

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33S

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING USE ALLOWANCES AND A DEFINITION FOR CAR
DETAILING, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE II: DISTRICT AND USES

DIVISION H: USES

§ 21.209 USE TABLES.

(d) *Neighborhood and Freeway Commercial Zoning Districts.*

<i>Use Type</i>	<i>Zoning District</i>								<i>References; See Listed Section</i>
	<i>B-1</i>	<i>B-2</i>	<i>B-4</i>	<i>C-1</i>	<i>C-2</i>	<i>C-3</i>	<i>C-4</i>	<i>C-5</i>	

RETAIL/SERVICES

Motor Vehicle Services									
<u>Car Detailing</u>		<u>P</u>							
Car Wash		C		CA	CA				

(e) *Industrial Zoning districts.*

<i>Use Type</i>	<i>Zoning District</i>							<i>References; See Listed Section</i>
	<i>IT</i>	<i>I-1</i>	<i>I-2</i>	<i>I-3</i>	<i>IP</i>	<i>TI</i>	<i>FD-2</i>	

RETAIL

Motor Vehicle Services								
<u>Car Detailing</u>		<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>				
Car wash adjacent to collector or arterial streets.		L		C				

(f) *Specialized zoning districts.*

<i>Use Type</i>	<i>Zoning District</i>		<i>References See Listed Section</i>
	<i>CX-2</i>	<i>LX</i>	

RETAIL/SERVICES

Motor Vehicle Services			
<u>Car Detailing</u>			
Car Wash			

ARTICLE VI: DEFINITIONS

§ 21.601 DEFINITIONS.

CAR CARE CENTER. A grouping of automotive service-related uses which have a common architectural theme and shared access and circulation. The center must consist of three or more of the following: gasoline sales, lubricant sales and installation, car wash, sale of auto parts, installation of parts sold on the premises, minor automotive services such as tune-ups and repair and auto body estimating and repair (including painting) provided there be no exterior storage of damaged or inoperable vehicles or parts, or vehicles in the process of repair or painting and there be no discernible odors at the property line. However, machining of parts is not included.

CAR DETAILING. An establishment primarily engaged in the cosmetic cleaning, restoration, and finishing of motor vehicles by hand. Services may include interior vacuuming, shampooing, upholstery cleaning, polishing, and exterior waxing or buffing. Car detailing operations do not involve continuous or high-volume vehicle throughput and do not include automated or self-service washing equipment.

CAR WASH. An establishment primarily engaged in ~~[-cleaning or detailing of motor vehicles, whether self-service, automatic or by hand.]~~ the rapid and repeated cleaning of motor vehicles using automated, mechanical, or manual methods. This includes self-service bays, automatic drive-through systems, and full-service hand washes designed for high-volume vehicle processing. A car wash may involve high-volume vehicle throughput and typically includes equipment such as conveyors, high-pressure sprayers, and dryers. For zoning purposes, car washes are considered distinct from car detailing businesses, which provide low-volume, appointment-based cosmetic services.

CARGO TRUCK. A truck whose design characteristics include a storage area in the form of an open, walled, or fenced bed, or of an enclosed box-like storage compartment, designed for the carrying of equipment or materials. The term is intended to include vehicles commonly referred to as flatbed trucks, stake trucks, box trucks, and straight trucks, but is not intended to include pickup trucks or vans.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Tim Busse

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Priyanka Rai

Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied

City Attorney