



DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

RULE INTERPRETATION DETERMINATION

Determination #: 2026-001

Title: *Paintless Dent Repair and Auto Body Wrap Uses*

Drafted by: *Policy Administration Section, Land Development Division*

Rule in Question: *Section 35-311-2 Non-Residential Use Matrix*

Department Action: *This RID is for clarification purposes and includes suggested UDC amendments.*

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Date

Effective Date of Determination: *Immediately*

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Staff Analysis: The Unified Development Code (UDC) currently provides a range of automotive-related uses. Included among these are motor vehicle repair, tire shops, window tint installation, and automotive paint and body repair. However, changes in the industry have introduced a number of uses that the code today does not account for.

A growing number of businesses are opening that offer paintless dent repair (PDR) services and/or body wrap services. Such uses are distinct from comprehensive paint and body repair (often called collision centers) in that they focus on less intense operations whereby small dents are removed from doors and body panels by means of suction cups and small tapping instruments, or the automotive body is “wrapped” in a material rather than repainted in a traditional paint booth. The UDC lacks a definitive category for these uses.

Staff Position and Interpretation: Historically, these operations have been classified as “Auto Paint and Body Shop.” Staff does not feel that appropriately categorizes these operations. Moreover, small businesses must often seek changes in zoning to allow operations that are more like other, largely indoor, uses authorized by right in less intense commercial districts. Staff proposes this RID to clarify how these uses will be categorized moving forward and invites public comment as part of the 2027 Unified Development Code (UDC) amendment cycle.

Future UDC Amendments: The following amendment is proposed and will be considered during the 2027 UDC amendment cycle:

TABLE 311-2 NONRESIDENTIAL USE MATRIX												
	PERMITTED USE	O-1 & O-1.5	O-2*	NC	C-1	C-2	C-3	D	L	I-1	I-2	ERZD
Auto	Auto Alarm And Radio - Retail (Sales And Installation As A Primary Use)						S		P			P
<u>Auto</u>	<u>Automotive Body Dent Repair and/or Wrap (Indoor Only)</u>						<u>P</u>		<u>P</u>	<u>P</u>		<u>S</u>
Auto	Auto Glass Sales - Installation Permitted						P		P	P		P
Auto	Auto Muffler - Installation And Sales Only						P		P	P		S