

SECTION 17

NONCONFORMING USE

Except as provided, it shall be unlawful to use any land or building for any purpose other than is permitted in the district in which such land or building is located. The lawful use of land or buildings existing at the time of the passage of this Ordinance, although such does not conform to the regulations, may be continued. A nonconforming building, structure or portion thereof, which is or hereafter becomes vacant and remains unoccupied for a continuous period of six (6) months shall not thereafter be occupied except by the uses which conform to the use regulations of the district in which it is located. In those instances where a nonconformity of use, land, or building exists, clear intent upon the part of the owner to abandon the nonconformity or nonconformities shall thereafter render the said property to the use regulations of the district in which it is located.