

24-89 Mines and Quarries

1. Not permitted on lots less than 10 acres in size.
2. No excavation activities shall occur within 500 ft of a residential property line, and not within 100ft of any other property line.
3. No mining or quarrying activity shall occur within 100 ft of any river, stream, lake, or wetland.
4. No parking or accessory structures will be permitted within 50 ft of a property line. Security structures shall be exempt from this requirement.
5. Prior to the start of any quarry operations the outer boundaries of the operations area shall be continuously enclosed by a six (6) foot high chain-link fence.
6. All private roads shall be kept wetted while being used or shall be oiled or hard-surfaced and maintained to prevent the emanation of dust.
7. All private access roads leading off any public street or highway onto property used for any purpose permitted in this zone shall be paved, with asphalt or concrete surfacing not less than three (3) inches in thickness, for the first fifty (50) feet of said access road.
8. Required Signage: The outer boundaries of all property used for quarrying operations, involving the extraction and processing of rock, sand, gravel, decomposed granite, clay or similar materials shall be posted with signs carrying the message "QUARRY ZONE" in letters not less than four (4) inches in height, and in letters not less than one (1) inch in height. These signs shall be posted at intervals not to exceed 300 ft.
9. A reclamation plan shall be submitted to the County before approval by the planning commission and the applicant shall post a reclamation guarantee for the area of disturbance giving financial assurance in a form approved by Edgefield County, guaranteeing the satisfactory reclamation of all disturbed areas. The amount of reclamation for permanent commercial operations shall not be less than \$1,000.00 per acre, with a \$10,000.00 minimum and shall be adjusted upon the renewal of the operations plan to meet projected costs of reclamation based upon time, material and equipment needed to clean-up and remove structures, backfill, slopes (to include mine dumps) shall be graded to no greater than a 3:1 finished slope or in relation to the contour of adjacent undisturbed land, contour, redistribute and stabilize topsoil, re-vegetate, monitor, and reseed if necessary. The release of the financial assurance and obligations for reclamation shall not be made until the County planner, and County Attorney approves the release in writing.
10. Activities that would produce excessive noise, dust, traffic, or other activities that may constitute a public nuisance shall be restricted to standard business hours.