The Zoning Code Sec. 28.183 includes the following provisions regarding conditional uses:

1. **Statement of Purpose.** This Chapter divides the City into districts where the design, use, bulk and location of buildings and structures are compatible. However, some uses, and in some cases, design, bulk, and building location, have unique characteristics, and therefore cannot be properly allowed as unrestricted permitted uses. The City requires consideration, in each case, of their impact on neighboring land or public facilities, and of the public need for the particular use at a particular location. These uses may be necessary or desirable in a particular district if sufficient consideration is given to their location, development and operation.

8. **Approval Standards.**

   a. The City Plan Commission shall not approve a conditional use without due consideration of the recommendations in the City of Madison Comprehensive Plan and any applicable, neighborhood, neighborhood development, or special area plan, including design guidelines adopted as supplements to these plans. No application for a conditional use shall be granted by the Plan Commission unless it finds that all of the following conditions are present:

      1) The establishment, maintenance or operation of the conditional use will not be detrimental to or endanger the public health, safety, or general welfare.

      2) The City is able to provide municipal services to the property where the conditional use is proposed, given due consideration of the cost of providing those services.

      3) The uses, values and enjoyment of other property in the neighborhood for purposes already established will not be substantially impaired or diminished in any foreseeable manner.

      4) The establishment of the conditional use will not impede the normal and orderly development and improvement of the surrounding property for uses permitted in the district.

      5) Adequate utilities, access roads, drainage, parking supply, internal circulation improvements, including but not limited to vehicular, pedestrian, bicycle, public transit and other necessary site improvements have been or are being provided.

      6) Measures, which may include transportation demand management (TDM) and participation in a transportation management association have been or will be taken to provide adequate ingress and egress, including all off-site improvements, so designed as to minimize traffic congestion and to ensure public safety and adequate traffic flow, both on-site and on the public streets.

      7) The conditional use conforms to all applicable regulations of the district in which it is located.

     8) When applying the above standards to an application by a community living arrangement, the Plan Commission shall:

        a. Bear in mind the City general intent to accommodate community living arrangements.

        b. Exercise care to avoid an over-concentration of community living arrangements, which could create an institutional setting and seriously strain the existing social structure of a community. Considerations relevant for this determination are the distance between the proposed facility and other such facilities, the capacity of the proposed facility and the percentage by which the facility will increase the population of the community, the total capacity of all community living
arrangements in the community, the impact on the community of other community living arrangements, the success or failure of integration into communities of other such facilities operated by the individual or group seeking approval, and the ability of the community to meet the special needs, if any, of the applicant facility.

9) When applying the above standards to any new construction of a building or an addition to an existing building the Plan Commission:
   a. Shall bear in mind the statement of purpose for the zoning district, and
   b. May require the applicant to submit plans to the Urban Design Commission for comment and recommendation.

10) When applying the above standards to an application for a reduction in off-street parking requirements, the Plan Commission shall consider and give decisive weight to all relevant facts, including but not limited to, the availability and accessibility of alternative parking; impact on adjacent residential neighborhoods; existing or potential shared parking arrangements; number of residential parking permits issued for the area; proximity to transit routes and/or bicycle paths and provision of bicycle racks; the proportion of the total parking required that is represented by the requested reduction; the proportion of the total parking required that is decreased by Sec. 28.141. The characteristics of the use, including hours of operation and peak parking demand times design and maintenance of off-street parking that will be provided; and whether the proposed use is now or a small addition to an existing use.

11) When applying the above standards to telecommunication facilities, the Plan Commission shall consider the review of the application by a professional engineer required by Sec. 28.143.

12) When applying the above standards to an application for height in excess of that allowed in the district, the Plan Commission shall consider recommendations in adopted plans; the impact on surrounding properties, including height, mass, orientation, shadows and view; architectural quality and amenities; the relationship of the proposed building(s) with adjoining streets, alleys, and public rights of ways; and the public interest in exceeding the district height limits.

13) When applying the above standards to lakefront development under Sec. 28.138, the Plan Commission shall consider the height and bulk of principal buildings on the five (5) developed lots or three hundred (300) feet on either side of the lot with the proposed development.

14) When applying the above standards to an application for height in excess of that allowed by Section 28.071(2)(a) Downtown Height Map for a development located within the Additional Height Areas identified in Section 28.071(2)(b), the Plan Commission shall consider the recommendations in adopted plans, and no application for excess height shall be granted by the Plan Commission unless it finds that all of the following conditions are present:
   a. The excess height is compatible with the existing or planned (if the recommendations in the Downtown Plan call for changes) character of the surrounding area, including but not limited to the scale, mass, rhythm, and setbacks of buildings and relationships to street frontages and public spaces.
   b. The excess height allows for a demonstrated higher quality building than could be achieved without the additional stories.
c. The scale, massing and design of new buildings compliment and positively contribute to the setting of any landmark buildings within or adjacent to the projects and create a pleasing visual relationship with them.

d. For projects proposed in priority viewsheds and other views and vistas identified on the Views and Vistas Map in the City of Madison Downtown Plan, there are no negative impacts on the viewshed as demonstrated by viewshed studies prepared by the applicant.

15) When applying the above standards to an application to redevelop a site that was occupied on January 1, 2013 by a building taller than the maximum building height allowed by Section 28.071(2)(a) Downtown Height Map, as provided by Section 28.071(2)(a)1., no application for excess height shall be granted by the Plan Commission unless it finds that all the following additional conditions are also present:

a. The new building is entirely located on the same parcel as the building being replaced.

b. The new building is not taller in stories or in feet than the building being replaced.

c. The new building is not larger in total volume than the building being replaced.

d. The new building is consistent with the design standards in Section 28.071(3) and meets all of the dimensional standards of the zoning district other than height.

e. The Urban Design Commission shall review the proposed development and make a recommendation to the Plan Commission.