principal use, provided the loading and unloading area is located within the public right-of-way or on an adjacent property and the use otherwise complies with the standards of this section and all required approvals are obtained.

B. Relationship to Public Transportation

1. Shuttle stops shall serve public or quasi-public transportation services intended to provide passenger transportation to or from multiple off-site destinations.
2. For the purposes of this section, public or quasi-public transportation services shall include services that are:
 - a. Operated by a government entity or public transit authority; or
 - b. Operated by a non-public entity under contract, agreement, or formal partnership with a government entity or public transit authority for the provision of public transportation services.
3. Shuttle stops intended to serve transportation services operated solely by private entities and not affiliated with a government entity or public transit authority are prohibited.

C. Passenger Parking and Park-and-Ride Facilities

1. Shuttle stops may include an associated off-street parking area intended for passenger use, including park-and-ride facilities, which parking area shall be accessory to the shuttle stop use and classified as an Accessory Parking Lot under this Title.
2. Passenger parking areas shall be located within four hundred feet (400') of the primary shuttle loading and unloading location.
3. The distance between the passenger parking area and the shuttle loading and unloading location shall be measured along the shortest practical pedestrian route.
4. A continuous, safe, and clearly defined pedestrian walkway shall be provided between the passenger parking area and the shuttle loading and unloading location. The walkway may consist of a sidewalk, walking path, or similar pedestrian facility and shall be designed to comply with applicable ADA accessibility standards.

5. Passenger parking areas shall be used only by persons utilizing the shuttle service and shall not be used as general commercial or long-term parking unrelated to shuttle operations.
6. Passenger parking areas shall be improved with an all-weather surface designed to minimize dust, erosion, and runoff. Acceptable surfaces may include asphalt, concrete, permeable pavement, or other stabilized surfaces approved by the Town Engineer or designee.
7. No minimum number of off-street parking spaces is required for shuttle stops. The number of passenger parking spaces shall be determined through the conditional use approval process based on the following criteria:
 - a. The frequency and hours of shuttle service;
 - b. The number of passengers anticipated to utilize the shuttle stop;
 - c. The number of shuttle routes or destinations served;
 - d. The availability of on-site or nearby shared parking;
 - e. The proximity of the shuttle stop to residential areas, lodging, or employment centers; and
 - f. Any available ridership or demand data provided by the public transportation provider.
8. Passenger parking areas associated with a shuttle stop shall be limited to surface parking only. Multi-story parking garages or structured parking facilities are prohibited.
9. Passenger parking spaces shall be clearly delineated by striping, wheel stops, signage, or other durable markings to indicate individual parking stalls, including any oversized or designated stalls.
10. Parking stall dimensions shall comply with the applicable off-street parking standards of this Title.
11. Shared Parking: Passenger parking areas associated with a shuttle stop may be shared with other permitted uses on the same site or on an adjacent site, provided that:
 - a. The shared parking arrangement does not result in a parking deficiency for the other use(s) during their hours of operation;
 - b. The shared parking arrangement is documented through a written agreement or other evidence acceptable to the Town; and
 - c. The shared parking area remains available to shuttle stop users during the hours of shuttle operation.

D. Site Design and Circulation

1. Shuttle loading and unloading areas, whether located on-site or within the public right-of-way, shall be designed and located to provide safe and efficient

vehicle movements and to minimize conflicts with pedestrian and vehicular circulation.

2. Shuttle loading and unloading shall not obstruct required parking spaces, fire lanes, emergency access routes, or required sidewalks.
3. Shuttle vehicles shall be able to enter and exit the site in a forward motion. Backing movements into a public street or right-of-way are prohibited, except where expressly approved by the Town based on site-specific conditions.
4. Internal circulation, driveway access, and curbside loading areas shall be designed to accommodate the size and turning radius of anticipated shuttle or bus vehicles.
5. Shuttle loading and unloading areas shall be clearly designated on-site or at the curb through pavement markings, signage, curb paint, or other visual cues sufficient to identify the location of passenger loading and unloading.
6. Where a shuttle stop is located on a site shared with other uses, shuttle operations shall be designed to minimize interference with customer, employee, or service vehicle circulation.
7. Shuttle loading and unloading may occur within the public right-of-way, where approved by the Town, provided the approving authority finds that:
 - a. The location provides adequate sight distance and does not create a traffic safety hazard;
 - b. Shuttle stopping will not unreasonably interfere with traffic flow, emergency access, or on-street parking;
 - c. Passengers can safely access the shuttle stop from the adjacent site or sidewalk, including by crossing a public street where necessary, provided such crossing occurs at a designated or otherwise safe pedestrian crossing location;
 - d. Any required passenger waiting areas, signage, or amenities are located outside of the travel lane and do not obstruct sidewalks or accessibility routes.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENTS TO COMMERCIAL AND HIGHWAY RESORT ZONING DISTRICTS.

- A. Commercial Zoning District – Amendment to Section 16.40.10(C). Title 16, Chapter 40, Section 10 of the Virgin Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:
 - C. Shuttle Stop (See 16.8.60)
- B. Highway Resort Zoning District – Amendment to Section 16.44.10(J). Title 16, Chapter 44, Section 10 of the Virgin Municipal Code is hereby amended as follows:
 - J. Shuttle Stop (See 16.8.60)

SECTION 4. REPEALER. All Virgin Town ordinances or resolutions or parts thereof, which are in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. Should any part or provision of this Ordinance be declared by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and posting as required by law.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF VIRGIN TOWN, STATE OF UTAH, ON THE ____ DAY OF _____, 20____.

Attest:

Jean Krause, Mayor, Virgin Town
VIRGIN TOWN COUNCIL

Krystal Percival, Recorder, Virgin Town

Vote as recorded: AYE NAY ABSENT

Councilmember Luwe ____ ____ ____

Councilmember Kietzman ____ ____ ____

Councilmember Wenz ____ ____ ____

Councilmember McKeon ____ ____ ____

Mayor Krause ____ ____ ____

SEAL

RECORDED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

PUBLISHED OR POSTED this ____ day of _____, 20____.

CERTIFICATE OF PASSAGE AND PUBLICATION OR POSTING

In accordance with Utah Code Annotated §63G-30-102 as amended, I, the Town Clerk/Recorder of Virgin, Utah, hereby certifies that the foregoing Ordinance was duly passed and published or posted via Class A Notice at:

- 1) *Utah Public Notice website*
- 2) *Virgin Town website, www.virgin.utah.gov*
- 3) *Virgin Town Hall*

Krystal Percival, Town Clerk/Recorder
Virgin Town, Utah