



**Date:** August 3, 2022

**To:** Members of the Joint City-County Planning Committee

**Through:** Sara M. Young, AICP, Planning Director

**From:** Grace D. Smith, AICP, CZO, Assistant Director and Bo Dobrzanski, AICP, CZO, Assistant Director

**Subject:** Unified Development Ordinance Text Amendment, Simplifying Codes for Affordable Development (TC2200001)

### **Summary**

Text Amendment TC2200001 is a privately initiated request to amend various provisions of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) to incentivize additional affordable housing and to allow additional flexibility in the siting and design of housing. The draft proposal was discussed at the June 1, 2022 Joint City-County Planning Committee meeting. The applicant has met with staff several times since then and some revisions have been made based on staff input.

### **Recommendation**

The staff recommends that the Joint City-County Planning Committee receive this report and provide direction on the proposal as a formal action.

### **Background**

In the spring of 2021 staff was presented with a suggested set of text amendments that would relax a variety of zoning regulations to make it easier to develop infill housing. Staff reviewed the suggestions and included a small number of those items to include in Omnibus 17. The remainder of the suggested changes were too significant to include in an Omnibus amendment, which is limited to minor revisions and technical corrections.

With continued interest in the remaining ideas Jim Anthony submitted the proposed text amendment on May 4, 2022. The proposal, developed by a group of local practitioners, reflects their experience developing and building under the current provisions of the UDO. Through their combined experiences designing projects in Durham, they have identified a series of changes they feel will either simplify the UDO or relax its standards to facilitate development of new housing and supporting economic development efforts that support small, local businesses. Some of the highlights of the content of the proposed changes include:

- Developing a new program, Progressing Affordably Toward Housing (PATH), that provides residential density and height bonuses in addition to setback relief when providing 25%

of the permitted units as affordable. The program would allow for non-conforming subdivision for fee-simple ownership and would sunset after 500 units are created;

- Expanding exemptions to submit a traffic impact analysis to include developments in the Urban Tier;
- Adding stories as a secondary measure of height, in addition to feet, for residential development;
- Removing project boundary buffers from between the same uses;
- Removing all building and vehicular use area requirements for infill development;
- Modifying the flag lot requirements to remove additional limitations;
- Removing minimum parking requirements;
- Expanding flexibility for Accessory Dwelling Units;
- Allowing small nonresidential projects to utilize the Commercial Infill standards, which provides added flexibility;
- Eliminating building configuration standards for townhouse developments; and
- Permitting more residential uses in nonresidential districts.

In addition to their presentation at the June JCCPC meeting, the applicant team has met with staff several times to discuss issues relating to general organization and wording of the proposed text, as well as, concerns related to the impacts of the proposal. Staff offered a number of suggestions which the applicant considered and incorporated in their revised draft. However, there are still parts of the proposal that staff has strong reservations about and does not support, as described in the Issues section.

### Issues

In general, the proposed text amendments provide additional flexibility, predominantly targeted at developing infill housing and small-scale commercial opportunities. In many sections, the proposed text is a welcome simplification of standards, which will benefit all users of the ordinance. To assist staff in evaluating the proposal's alignment with the direction of the new Comprehensive Plan, the applicants have provided Attachment D, which describes 22 specific ways in which the draft amendments implement and support the adopted Goals and Objectives of the new Comprehensive Plan.

While staff supports most of the proposed amendments, as revised, a small number of the proposed changes remain a concern due to their potential negative impacts, as outlined below.

- Paragraph 3.7.2C would exempt development on lots smaller than 20,000 square feet and using the CI standards from site plan review. Exempting these projects from site plan review will make it extremely difficult to enforce compliance with other standards such as lighting and solid waste facilities, both of which can have a critical impact on neighbors of small commercial projects. In addition, various stormwater regulations, such as impervious limits in Watershed Protection Overlays, peak flow thresholds, and Stormwater Impact Analysis requirements would be by-passed. Since stormwater impacts are one of the most common concerns voiced by residents, staff does not support

reducing or eliminating these requirements through the proposed exemption. If the concern is the cost or time associated with site plan review, staff recommends designating these types of projects as expedited reviews to support small business development.

- Making residential a permitted use in the Industrial zoning district (5.1.2 and 6.10.2), even with a Minor Special Use Permit, is problematic for several reasons. The Industrial district is designed to house the community's most noxious industrial uses, which are widely recognized as incompatible with residential uses. In addition, allowing residential to be built on prime industrial land will impact economic development potential for those sites, limiting the City and County's abilities to attract large industrial businesses. The decision to convert industrial land to residential use is a policy one. The Board of Adjustment is not a policy making board and placing the authority for this type of decision with them is inappropriate. The decision for such a land use policy change should be made by the governing bodies, through a rezoning process.
- The subdivision exemption in the proposed PATH program (6.6.4H) is intended to circumvent all dimensional standards for new construction and immediately create nonconformities, essentially eliminating any form of zoning regulation for these properties.
- The vehicular use area paving restrictions for infill development in paragraph 6.8.4 were designed to address a large concern raised in the Expanding Housing Choices (EHC) initiative by community members. Developers were building large infill houses with detached accessory dwelling units (ADUs) and completely paving the area between the main house and the ADU for parking. Removing the limitation that prevents excessive impervious on residential infill sites is not advised. Instead, staff would prefer to simplify by imposing impervious limits, which would give design flexibility but ensure that environmental concerns are still addressed.
- Similarly, the requirements of paragraph 7.1.2C.4 regarding ribbon driveways for the small lot option are also EHC protective measure to limit impervious surface. Removing these requirements should only be done if the concern is otherwise addressed as suggested above.
- By definition, the detached townhouse concept proposed in paragraph 7.1.7B.2 is just a detached single-family house with different lot standards. This will introduce confusion and appears to simply circumvent lot standards as you could propose an entire neighborhood of detached townhouses.
- The proposed exemption from all buffer requirements for projects in the Urban Tier on lots less than two acres (9.4.5C.4) would allow incompatible uses to have no protection or transition between them. Two acres is a sizeable lot in the Urban Tier capable of supporting a variety of commercial uses, such as fast-food restaurants or retail stores. Allowing those uses to abut residential lots without any buffering could create situations where homes are now looking into loading docks or drive throughs.

Due to the extensive nature of the proposal, staff is also concerned about the following as they relate to the proposal:

- **Community Engagement** - Since this set of amendments would significantly relax zoning restrictions staff recommended that the applicants engage the community early on and in a meaningful way. The applicants have submitted their engagement strategy (Attachment C), which proposes two public meeting in addition to outreach to a number of groups. The majority of the identified groups appear to be development affiliated. In addition, a number of groups listed are not part of the Durham community, although they may be useful professional resources. The engagement plan does not specify the timing of engagement activities, and if changes are made based upon community feedback.
- **New Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Timing** - Staff anticipates a full UDO re-write to begin next year, following adoption of the new Comprehensive Plan. While these amendments would expand upon the prior Expanding Housing Choices initiative, enacting far-reaching zoning changes in advance of a new UDO may be seen as either premature or as an opportunity to test out the effectiveness of these ideas before they are incorporated into the new ordinance.
- **Expanding Housing Choice Reports** – Since the adoption of the EHC amendments to the UDO staff has tracked a number of measures related to EHC-enabled permits and approvals and provided routine reports on the usage and impacts of the EHC initiative. This reporting has been possible because the vast majority EHC provisions are discreet and can be easily identified and isolated as permits are reviewed. However, this new set of proposed amendments are much more nuanced, woven throughout the UDO, and modify so many basic requirements (including some of the original EHC provisions) that it will make it extremely difficult to continue tracking data related to EHC. If this set of UDO amendments is approved, staff will discontinue EHC reporting as it would be a task we are no longer resourced for, nor would it provide value as the currently proposed changes are much more far reaching and expansive.

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#### **Attachments**

**Attachment A:** TC2200001 Application

**Attachment B:** Revised Draft Proposal

**Attachment C:** Engagement Plan

**Attachment D:** Goals and Objectives Alignment



# Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) Text Amendment Application

City-County Planning Department

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS (INCLUDE LIST NUMBER IN ATTACHMENT NAME WITH SUBMITTAL)	
1.	Digital (pdf) Copy of this Application
2.	Digital Payment Receipts – Application, Notice & Recording (see <a href="https://dsc.durhamnc.gov/264">https://dsc.durhamnc.gov/264</a> ) *Consult with staff before any payments are made
3.	Pre-Submittal Meeting Summary and Date
4.	Details of the Proposed Amendment(s): <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Provide the current section numbers and text to be amended.</li> <li>b. Provided a detailed description of the desired changes to the existing text, and/or show deletions by strike-through and new text by underlining.</li> </ol>
5.	Response to the following items: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. What is the rationale or condition(s) that justify the proposed amendment(s)?</li> <li>b. Explain how the amendment(s) would be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other applicable City or County policies or plans.</li> <li>c. Explain how the proposal is reasonable and in the public interest for the City and County as a whole.</li> </ol>
ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS	
I, the undersigned, acknowledge that the application is complete and that all information included is accurate to the best of my knowledge. Applications are considered accepted only after they have been determined to be complete according to paragraph 3.2.4 of the Unified Development Ordinance, not upon submission.	
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**What is the rationale or condition(s) that justify the proposed amendment(s)?**

As a group of local practitioners dedicated to Durham, we have decades of combined experience with the details of the Unified Development Ordinance and Reference Guide for Development that prevent much needed new housing from being built. This includes housing at all price points. The application addresses:

- Geometries
- Setbacks
- Small Lots
- Flag Lots
- Parking
- ADUs
- Use Zoning
- Townhomes
- Non-Conformities

The applicant's goal is to enable more housing, better housing to be built, and more affordable housing to be built, particularly in the incremental scale.

**Explain how the amendment(s) would be consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and other applicable City or County policies or plans.**

This amendment is consistent with the current district intent statements and each change proposed within the amendment addresses one of the city's most important goals, increasing the amount of new housing available. It also increases economic development through its smallest local businesses.

**Explain how the proposal is reasonable and in the public interest for the City and County as a whole.**

Each component of the proposed amendment promotes consistent scale with the existing district intent statements, while making new housing possible at a variety of unit sizes and affordability levels, opening up Durham neighborhoods to all residents.

**Durham Habitat specifically supports the following four elements of this application:**

- Side yard and corner setback modifications on residential lots
- Residential flag lot requirement modifications
- Parking requirement modifications
- Allowance of residential construction in non-residential zoning

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**WHEREAS**, the [Durham Board of County Commissioners/Durham City Council] wishes to amend certain provisions in the Unified Development Ordinance by making various technical and policy revisions; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the objective of the [Durham Board of County Commissioners/Durham City Council] to have the Unified Development Ordinance promote regulatory efficiency and consistency and the health, safety, and general welfare of the community;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it ordained that Article 3, Applications and Permits; Article 5, Use Regulations; Article 6, District Intensity Standards; Article 7, Design Standards; Article 9, Landscaping and Buffering; Article 10, Parking and Loading; Article 12, Infrastructure and Public Improvements; and Article 14, Nonconformities of the Unified Development Ordinance are amended to make the following changes set forth in the deletions (strikethroughs) and additions (underlining) below:



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## Sec 3.3

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 3.3.2 Exemptions

The following projects shall not be required to submit a TIA:

- A. Projects located within the Downtown and Urban TiersTier.
- B. Developments that submitted a TIA in conjunction with a zoning map change or previously approved site plan, special use permit, or other plan, where the TIA remains valid, consistent with the provisions of paragraph 3.3.6, Period of Validity.
- C. Redevelopment of any site on which the increase in traffic at peak hour represents an increase of less than 150 trips from the previous development, if the redevelopment is initiated within 12 months of the cessation of use of the previous development so long as no access road that leads directly to the site is operating at a level of service worse than the jurisdiction's adopted level of service.

## Sec 3.7

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 3.7.2 Applicability

All proposed development or changes of use, except as indicated below, shall be subject to the site plan review process. The following are exempt from site plan review:

- A. Single-family and two-family development on existing single lots of record.
- B. Townhouse development consisting of fewer than ten units where each unit has a maximum footprint of 1,000 square feet.
- C. Development of lots 20,000 square feet or less located in the CI District or utilizing the CI District dimensional standards.
- B. Development that does not require review by any City or County department for conformance with the standards of this Ordinance; or does not require a permit such as but not limited to fences or flagpoles. In instances where these types of development require a certificate of appropriateness (COA) or a special use permit, a site plan will not be required.

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C. Change of use where no additions to buildings or structures, or exterior land improvements, are proposed and the change of use:

1. Does not require additional parking or stacking.
2. Does not require additional landscaping.
3. Does not require a Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA) or no improvements are required as a result of a TIA analysis.
4. Only requires Architectural Review per Section [3.22](#).

D. *Public Right-of-Way Improvements*

Development projects consisting only of public utility improvements within the public right-of-way, improvements to the public right-of-way (repairing, surfacing, striping, widening, stabilizing, landscaping), or other improvements in the right-of-way where the Planning Director, or designee, determines another City or County approval process verifies conformance to this Ordinance. Exceptions are as follows:

1. In Design Districts, a separate site plan application can be filed or site plan review can occur through another technical review by the City or County for that development project.
2. In local historic districts, a separate site plan application can be filed or site plan review can occur through review of the required COA application.

Sec 4.6

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

4.6.6 Old West Durham Neighborhood Protection Overlay

[No changes to Sections A or B]

C. *General Standards*

1. *Primary and Accessory Structure Bulk (Floor Area Ratio)*
  - a. The maximum floor area ratio (FAR) shall be 0.325 (32.5%). For purposes of this NPO only, floor area is defined as the heated square footage of the primary structure. The square footage of any garage, accessory dwelling unit, or accessory structure will not be used in the FAR calculation. ~~plus the total square footage (heated or unheated) of any garage, accessory dwelling unit, or any accessory structure that requires a building permit and is enclosed on more than two sides.~~

[No changes to the remainder of Section C]

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Sec 5.1

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

5.1.2 Use Table

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL							PLANNED					DESIGN			NOTES :			
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<b>AGRICULTURAL USES</b>																										
<b>Agriculture</b>	All agriculture, except as listed below	L	L																							<a href="#">5.3.1A</a>
	Apiculture	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
	Commercial crop production	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.1A</a>
	Forestry	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L	L	L	L	L	L	L		L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.1B</a>	
<b>Agriculture (County Only)</b>	Bona fide farms	Bona fide farms shall be permitted in accordance with NCGS § <a href="#">160D-903</a> .																								
<b>RESIDENTIAL USES</b>																										
<b>Household Living</b>	Single-family	L	L	L	L	L	L	<u>L</u>	L	<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>	‡					‡	L	L	L		<a href="#">6.2.1</a> , <a href="#">6.3.2</a> , <a href="#">6.4.2</a> , <a href="#">6.5.2</a> , <a href="#">6.10.2</a> , <a href="#">6.11.3</a> , <a href="#">6.11.7</a> , <a href="#">7.1.2</a> , <a href="#">7.1.3</a> , <a href="#">7.1.4</a> , <a href="#">7.1.5</a> , Art. <a href="#">16</a>	
	Two-family	L	L	L	L	L	L	<u>L</u>	L	<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>		<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>	‡					‡	L	L	L		<a href="#">6.2.2</a> , <a href="#">6.3.2</a>	

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																								<a href="#">6.4.2,</a> <a href="#">6.5.2,</a> <a href="#">6.10.2,</a> <a href="#">6.11.3,</a> <a href="#">6.11.5,</a> <a href="#">6.11.7,</a> Art. <a href="#">16,</a> <a href="#">7.1.7</a>
	Multifamily	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>	‡		‡ L		‡	L	L	L	<a href="#">6.2.2,</a> <a href="#">6.3.2,</a> <a href="#">6.4.2,</a> <a href="#">6.5.2,</a> <a href="#">6.10.2,</a> <a href="#">6.11.3,</a> <a href="#">6.11.5,</a> <a href="#">6.11.7,</a> <a href="#">7.1.8,</a> <a href="#">7.1.9,</a> Art. <a href="#">16</a>	
	Family care home	L	L	L	L	L	<u>L</u>	L	<u>L</u>	L			<u>L</u>		L ‡				L ‡		L	L	<a href="#">5.3.2C,</a> <a href="#">6.2.1,</a> <a href="#">6.3.2,</a> <a href="#">6.4.2,</a> <a href="#">6.5.2,</a> <a href="#">6.9.1,</a> <a href="#">6.10.2,</a> <a href="#">6.11.3,</a>	

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	Manufactured home	L																						<a href="#">6.11.7</a> , <a href="#">7.1.2</a>  <a href="#">5.3.2D</a>
	Manufactured home park or subdivision														‡ L									<a href="#">5.3.2E</a>
	Upper story residential							L	L	L	L		L	<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>	‡		‡ L		‡	L	L	L	<a href="#">6.10.2</a> , <a href="#">6.11.3</a> , <a href="#">6.11.5</a> , <a href="#">6.11.7</a> , Art. <a href="#">16</a>
<b>Group Living</b>	All group living, except as listed below			m	m	m	m	m	m		m					‡ m				‡ m	m			
	Co-living	m	m	m	m	m	m	P	P/L/m	P/L/m	P/L/m		P	<u>L</u>		‡ m	‡	‡		‡	P	P	P	<a href="#">5.3.2F</a>
	Commercial dorm			L/m		L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m		L/m					‡ L					L	L/m	L/m	<a href="#">5.3.2A</a>
	Congregate living facility			L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L			<u>L</u>		‡ L/m				‡ L/m	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.2B</a>
	Group home		L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L			<u>L</u>		‡ L/m				‡ L/m	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.2C</a>
	Independent Living Facility			m	m	m	m	P	P	P	P			<u>P</u>		‡ m					‡	P	P	P

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<b>PUBLIC AND CIVIC USES</b>																									
<b>Community Service</b>	All community service, except as listed below	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		P			‡		‡		‡	P	P	P	
	Auditoriums							<u>L</u>	<u>L</u>	L	L	L	P	<u>L</u>			‡ L	‡ L		‡ L	P	L	L		<a href="#">5.3.3A</a>
	Clubs and lodges	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		‡ L/m		‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	L	L	L		<a href="#">5.3.3C</a>
	Museums	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L				‡ L	‡ L		‡ L	L	L	L		<a href="#">5.3.3G</a>
	Shelter, food bank or kitchen	P	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
<b>Day Care</b>	Day Care Home	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡	‡	‡		‡	P	P	P		
	Day care facility	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L	L	L	L		‡ L/m	L	‡ L		‡ L	L	L	L		<a href="#">5.3.3E</a>
<b>Educational Facilities</b>	School, elementary	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡ L/m	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		<a href="#">5.3.3K</a>
	School, middle or high	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡ L/m	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		<a href="#">5.3.3K</a>
	Universities or colleges		M	M	M	M	M	P		P	P	P	P	P		‡ M	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		
	Vocational, trade or business schools							P	<u>P</u>	P	P	P	P	P				‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		

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	Correctional facilities												L/M	L/M			‡ L/M	‡ L/M		L/M				<a href="#">5.3.3D</a>
<b>Medical Facilities</b>	All medical facilities, except as listed below							P	P	P	P		P	P		‡		‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	
	Hospitals							P		P	P		P				‡	‡		‡	P	P	P	
<b>Parks and Open Areas</b>	All parks and open areas, except as listed below	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.3H</a>
	Cemeteries, mausoleums, columbaria, memorial gardens	P	P	P	P	P				P	P		P			‡		‡	‡	‡	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.3B</a>
<b>Passenger Terminals</b>	All passenger terminals, except as listed below	M									M	L		M	M									<a href="#">5.3.7</a>
	Rail and Bus terminals				M	M	P		P	P	P	P	P				‡	‡	‡	‡	P	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.3I</a>
<b>Places of Worship</b>	All places of worship	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	P	P	P	P		P		‡ L/m	‡	‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	<a href="#">5.3.3J</a>	



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<b>Social Service Institutions</b>	All social service institutions										M			M					‡ M	M					
<b>Utilities</b>	Major utilities	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m		L/m	L	L	L	L	L	L	‡ L/m		‡ L	‡ L		m	M	M	<a href="#">5.3.3M</a>	
	Minor utilities	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	P	P	P		
	TV/HDTV/AM/FM Broadcast Antennae	L/m										L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m				‡ L/m		L/m				<a href="#">5.3.3L</a>
	Wireless Communication Facility, except as Listed Below	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	L	L	L		<a href="#">5.3.3N</a>
	Unipole Wireless Communication Facility	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m					L/M <sup>1</sup>		L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>		‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>		<a href="#">5.3.3N</a>
	Wireless Communication Facility, Freestanding Concealed	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup> /m <sup>2</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	‡ L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>	L/M <sup>1</sup>		<a href="#">5.3.3N</a>
	Wireless Communication Facility, Freestanding Non-Concealed	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m									L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m		L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m	L/M <sup>1</sup> /m				<a href="#">5.3.3N</a>

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL						PLANNED					DESIGN			NOTES :		
		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C <sup>3</sup>	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU	DD		CD	CSD
<b>COMMERCIAL USES</b>																								
<b>Indoor Recreation</b>	All indoor recreation, except as listed below							P	P		P		P	P				‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	
	Adult establishment												L/m	L										<a href="#">5.3.4A</a>
	Conference center, retreat house, event venue, banquet hall	L/m						L	L	L	L	L	L		‡L	‡	‡L	‡L	‡L	‡L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4X</a>
	Electronic gaming operations										L			L				‡L						<a href="#">5.3.4J</a>
	Firing range, indoor										L			L	L			‡L						<a href="#">5.3.4K</a>
	Nightclub or bar							L	L/m		L		L	L				‡L		‡L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4P</a>
<b>Outdoor Recreation</b>	All outdoor recreation, except as listed below	L/m							L/m		L		L	L				‡L	‡L	‡	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4Q</a>
	Campground, summer camp, RV camp	m																						
	Drive-in theatre										L/m		L/m											<a href="#">5.3.4H</a>

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL						PLANNED					DESIGN			NOTES :			
		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C <sup>3</sup>	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU	DD		CD	CSD	
	Firing range, outdoor, archery, skeet	L/M												L/M											<a href="#">5.3.4L</a>
	Golf course, country club, swim club, tennis club	L	L	L	L	L				L		L			‡ L	‡ L		‡ L	‡ L						<a href="#">5.3.4M</a>
	Marina, boating facility	M																							
	Paintball	L/m								L/m			L/m												<a href="#">5.3.4R</a>
	Stadium, arena								M				M			‡			‡ M	M					
<b>Overnight Accommodations</b>	Hotel, motel, and extended stay residences							L		L	L		L	L		‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	‡ L	L	L	L			<a href="#">5.3.4N</a>
	Bed and breakfast	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L/m	L	L	L	L		<b>L</b>		‡ L/m		‡ L		‡ L	L	L	L			<a href="#">5.3.4D</a>
	Diet house								P	P	P				‡		‡		‡	P	P	P			
<b>Parking, Commercial</b>	All commercial parking							L		L	L	P	P	L	P			‡	‡ L	L	L	L			<a href="#">5.3.4F</a>
<b>Restaurants</b>	All restaurants, except as listed below							P	P		P	L	P	P		‡		‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		<a href="#">5.3.7</a>
	Drive-through facilities								L		L		L	L		‡		‡ L	‡ L	‡ L					<a href="#">5.3.4I</a>

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL						PLANNED				DESIGN			NOTES :			
		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C <sup>3</sup>	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU		DD	CD	CSD
<b>Retail Sales and Service</b>	All retail sales and service, except as listed below							P	P		L	L	P	P		‡	L	‡		‡	P	P	P	<a href="#">5.3.4B</a> ; <a href="#">5.3.7</a>
	Antique shop	L						P	P		P		P	P		‡		‡		‡	P	P	P	<a href="#">5.3.4C</a>
	Art, music, dance, photographic studio or gallery							P	P	P	P		P	P		‡		‡	‡	‡	P	P	P	
	Convenience store with gasoline sales								L		L		L	L		‡		‡L		‡L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4G</a>
	Drive-through facilities								L		L		L	L		‡		‡L		‡L			L	<a href="#">5.3.4I</a>
	Payday Lenders							P	P		L			P							P	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4S</a>
	Veterinary clinic, animal hospital, kennel	L						L	L	L	L		L	L	L	‡L		‡L	‡L	‡L	L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.4W</a>
<b>Self-Service Storage</b>	All self-service storage										L		L	L				‡L	‡L				<a href="#">5.3.4T</a>	
<b>Vehicle Sales</b>	Manufactured home sales										L		L	L				‡L					<a href="#">5.3.4O</a>	
	Vehicle sales, leasing, and rentals										L		L	L			‡L	‡L		L			<a href="#">5.3.4U</a>	
<b>Vehicle Service</b>	Car wash										L		L	L			‡L	‡L					<a href="#">5.3.4E</a>	
	Vehicle service, minor							L	L/m		L		L	L			‡L	‡L	‡L				<a href="#">5.3.4V</a>	

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL							PLANNED					DESIGN			NOTES :		
		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C <sup>3</sup>	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU	DD	CD		CSD	
	Vehicle service, major												L	L					‡ L						<a href="#">5.3.4V</a>
<b>OFFICE</b>																									
<b>Office</b>	All office uses							P	P	P	P	P	P	P		‡		‡	‡	‡	P	P	P		
	Drive-through facilities								L	L	L	L	L	L		‡		‡ L	‡ L	‡ L			L		<a href="#">5.3.4I</a>
<b>INDUSTRIAL USES</b>																									
<b>Heavy Industrial</b>	All heavy industrial, except as listed below														P										
	Asphalt plant													L/M											<a href="#">5.3.6A</a>
	Concrete manufacturing plant													L/M											<a href="#">5.3.6B</a>
	Hazardous and low-level nuclear disposal and storage													L/M											<a href="#">5.3.6C</a>
	Wrecking, junk, and salvage yards													L/m	L										<a href="#">5.3.6H</a>
<b>Light Industrial Service</b>	All light industrial service, except as listed below											L	L	P	P				‡		L	L	L	<a href="#">5.3.6D</a>	

USE CATEGORY	SPECIFIC USE	RESIDENTIAL						NONRESIDENTIAL						PLANNED				DESIGN			NOTES :		
		RR	RS	RS-M	RU	RU-M	RC	CI	CN	OI	CG	SRP	SRP-C <sup>3</sup>	IL	I	PDR	UC	CC	IP	MU		DD	CD
	Research and development										L	P	P	P				‡		P	P	P	<a href="#">5.3.7</a>
<b>Resource Extraction</b>	All resource extraction													L/M									<a href="#">5.3.6E</a>
<b>Warehouse and Freight Movement</b>	All warehouse and freight movement												P	P				‡					
<b>Waste-Related Service</b>	All waste-related services, except as listed below													M									
	Recycling centers												M	M									
	Transfer stations												L	L									<a href="#">5.3.6F</a>
<b>Wholesale Trades</b>	All wholesale trade								m				P	P				‡		L			<a href="#">5.3.6G</a>

1 If located within 300 feet of a designated North Carolina Scenic Byway.

2 To determine which freestanding concealed or unipole facilities require a minor special use permit, see paragraph [5.3.3N](#).

3 County Only

## Sec 5.2

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 5.2.4 Public and Civic Use Categories

[No changes to Sections A through G or I through J]

#### H. *Place of Worship*

Characteristics: Places of assembly that provide meeting areas for religious practice.		
Principal Uses	Accessory Uses	Uses Not Included
Church, mosque, synagogue, or temple	<u>Accessory dwelling unit</u> Ancillary indoor storage Associated office Columbaria, memorial garden Day care Food services, dining area, food pantry or meal center Meeting room/classroom for meetings or classes not held on a daily basis Shelter <u>Staff accessory dwelling unit</u>	Athletic, tennis, swim or health club (see Retail Sales and Service) Educational facility (see Educational Facilities) Neighborhood arts center or similar community facility, public (see Community Service) Private community center (see Household Living: Accessory Use) Revival or gospel tent (see Sec. <a href="#">5.5</a> , Temporary Uses) Senior center (see Community Service) Social service facility (see Social Service Institution) Treatment center, transient lodging, shelter for the homeless (see Social Service Institutions)

## Sec 5.4

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

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## 5.4.1 Accessory Structures

Accessory structures shall be subject to the following additional requirements:

A. ~~An accessory structure(s) shall not be larger than the primary structure in square footage. An accessory structure shall be clearly subordinate to the primary structure in aspects of size and purpose.~~

B. Accessory structures shall be located as follows:

1. Accessory structures associated with a single-family or duplex structure shall be located to the rear of the ~~rear-front~~ building line of the primary structure, with the following limitations and exceptions:

a. Except in the RU and RC Districts, the accessory structure shall be set back at least five feet from the rear and side property lines.

b. Accessory structures in the RU and RC Districts shall be set back at least three feet from the side and rear property lines.

c. Accessory structures in the RR District can be located in front or to the side of the primary structure provided that:

(1) It is not located in the street or side yard; and

(2) It is on a lot at least two acres in size.

d. An accessory structure in the RS-20 District in the Suburban or Rural Tier can be located to the side of the primary structure provided that:

(1) It is not located in the side yard; and

(2) It is on a lot at least two acres in size.

2. Accessory structures in Design districts shall be located to the rear of the rear building line of the primary structure(s) and shall be subject to the side and rear yard requirements of those districts.

3. The location of accessory structures associated with Places of Worship shall not be restricted, with the following exceptions:

a. Except in the RU and RC Districts, the accessory structure shall be set back at least five feet from the rear and side property lines.

b. Accessory structures in the RU and RC Districts shall be set back at least three feet from the side and rear property lines.



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43. Accessory structures for all other development not indicated above shall be located to the side or rear of the primary structure, but not within side or rear yards. For developments with more than one primary structure, the primary structure located closest to the right-of-way shall be used to locate the accessory structure.

5. On corner lots, Accessory structures will be subject to one street yard.

6. On flag lots, an accessory structure is not required to be behind any primary building line.

7. Accessory structures with ADUs are exempt from any FAR restrictions.

[No changes to Section C]

D. The maximum height of an accessory structure in residential areas shall be ~~25-32~~ feet. Infill height requirements per Sec. 6.8, Infill Development for Residential Districts, shall not apply.

[No changes to Section E]

F. In addition to the requirements in paragraphs A, B, C, and E, accessory structures in Design districts shall comply with the following standards:

1. The height of the structure shall not exceed the lesser of 35 feet 3 stories or 40 feet and shall not exceed the primary structure in height; and
2. The structure shall be compatible with the primary structure in style, materials, roof form, and details.

#### 5.4.2 Accessory Dwellings

Accessory dwellings shall be subject to the following additional requirements:

[No changes to Section A]

##### B. *General*

1. An accessory dwelling unit shall be allowed as follows:
  - a. On a residential lot developed with one or two primary dwelling units. Only one accessory dwelling shall be allowed.
  - b. For certain civic uses as indicated in Sec. [5.2](#), Use Categories, provided that:

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(1) No more than three Unlimited accessory dwelling units shall be allowed for 5.2.4.H Place of Worship. For all other civic uses as indicated in Sec. 5.2, no more than three units shall be allowed.

(2) The units can be located anywhere on the lot and shall comply with the minimum yard requirements applicable to primary structures.

(3) The maximum size of each unit shall be 12800 square feet.

(4) No additional parking is required.

(5) No special use permit is required. Place of Worship shall not need a special use permit for the accessory dwelling even if it does not have a special use permit for its primary use.

c. Density limits shall not apply to accessory dwelling units.

2. The accessory dwelling can be located within the primary structure (attached) or separate (detached) from the primary structure.

a. An accessory dwelling may be built prior to its primary dwelling provided it is on the rear 40% area of the lot and complies with all provisions applicable in Sec. 5.4.

3. A nonconforming accessory structure can be renovated or reconstructed to an accessory dwelling.

Commentary: Depending upon the scope of the project, a special use permit pursuant to Sec. [14.4](#), Nonconforming Improvements and Structures, or a variance pursuant to Sec. [3.14](#), Variance, may be required.

4. The heated floor area of the accessory dwelling shall not exceed 800-1200 square feet, except in the RR District, where the heated or air-conditioned floor area can be a maximum of 50% of the primary dwelling heated or air-conditioned floor area on lots of four acres or larger. However, in no instance shall the floor area of an accessory dwelling unit equal or exceed the floor area of the primary structure.

Commentary: Accessory dwelling units are required to meet all applicable building and housing codes.

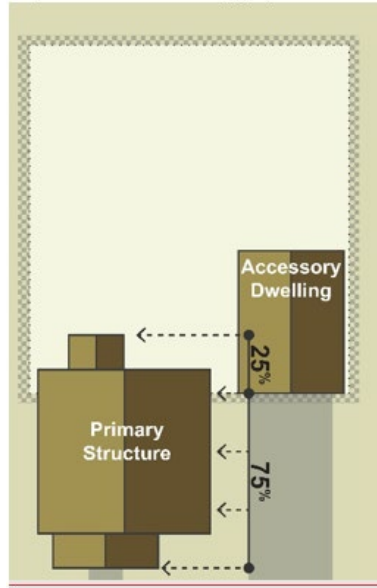
5. Use of a travel trailer or recreational vehicle (RV) as an accessory dwelling shall be prohibited within a residential district or on property devoted to residential use, except that use of a travel trailer or RV during temporary visits of two weeks or less shall be allowed.

6. No parking is required for an accessory dwelling.

7. In addition to the accessory structure location requirements in paragraph [5.4.1B.1](#), an accessory structure containing an accessory dwelling unit can be located to the side of the primary structure, provided that:

a. The structure shall not extend forward of the rear 25% of the primary structure; and

b. The minimum side yard of the zoning district shall apply.



## 8. Height

- a. For detached accessory dwelling units, the maximum height for accessory structures shall apply.
- b. Accessory dwellings that are an addition to the primary structure shall conform to the applicable height limits for the primary structure.
- c. Height limits shall not be considered if the accessory dwelling is only a conversion of existing space within the primary structure.

## 9. Duplex Accessory Dwelling

If a primary dwelling is a single-family residence, an accessory structure may be a duplex, so long as the total heated sf of the ADU does not exceed 1200 square feet for both units combined.

## Sec 6.2

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 6.2.1 Development Standards

#### A. Dimensional Standards

1. All residential development in the RR District shall meet the standards in the table below.

Dimensional Standard	Rural Tier Watershed		Rural Tier Non-Watershed		All Other Locations	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Residential Density (units per acre)						
Conventional Subdivision	—	0.33	—	0.5	—	1.4
Conservation Subdivision	—	0.5	—	0.75	—	2.0
Open Space (% of gross area) <sup>1</sup>						
Conventional Subdivision	—	—	—	—	—	—
Conservation Subdivision	50	—	50	—	50	—
Lot Area <sup>2</sup>	3 ac.	—	2 ac.	—	30,000 s.f.	—
Lot Width (feet) <sup>2</sup>	200	—	150	—	100	—
Street Yard (feet) <sup>2</sup>	50	—	50	—	50	—
Side Yard (feet) <sup>2</sup>						
Minimum Each Side	25	—	12	—	12	—
Minimum Both Sides (total)	50	—	30	—	30	—
Rear Yard (feet) <sup>2</sup>	50	—	25	—	25	—
Height, conventional and conservation subdivision ( <del>feet</del> stories)	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3
<u>Height, conventional and conservation subdivision (feet)</u>		<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>

<sup>1</sup> Please see Sec. [12.5](#), Recreation Land, for additional land dedication requirements that may apply.

<sup>2</sup> For conservation subdivision dimensional requirements, see below.

2. Within a conservation subdivision:

- a. The minimum street yard shall be eight feet.
- b. No minimum side yard shall apply; however, a minimum building separation of 10 feet shall apply.
- c. Rear yards shall be those indicated for conventional subdivisions in the table in paragraph [6.2.1A.1](#) above.
- d. Minimum lot areas for conservation subdivisions shall be approved by the County Health Department for individual wastewater treatment systems. Where public or community wastewater systems are approved to serve the development, no minimum lot size or width shall apply.

3. Additional height is permitted for non-farm structures at a rate of one additional foot-story for every one-ten-foot-feet of additional setback provided. In no event shall the structure be more than 45 feet in height.

[No changes to Sections B or C]

### Sec 6.3

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

#### 6.3.1 Development Standards

##### A. Dimensional Standards

1. All residential development in the RS Districts shall meet the standards in the table below. For illustrations, lot dimensions, and required yards for each housing type, see Sec. [7.1](#), Housing Types.

Dimensional Standard	RS-20		RS-10		RS-8		RS-M		
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max. without Development Plan	Max. with Development Plan (see paragraph <a href="#">3.5.6</a> )
Residential Density (units per acre)	—	2.0	—	4.0	—	5.0	—	8.0	18.0
Small Lot Option <sup>3</sup>	—	—	—	12.0	—	12.0	—	12.0	18.0
Open Space (% of gross area) <sup>1</sup>									
Conventional Subdivision	—	—	15	—	15	—	18	—	—
Cluster Subdivision	—	—	15	—	15	—	18	—	—
Site Area (acres)									
Conventional Subdivision	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cluster Subdivision	4	—	4	—	4	—	—	—	—
Site Width (feet)	—	—	—	—	—	—	200	—	—
Area and Width Requirements	See Sec. <a href="#">7.1</a> , Housing Types								
Height ( <del>feet</del> stories) <sup>2</sup>	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3	<del>35</del> 3
Height (feet) <sup>2</sup>		40		40		40		40	40

1 Please see Sec. [12.5](#), Recreation Land, for additional land dedication requirements that may apply.

2 Height is, or may be, further limited when using the small lot option, the reduced pole width flag lot option, infill standards, a neighborhood protection overlay, or by a local historic district.

3 Per paragraph [7.1.2C.1](#), Applicability, the small lot option is not allowed in the RS-20 district. Refer to that paragraph for further limits on the other RS districts.

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2. The maximum residential density does not apply to actions listed under paragraph [3.6.2](#), Actions Exempt from Subdivision Requirements (Exempt Plats). Where this maximum does apply, density can be increased in accordance with paragraph [6.3.3B](#), RS-M District Major Roadway Density Bonus, or Sec. [6.6](#), Affordable Housing Bonus. Other than these options, the maximum density shown cannot be exceeded even though the use of an alternative housing type may impose smaller lot size requirements.
  3. For cluster subdivisions in the RS-20, RS-10, and RS-8 Districts, the lot size reduction would be added to the minimum open space requirement.
  4. For both conventional and cluster subdivisions in the RS-M District open space requirements also apply to the development standards for apartments.
  5. Minimum lot area for conventional, single-family detached housing types can be reduced in accordance with paragraph [6.3.3C](#), Lot Averaging.
  6. In the Suburban Tier, additional height in the RS-20, RS-10, and RS-8 Districts is permitted at a rate of one additional ~~feet~~ story for every ~~one foot~~ ten feet of additional setback provided. In no event shall the structure be more than 45 feet in height.
  7. For projects in the RS-M District, the maximum height can be increased up to ~~55 feet~~ 5 stories through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit. In no event shall the structure be more than 60 feet in height.
  8. Minimum lot area may be higher as required by the County Health Department for individual wastewater treatment systems or “package plant” style wastewater treatment systems.

[No Changes to Section B]

## Sec 6.4

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 6.4.1 Development Standards

#### A. Dimensional Standards

1. All residential development in the RU Districts shall meet the standards in the table below. For illustrations, lot dimensions, and required yards for each housing type, see Sec. [7.1](#), Housing Types.

Dimensional Standard	RU-5		RU-5(2)		RU-M		
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max. without a Development Plan	Max. with a Development Plan (see paragraph 3.5.6)
Residential Density (units per acre)							
Project under Four Acres	—	8.0	—	8.0	—	12.0	<del>20.0</del> 40.0
Project Four Acres or Greater	6.0	8.0	6.0	8.0	8.0	12.0	<del>20.0</del> 40.0
Small Lot Option	—	12.0	—	12.0	—	12.0	<del>20.0</del> 40.0
Open Space (% of gross area) <sup>1</sup>	5	—	5	—	6	—	
Area and Width Requirements	See Sec. 7.1, Housing Types						
Height ( <del>feet</del> stories) <sup>2</sup>	—	<del>35</del> 3	—	<del>35</del> 3	—		<del>55</del> 5
<u>Height (feet)<sup>2</sup></u>		<u>40</u>		<u>40</u>			<u>60</u>

1 Please see Sec. 12.5, Recreation Lands, for additional requirements that may apply.

2 Height is, or may be, further limited when using the small lot option, the reduced pole width flag lot option, infill standards, a neighborhood protection overlay, or by a local historic district.

2. Maximum density can increase in accordance with paragraph 6.4.3, Residential Density, and/or Sec. 6.6, Affordable Housing Bonus. Other than these options, the maximum density shall not be exceeded even though the use of an alternative housing type may impose smaller lot size requirements.

3. If the project in the RU-M District is on at least a four-acre lot, the maximum height can be increased up to ~~75 feet~~7 stories through the issuance of a minor special use permit. In no event shall the structure be more than 80 feet in height.

## Sec 6.5

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 6.5.1 Development Standards

#### A. Dimensional Standards

1. All residential development in the RC District shall meet the standards in the table below. For illustrations, lot dimensions, and required yards for each housing type, see Sec. 7.1, Housing Types.

Dimensional Standard	RC	
	Min.	Max.
Residential Density (units per acre)	12.0	<del>20.0</del> 40.0

Dimensional Standard	RC	
	Min.	Max.
Open Space (% of gross area) <sup>1</sup>	5.0	—
Site Area Lot Area	See Sec. 7.1, Housing Types	
Height ( <del>feet</del> stories)	—	<del>75</del> 7
<u>Height (feet)</u>		<u>80</u>

1 Please see Sec. 12.5, Recreation Land, for additional land dedication requirements that may apply.

2. Maximum density can be increased in accordance with paragraph 6.5.3, Residential Density, and/or Sec. 6.6, Affordable Housing Bonus.

3. Maximum height shall be limited to the lesser of 45-4 feet stories or 50 feet if the building is within 150 feet of the perimeter of the compact neighborhood tier where the tier adjoins any property zoned and used for residential purposes. Additional height up to 75 feet 7 stories is allowed through approval of a minor special use permit per Sec. 3.9, Special Use Permit. In no event shall the structure be more than 80 feet in height.

## Sec 6.6

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 6.6.2 Compact Neighborhood Tier

[No changes to Sections A through D]

#### E. Height

1. The maximum building height shall be as follows:

Maximum Height (feet)	Location
<del>50</del> 5 stories and 60 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any portion of a building within 75 feet of a single-family residential zoning district or use in the Urban Tier; or</li> <li>Any portion of a building within 150 feet of a single-family residential zoning district or use in the Suburban Tier.</li> <li>Distance from the zoning district or use shall be measured from the zoning line or property line, as applicable.</li> </ul>
<del>90</del> 9 stories and 100 feet	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The subject property is adjoining right-of-way at least 100 feet wide; or</li> <li>All other locations.</li> </ul>



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2. Base zoning district maximum height can be used if it exceeds the maximum height allowances, above.

[No changes to Section F]

### 6.6.3 Suburban and Urban Tiers

[No changes to Sections A through C]

#### D. Height

When the affordable housing density bonus is utilized, an additional 15-1 feet-story of height or 15 feet, whichever is less, shall be allowed.

### 6.6.4 Affordable P.A.T.H. Program (Progressing Affordably Toward Housing)

#### A. Applicability

1. Any residential project can utilize the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program.
2. Provisions under Sections 4.6, 4.10, and 6.6.1.C, 6.6.1.G, 6.6.2, and 6.6.3 shall not apply to projects utilizing the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program.
3. Where conflicts may exist, 6.6.4 shall be used.

#### B. Affordability Requirement

1. At least 25% of the total number of dwelling units in the Project
  0. Rental units at 60% of AMI or less, or
  1. For sale units at 80% AMI or less
2. **Example 1:** If 12 dwelling units for rent are proposed, at least 3 of those units shall be affordable to households earning an average of 60% AMI or less.
3. **Example 2:** If 12 dwelling units for sale are proposed, at least 3 of those units shall be affordable to households earning an average of 80% AMI or less.

#### C. Residential Density

1. For projects that require a Site Plan, residential density may be increased as follows:
  - a. For the purpose of calculating the bonus residential density within projects utilizing the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program, the “base density” is the maximum density allowed in the zoning district prior to applying any potential bonuses, and multiplied by the gross acreage of the tract of land, including all areas typically excluded from density calculations in Article 8, Environmental Protection. The resulting number shall be rounded up to the nearest whole number.

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b. For each Affordable P.A.T.H. Program dwelling unit that is constructed, a bonus of two additional dwelling units can be constructed beyond the base density.

**Example 3:** A project has a base maximum density of 12 units, and 25% (i.e., 3 units) of the 12 maximum units qualify as Affordable P.A.T.H. Program dwelling units. Thus, an additional 6 dwelling units are allowed above the maximum 12 units, totaling 18 dwelling units.

D. Height

When the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program is utilized, an additional 1 story shall be allowed.

E. Lot Dimensions

When the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program is utilized, minimum lot area, width requirements, and setbacks, can be reduced by a maximum of 20%.

F. Encroachments

When the Affordable P.A.T.H. Program is utilized, encroachments can be increased by a maximum of 20%.

G. Accessory Dwellings

Accessory dwellings may count as Affordable P.A.T.H. Program dwelling units.

H. Subdivision Bonus

If 100% of the units are affordable, and so long as the overall form and number of units is allowable under the UDO or the proscriptions of Affordable P.A.T.H. Program herein, the project may be subdivided in any way to facilitate fee simple lots, relieved from all dimensional restrictions, density standards, minimum lot sizing, and setback requirements. Subdivided Lots with Affordable P.A.T.H. Program units do not need to have street frontage if the lot fronts a public or private utility easement of at least 10 feet in width.

Sec 6.7

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

6.7.2 Minimum Site Area

The minimum acreage required for a cluster subdivision shall be ~~four~~-two acres.

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## 6.7.6 Perimeter Treatment

Property on the edge of cluster developments shall be developed in one or more of the following ways:

A. Set aside as open space, that includes a buffer with an opacity of 20%, as set forth in Article 9, Landscaping and Buffering. Open Space used for buffers may be on privately platted property and is not required to be held in common title.

B. ~~In the Urban Tier,~~ if an alley is provided along the perimeter with joint access provided to property not part of the subject subdivision, lots adjacent to, and accessing the alley, can be platted with cluster subdivision dimensional requirements. Vegetative screening along the side adjacent to properties not part of the subdivision shall be provided per paragraph 9.7.2C, Evergreen Hedges, unless access is provided to the individual property not part of the subject subdivision.

[No changes to Section C]

## Sec 6.8

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

## 6.8.2 Yards

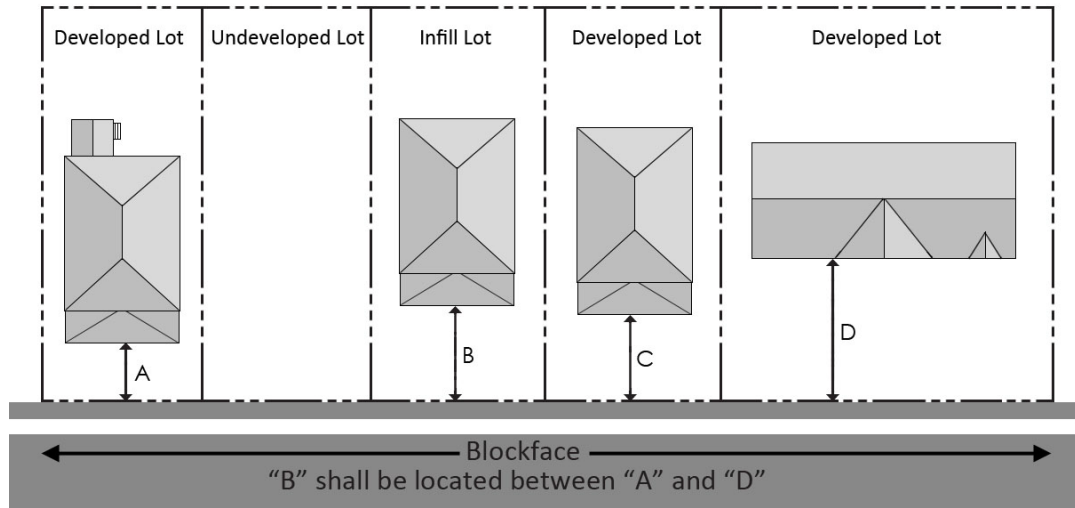
### A. *Street Yards*

[No changes to Section 6.8.2.A.1]

#### 2. *Required Street Yard*

a. The required street yard shall be any distance between the smallest and largest street yards within the context area. However, in no instance shall the smallest street yard be less than five feet.

Example: The subject infill lot (B) and four other lots with residential zoning make up the block face. One lot is undeveloped prior to January 1, 2006, and thus shall not be considered. The street yards along the block face of the three other lots are 10 feet (A), 15 feet (C), and 20 feet (D). Therefore, the required street yard for the subject lot (B) can be anywhere between 10 feet (the smallest) and 20 feet (the largest).



b. If there are fewer than two lots that qualify within the context area, the street yard may be 5 feet.  
~~then at the discretion of the applicant:~~

~~(1) the subject infill lot shall use the The base zoning district requirements shall apply, or~~

~~(2) A street yard measuring between the smallest and largest street yard of the opposing block face can be used.~~

c. ~~For corner lots, each street yard shall be determined separately.~~

For corner lots, one of the two street yards may be developed using side yard standards.

~~If there are fewer than two lots that qualify within the context area, then the subject infill lot shall use the base zoning district requirements.~~

3. Alleys shall not be considered to create a new block. Parcels on the opposite side of an alley shall be considered along the same block face.

[No changes to Sections B or C]

### ~~6.8.3 Buildings~~

#### ~~A. Building Width~~

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~~New construction shall not exceed the average building width for existing residential structures in the context area established in paragraph 6.8.2A.1, Context Area, by more than 25%, unless a building articulation of at least six feet in depth at a point that mimics the average building width in the context area is provided.~~

~~B. *Building Height*~~

~~The maximum height of a primary structure shall not exceed the height of the lesser of either of the following:~~

- ~~1. The maximum height permitted by the zoning district; or~~
- ~~2. More than 14 feet taller than the shortest height of primary structures on adjacent lots along the block face:
  - ~~a. If there is not a primary structure on an adjacent lot, the next lot along the block face shall be used.~~
  - ~~b. If the next lot also lacks a primary structure, then the height of the vacant adjacent lot shall be the maximum allowed by the zoning district.~~~~

~~C. *Main Entrance*~~

~~Except for single family and two family residential structures, every principal structure shall have a main entrance on a street other than an alley. On corner lots, the main entrance can face either street or can be oriented toward the corner. For buildings that have more than one main entrance, only one main entrance shall be required to face a street.~~

~~D. *Garages and Access*~~

- ~~1. Where a lot abuts a publicly improved and maintained alley, all vehicular access shall be taken from the alley.~~
- ~~2. When a garage entrance faces a street other than an alley, a single garage entrance shall be no more than 22 feet in width.~~
- ~~3. The construction material of the garage shall match that of the primary structure. This shall not apply if the primary structure is a single family or two family structure.~~

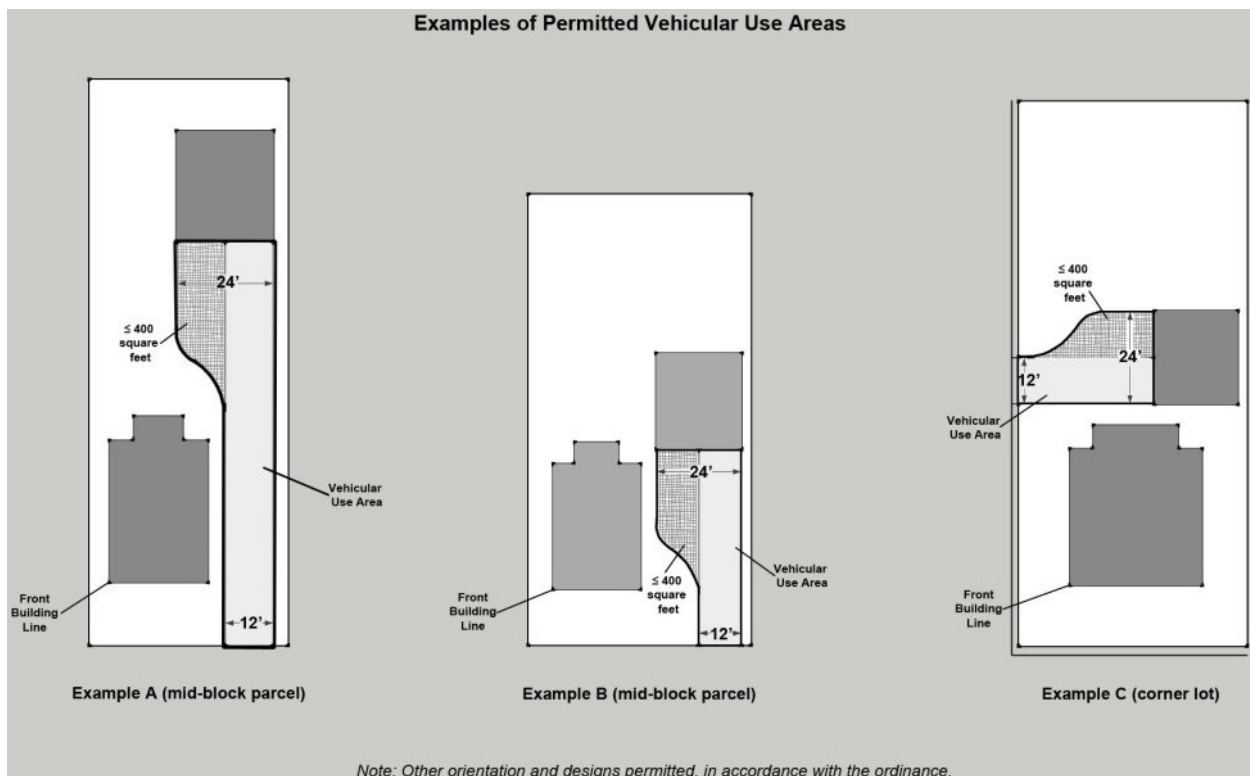
~~E. *Downspouts*~~

~~For sites in the Urban Tier where no other stormwater controls are required, downspouts shall direct stormwater runoff over pervious area and not piped to right of way.~~

## 6.8.4 Vehicular Use Areas

### A. Residential

- ~~1. No on-site parking is required if placement of a single-family or two-family primary structure, based upon the required street yard, conflicts with the minimum dimensional standards for on-site parking. This parking exemption shall apply to lots measuring 40 feet in width or less.~~
- ~~2. A vehicular use area includes all surface area designated or utilized for vehicle parking or vehicle access.~~
- ~~3. The maximum width of the vehicular use area shall be 12 feet; however, the vehicular use area can expand up to 24 feet in width to accommodate garage access or parking. The total additional vehicular use area beyond 12 feet in width shall:
  - ~~a. Be behind the front building line;~~
  - ~~b. Be at least 20 feet from the front property line; and~~
  - ~~c. Not exceed 400 square feet.~~~~



### B. Nonresidential

- ~~1. On-site parking facilities shall not be located in any required street yard.~~

~~2. If parking facilities are located to the rear of the subject structure, a rear entrance to the structure shall be provided.~~

Sec 6.10

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

6.10.1 Nonresidential and Group Living Development Standards

[No changes to Sections A or B]

C. *Urban Tier*

All nonresidential and group living development in the Urban Tier, as designated in the *Comprehensive Plan*, shall comply with the standards in the tables below.

1. *Standards for the CI District*

Dimensional Standard	CI	
	Min.	Max.
Lot Area	—	20,000
Street Yard from Back of Curb (feet)	<del>50</del>	15
Side Yard (feet)	—	10
Rear Yard (feet)	<del>100</del>	—
Height (feet)	—	<del>35</del> 40

- a. Buildings greater than 20,000 square feet are allowed in the CI District if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.
- b. Additional height in the CI District, up to 50 feet, is allowed if the building uses upper story step-backs at a ratio of one to one.
- c. Minimum ground floor glazing for building façades facing street frontages shall be 60% for all nonresidential uses and 50% for residential uses.
- d. Where the right-of-way line is further from the curb than the maximum street yard, the right-of-way line shall be the required maximum street yard; structures shall not be allowed in the public right-of-way.

e. Height may be calculated using the standards for residential uses as described in Section 6.12.1.A.

2. *Standards for the CN, OI, and CG Districts*

Dimensional Standard	CN		OI		CG	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Lot Area (square feet)	5,000	—	20,000	—	20,000	
Project Floor Area (square feet)	—	20,000	—	—	—	—
Lot Width (feet)	50	—	50	—	100	
Street Yard (feet)	—	15	—	15	—	15
Side Yard (feet)	10	—	10	—	15	—
Rear Yard (feet)	25	—	25	—	25	—
Building Coverage (%) <sup>1</sup>	—	60	—	60	—	60
Height (feet)	—	35	—	90	—	55

<sup>1</sup> Building coverage may be further restricted by the impervious surface requirements of paragraph [8.7.2B](#), Impervious Surface Limits.

- a. A primary structure shall be oriented such that at least one of the following standards is met:
  - (1) The longest building façade is parallel to and within the maximum street yard; or
  - (2) The street-facing building façade occupies at least 60% of the total street frontage for the development.
- b. Rear yards can be reduced by up to 50% if adjacent to a railroad right-of-way.
- c. Additional height in the OI and CG Districts, up to 145 feet, is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.
- d. A development within the CN District with new project floor area over 5,000 square feet, no development plan, and residential zoning districts adjacent (including directly across a public right-of-way) to two or more property lines requires a Minor Special Use Permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit. The applicant shall hold a neighborhood meeting pursuant to paragraph [3.2.3](#), Neighborhood Meeting, unless it previously held one for the development at issue.

e. Lots 20,000 square feet or smaller in the CN, OI, and CG Districts may use the dimensional standards for the CI District as outlined in Sec. 6.10.1.C.1 and are exempt from site plan review as outlined in Sec. 3.7.2.

3. *Standards for the IL and I Districts*



Dimensional Standard	IL		I	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Lot Area (square feet)	5,000	—	25,000	—
Lot Width (feet)	50	—	100 —	—
Street Yard (feet)	—	20	40	—
Side Yard (feet)	15	—	40	—
Rear Yard (feet)	25	—	40	—
Building Coverage (%) <sup>1</sup>	—	60	—	65
Height (feet)	—	50	—	90

1 Building coverage may be further restricted by the impervious surface requirements of paragraph [8.7.2B](#), Impervious Surface Limits.

a. In the IL District, a primary structure shall be oriented such that at least one of the following standards is met:

(1) The longest building façade is parallel to and within the maximum street yard; or

(2) The street-facing building façade occupies at least 60% of the total street frontage for the development.

b. Rear yards can be reduced by up to 50% if adjacent to a railroad right-of-way.

c. Additional height, up to 145 feet, is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.

[d. Lots 20,000 square feet or smaller in the IL District may use the dimensional standards for the CI District as outlined in Sec 6.10.1.C.1 and are exempt from site plan review as outlined in Sec. 3.7.2.](#)

#### D. Compact Neighborhood Tier

All nonresidential and group living development in the Compact Neighborhood Tier, as designated in the *Comprehensive Plan*, except development within CD districts, shall comply with the standards in the tables below.

##### 1. Standards for the CI District

Dimensional Standard	CI	
	Min.	Max.
Lot Area	—	20,000

Dimensional Standard	CI	
	Min.	Max.
Street Yard from Back of Curb (feet)	<del>50</del>	15
Side Yard (feet)	—	10
Rear Yard (feet)	<del>400</del>	—
Height (feet)	—	<del>3540</del>

- a. Buildings greater than 20,000 square feet are allowed in the CI District if approved through a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.
- b. Additional height in the CI District, up to 50 feet, is allowed if the building uses upper story step-backs at a ratio of one-to-one.
- c. Minimum ground floor glazing for building façades facing street frontages shall be 60% for all nonresidential uses and 50% for residential uses.
- d. Where the right-of-way line is further from the curb than the maximum street yard, the right-of-way line shall be the required maximum street yard; structures shall not be allowed in the public right-of-way.
- e. Height may be calculated using the standards for residential uses as described in Section 6.12.1.A.

2. *Standards for the CN and OI Districts*

Dimensional Standard	CN		OI	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Project Floor Area (square feet)	—	20,000	—	—
Lot Width (feet)	50	—	50	—
Street Yard (feet)	—	15	—	15
Side Yard (feet)	10	—	10	—
Rear Yard (feet)	15	—	15	—
Height (feet)	—	35	—	120

- a. A primary structure shall be oriented such that at least one of the following standards is met:
  - (1) The longest building façade is parallel to and within the maximum street yard; or
  - (2) The street-facing building façade occupies at least 60% of the total street frontage for the development.

b. Additional height in the OI District, up to 145 feet, is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.

c. Height in the OI District shall be capped at 45 feet for any structures located within 150 feet of the perimeter of the Compact Neighborhood Tier where the Tier adjoins residentially used and designated property.

d. A development within the CN District with new project floor area over 5,000 square feet, no development plan, and residential zoning districts adjacent (including directly across a public right-of-way) to two or more property lines requires a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit. The applicant shall hold a neighborhood meeting pursuant to paragraph [3.2.3](#), Neighborhood Meeting, unless it previously held one for the development at issue.

[e. Lots 20,000 square feet or smaller in the CN and OI Districts may use the dimensional standards for the CI District as outlined in Sec 6.10.1.C.1 and are exempt from site plan review as outlined in Sec. 3.7.2.](#)

3. *Standards for the CG and IL Districts*

Dimensional Standard	CG		IL	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Lot Width (feet)	50	—	50	
Street Yard (feet)	—	15	—	15
Side Yard (feet)	10	—	15	—
Rear Yard (feet)	15	—	15	—
Height (feet)	—	90	—	50

a. A primary structure shall be oriented such that at least one of the following standards is met:

- (1) The longest building façade is parallel to and within the maximum street yard; or
- (2) The street-facing building façade occupies at least 60% of the total street frontage for the development.

b. Additional height in the CG District, up to 145 feet, is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.

c. Height shall be capped at 45 feet for any structures located within 150 feet of the perimeter of the Compact Neighborhood Tier where the Tier adjoins residentially used and designated property.

d. Subject to the restriction in paragraph [6.10.1D.3.c](#) above, OI uses allowed in IL districts located in the Compact Neighborhood Tier shall have a maximum height limit of 60 feet permitted by right.

Additional height up to 75 feet is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.

e. Subject to the restriction in paragraph [6.10.1D.3.c](#) above, and notwithstanding paragraph [6.10.1D.3.d](#) above, hotel, motel, and extended stay uses; places of worship; government facilities (excluding correctional facilities) and lodges and clubs allowed in IL districts located in the Compact Neighborhood Tier shall have a maximum height limit of 80 feet permitted by right. Additional height up to 95 feet is allowed if approved through the issuance of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit.

f. Lots 20,000 square feet or smaller in the CG and IL Districts may use the dimensional standards for the CI District as outlined in Sec 6.10.1.C.1 and are exempt from site plan review as outlined in Sec. 3.7.2.

[No changes to Section E]

## 6.10.2 Residential Development in Nonresidential Districts

### A. Permitted Housing Types and Other Residential Development

- The following residential development shall be allowed as indicated with a “✓”.

Zoning District	Residential Development Allowed				
	Single-Family Detached House/Duplex (paragraphs <a href="#">7.1.2</a> and <a href="#">7.1.6</a> )	Townhouse (paragraph <a href="#">7.1.7</a> )	Multiplex (paragraph <a href="#">7.1.8</a> )	Apartment (paragraph <a href="#">7.1.9</a> )	Upper Story Residential
CI, CG, <del>CN</del> , I, LL, OI	✓—	✓	✓	✓	✓
<del>CN</del>	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
(County Only) SRP-C	—	✓	✓	✓	✓

1. Any Residential Development in the I District shall require a Minor Special Use Permit.

- For a single-family detached house and duplex, the following zoning district development standards pursuant to paragraph [6.2.1](#), Development Standards, or paragraphs [7.1.2B](#) and [7.1.6B](#), Development Standards, as applicable, shall apply:

Tier of the Development Site	Applicable Zoning District Development Standard
Rural	RR (watershed and non-watershed, as applicable)
Suburban	RS-M
Urban	RU-M
Compact Neighborhood	RC

3. For all other residential development, the development standards applicable to ~~the housing type, or the base zoning district for upper-story residential, or the CI district under the provisions in Section 6.10.1~~ shall apply.

4. *Height for Housing Types*

a. The maximum height for the housing type shall be as follows:

Tier of the Development Site	Maximum Height, <del>in feet</del>	
	Single-Family Detached House/Duplex	All other Allowed Housing Types
Rural and Suburban	<del>353 stories and 40 feet</del>	Height as allowed for the RS-M District per paragraph <a href="#">6.3.1A</a> , Dimensional Standards
Urban	<del>353 stories and 40 feet</del>	Height as allowed for the RU-M District per paragraph <a href="#">6.4.1A</a> , Dimensional Standards
Compact Neighborhood	<del>353 stories and 40 feet</del>	Height as allowed for the RC District per paragraph <a href="#">6.5.1A</a> , Dimensional Standards

b. For Single-family detached house, additional height is allowed at a rate of one ~~foot-story~~ per ~~one-  
footten feet~~ of additional setback provided, with a maximum height of ~~45-50~~ feet.

5. Street level residential development shall not be allowed in the CI District, except for townhomes.

6. (County Only) The development standards for the SRP-C District shall apply to all residential development.

B. *Residential Density*

1. The residential density shall be based only on that portion of the tract dedicated to the residential use and the maximum residential density (shown as units per acre) allowed shall be as shown in the table below:

District	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Compact
CI	—	—	<del>14<sup>1+2</sup></del>	<del>14<sup>1+2</sup></del>

District	Rural	Suburban	Urban	Compact
CN	0.2	8 <sup>1,3</sup>	<del>11<sup>1,2</sup></del>	<del>14<sup>1,2</sup></del>
OI	—	11 <sup>1,3</sup>	<del>14<sup>1,2</sup></del>	<del>18<sup>1,2</sup></del>
CG	0.2	11 <sup>1,3</sup>	<del>14<sup>1,2</sup></del>	<del>18<sup>1,2</sup></del>
(County Only) SRP-C	—	20 <sup>4</sup>	—	—

1 Density can be increased through use of the Sec. [6.6](#), Affordable Housing Bonus.

2 Density can be increased through use of the options available under paragraph [6.4.3](#), Residential Density.

3 For multifamily development, density can be increased through use of paragraph [6.3.3B](#), RS-M District Major Roadway Density Bonus.

4 Density in the SRP-C District can be calculated based upon the gross area of the contiguous district, including areas typically precluded from consideration for density in Article [8](#), Environmental Protection.

2. Density limits shall not apply to upper story residential units in the CI District.

[No changes to Section C]

## Sec 6.11

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 6.11.3 Planned Development Residential (PDR)

#### A. Uses

1. The primary use allowed within the PDR District shall be residences, including manufactured homes.
2. Manufactured homes shall be permitted only where they have been expressly indicated on the approved development plan. Manufactured house subdivisions and parks shall be designated as such on the development plan and show lot layouts and the orientation of the house to the street in the development plans.
3. Nonresidential uses allowed in the PDR District shall be limited to those uses listed in the Sec. [5.1](#), Use Table. Nonresidential uses can be approved subject to the use limitations established in Sec. [5.3](#), Limited Use Standards, and the following conditions.

- a. ~~Except for Public and Civic uses pursuant to Sec. [5.1](#), Use Table, the development shall provide for at least 100 dwelling units.~~ When both nonresidential and residential uses are proposed, ÷

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~~(1) The the~~ dwelling units can be separate structures from the nonresidential uses or located in the same structure as the nonresidential uses.

~~(2) To assure that commercial and office uses are supportive of the PDR project, Certificates of Compliance shall be issued for at least 25% of the residential units before Certificates of Compliance are issued for the commercial or office uses. This requirement shall not apply when residences are located in the same building as the commercial or office uses.~~

- b. Nonresidential acreage shall ~~not~~ be included in any calculations of residential density.
- c. The building ~~heights~~, location~~(s)~~, ~~orientation, and building to building spacing~~, shall be specified in the development plan.
- d. Nonresidential uses shall be located with street access deemed adequate by the City Transportation Department.

~~e. Nonresidential square footage shall promote a range of services for residents. Except for Public and Civic uses pursuant to Sec. 5.1, Use Table, the nonresidential component within a PDR shall not exceed 50,000 square feet and shall be devoted to more than one business.~~

[No changes to Section B]

### C. *Intensity*

#### 1. *Residential Density*

The specific maximum density in units per acre, other than the areas proposed for nonresidential development and areas precluded from consideration for density in paragraphs [8.4.4](#), Development in Special Flood Hazard Areas and Future Conditions Flood Hazard Areas; and [8.8.5](#), Density Credits, shall be included in the application. The allowable density shall be consistent with the land use designation shown in the *Comprehensive Plan*.

#### 2. *Nonresidential Intensity*

The maximum nonresidential intensity shall reflect the ~~CN and/or OI CI~~ intensity, ~~as appropriate~~, consistent with Sec. [6.10](#), Nonresidential District Development Intensity, for the tier in which the project is located.

#### 3. *Height*

Maximum building height shall be ~~the lesser of 9 stories or 90-100~~ feet. Any building over ~~35-40~~ feet shall be identified on the development plan submitted for approval.

### D. *Building Orientation*

#### ~~1. *Single Family Detached*~~

The building envelope for each lot shall be shown on the recorded plat.

**21. Building Separation**

~~a. Unless alternative building separation standards are established in Article~~ **Error! Hyperlink reference not valid.** ~~Design Standards, the minimum building separation shall be as follows:~~

Height of Taller Building	Distance Between Vertical Projections
Under 35.3 feet stories or fewer	10 feet
35.1 to 40.0 feet 4 stories or more	20 feet
40.1 to 50.0 feet	40 feet
50.1 to 85.0 feet	59 feet
85.1 to 90.0 feet	66 feet

~~To determine the separation required, the vertical projections for each building shall be drawn from that point on each building that is horizontally closest to the other building.~~

~~ba.~~ Manufactured homes in parks shall maintain a distance of at least 16 feet between other manufactured homes. Added on rooms, porches, and other structures attached to the manufactured home shall be considered part of the manufactured home.

~~eb.~~ The governing body can reduce or increase separations after consideration of the general bulk and scale in comparison with nearby development. Such modification shall only occur in conjunction with the approval of the development plan.

~~3. Building Articulation~~

~~In order to provide diversity and to avoid long rows of attached dwellings, no more than four contiguous townhouse units shall be allowed with the same setback. Variations in setback must be at least three feet.~~

**E. Yards**

~~1. Street Yards~~

~~No building shall be erected, reconstructed, altered or moved nearer to the property line along the street on which such building faces than is indicated in the following table.~~

Residential Density	Minimum Street Yard
1.0 to 8.0 units per acre	8 feet
More than 8.0 units per acre	15 feet



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1. No minimum front, side or rear yards shall be required for primary or accessory buildings, although building separations established above shall be maintained.

~~2. *Side and Rear Yards*~~

~~a. *Residential Uses*~~

~~No minimum side or rear yards shall be required although building separations established above shall be maintained.~~

~~b. *Nonresidential Uses*~~

~~When a retail or office component of the PDR shares a common boundary with a residential component of the PDR, side and rear yards of at least 30 feet shall be provided between the nonresidential and residential areas. This requirement shall not apply if the residential uses are within the same building as the retail or office uses.~~

~~Interpretation: PUD/PDR site plans approved prior to 1994 continue to use the property line setbacks for PUD/PDRs approved prior to the effective date of the Merged Durham Zoning Ordinance (1/1/94). These setbacks are called out either dimensionally on the site plans or in a special conditions box.~~

[No changes to Sections F or G]

H. *Parking*

At least 30% of the parking spaces ~~required~~ for nonresidential uses shall be located to the side or rear of nonresidential structures within any PDR.

[No changes to Section I]

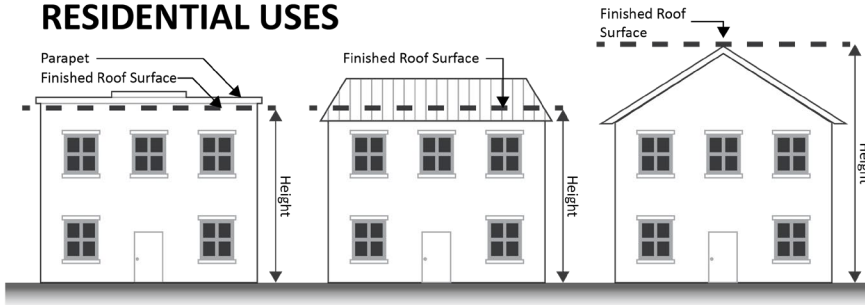
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[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

6.12.1 Height

A. For residential uses and mixed use that includes residential, height is defined by stories. Height maximums for residential uses shall be calculated by the vertical distance from finished ground level of one corner of the structure, at the applicant's discretion, to the highest finished surface. Height for nonresidential uses shall be calculated by the vertical distance from the average of the finished ground level to the finished roof surface of a flat roof or the point at the average height of a roof having a pitch; except for mansard roofs, which shall be measured to the highest finished surface. For buildings with more than one façade along the street, each building façade shall be measured independently. Height for any building with multiple roof levels shall be determined by the highest roof level.

## RESIDENTIAL USES



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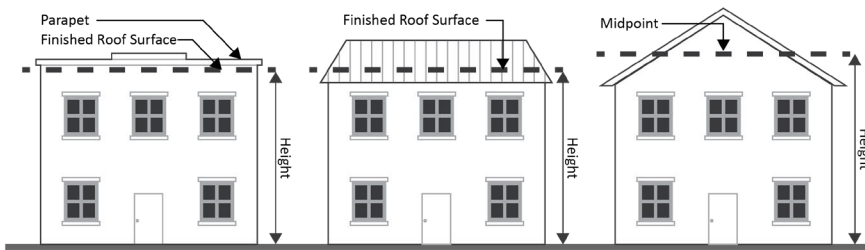
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### GABLE, HIP OR GAMBREL ROOF

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## NONRESIDENTIAL USES



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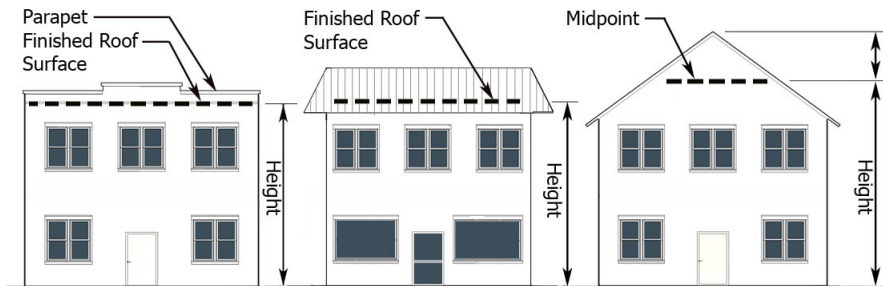
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### MANSARD ROOF

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### GABLE, HIP OR GAMBREL ROOF

Measured to the midpoint of pitched roof



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### MANSARD ROOF

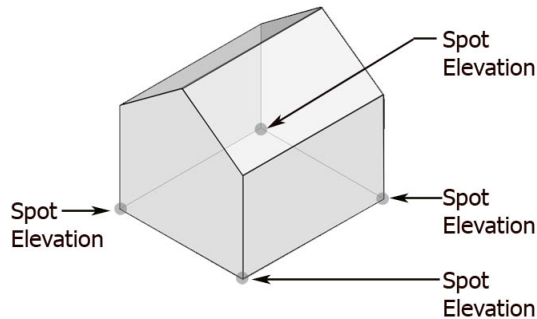
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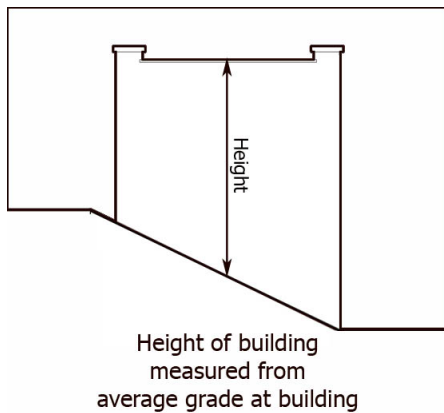
Measured to midpoint of pitched roof

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1. The average finished ground level shall be calculated by averaging the spot elevations for all building corners on a single structure. Multiple, unattached structures on the same site shall have independently calculated average grade for the purposes of measuring the height of each individual structure.



Average of spot elevations at all building corners determine average grade for each building.



2. Except in Design Districts, height for any building with multiple roof levels shall be determined by the highest roof level.

3. In Design Districts for buildings where multiple height standards apply, see Sec. [16.3](#), Building Design.

B. The height limitations shall not apply to steeples, decorative features including parapet walls less than four feet tall, **roof access structures, towers less than 250 square feet**, air conditioning units, utility poles, mechanical features (including those for solar energy systems), penthouses for mechanical equipment or stairways, belfries, lightning rods, antennas other than those regulated in Article [5](#), Use Regulations, water towers, clock towers, or any other tower which is not used for transmitting and receiving electronic signals or is not a corner tower element regulated within Sec. [16.3](#), Building Design.

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### 6.12.3 Required Yards

#### A. General Standards for Required Yards

[No changes to Sections 1-3]

4. For lots that have multiple property lines that are to the side and rear of a lot, only one lot line, determined by the applicant, shall be considered a rear property line for determining the rear yard, and all others shall be considered side lot lines.

5. For corner lots, there shall be only one rear yard, determined by the applicant, and the other yards shall be side or street yards as applicable.

#### B. Encroachments into Required Yards

Unless otherwise regulated within this Ordinance, the following encroachment standards shall apply:

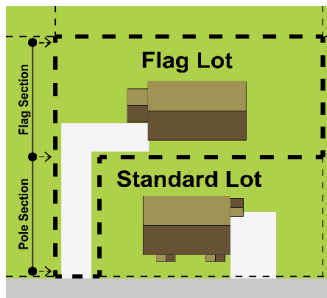
Commentary: Easements, other ordinances, or other legally established restrictions may limit encroachments otherwise allowed by this Ordinance.

1. Chimneys, pre-fabricated chimneys, flues, or smokestacks can extend into yard spaces but shall not occupy more than 30 square feet of the required yard space.
2. Fire escapes can project up to eight feet into any required yard. Fire escapes in the DD District are permitted to extend beyond the property line.
3. Cornices, eaves, ornamental features, ~~and awnings,~~ and nonenclosed covered stoops up to 50 square feet can extend up to five feet into any required yard, ~~but shall remain at least two feet from the property line, except on zero lot line homes.~~
4. Marquee signs can extend into yard spaces in conformance with standards found in the Sec. [11.6](#), Signs Requiring Permits.
5. Pedestrian bridges, breezeways, and supports of these structures can extend into required yards for transit access.
6. Security gates and guard stations can be located within any required yard.
7. Decks, uncovered terraces, and at-grade patios can extend up to four feet into any required side yard, or up to eight feet into any required street yard, or within four feet of a rear property line. Nonenclosed covered decks or porches can extend six-eight feet into required street and rear yards; however, a minimum setback shall be maintained, which shall be the smaller setback of:
  - (a) five feet from the property line ~~shall be maintained.~~

(b) required street yard.

8. Surface parking and associated lighting, uncovered steps, and handicapped access ramps can be located within any yard.
9. Except in Design Districts, bay windows, entrances, balconies, and similar features ~~that are less than 10 feet wide~~ can extend up to ~~one and one-half~~three feet into any required yard, ~~but shall remain at least three feet from the property line.~~
10. In Design Districts, refer to Sec. 16.2 and Sec. 16.3 for balconies and bay windows.
11. Mechanical equipment for residential uses, such as HVAC units and equipment for a solar energy system, can extend into any required side or rear yard but shall remain at least three feet from the property line.
12. Trellises and pergolas can be located within any required yard.
13. Fences and walls pursuant to Sec. 9.9, Fences and Walls, can be located within any required yard.
14. Cabinets, such as “little libraries” or “blessing boxes,” can be located within any required yard.
  - a. A maximum of one is allowed in any street yard.
  - b. The maximum size of the cabinet shall be 21 cubic feet.

6.12.5 Flag Lots



A. Dimensions

1. Standard Flag Lot

The extension, or “pole,” for flag lots shall be a minimum of 20 feet in width.

2. Reduced Pole Width Option

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In the Urban Tier and lots with RU zoning in the Suburban Tier, the extension, or “pole,” for flag lots can be a minimum of 12 feet in width. The following shall also apply:

~~a. Only one flag lot with a pole less than 20 feet shall be subdivided from a parent parcel.~~

~~b. Only ribbon driveways shall be allowed if vehicular access is not taken from an alley. Standards for such driveways shall be pursuant to paragraph 7.1.2C.4.a, Driveway Design.~~

ea. Structure Size and Height Limit

The primary structure on a flag lot with a pole less than 20 feet shall have a maximum height of the lesser of 2 stories or 25-32 feet and maximum size of 1,200 square feet.

- (1) A plat shall be recorded to specify the house size limitations.
- (2) Primary structures existing prior to February 25, 2019, shall not be limited to these standards and may be improved in accordance to the applicable single-family detached housing type standards and other applicable standards.
- (3) A vacant flag lot with a pole of less than 20 feet recorded prior to the effective date of these standards may be developed as a standard flag lot.

eb. Remaining Standard Lot

The minimum lot width of the remaining standard lot created from the parent parcel shall be 35 feet.

c. Sustainable Requirement

Small Lots and Reduced Pole Flag Lots must include one approved sustainable feature including, ribbon driveway, PV Solar, Solar Hot Water, Cistern that holds at least 500 gallons, spray foam insulation, green building certification, rain garden, drip irrigation, or affordable housing.

B. *Setbacks*

~~On any Reduced Pole Flag Lot, there is no street or rear yard. There are four side yards. On any conforming Flag Lot there are three side yards and one rear yard.1. The front setback on any flag lot shall be the equivalent side yard setback established in Sec. 7.1, Housing Types, for the particular housing type proposed for use on the lot.~~

~~2. For lots with rear access from an alley or equivalent driveway, the rear yard shall be the equivalent side yard established in Sec. 7.1, Housing Types, for the particular housing type proposed for use on the lot.~~

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~~3. Flag lots shall not be held to street yard requirements pursuant to Sec. 6.8, Infill Development in Residential Districts.~~

[No changes to Section C]

D. *Driveways*

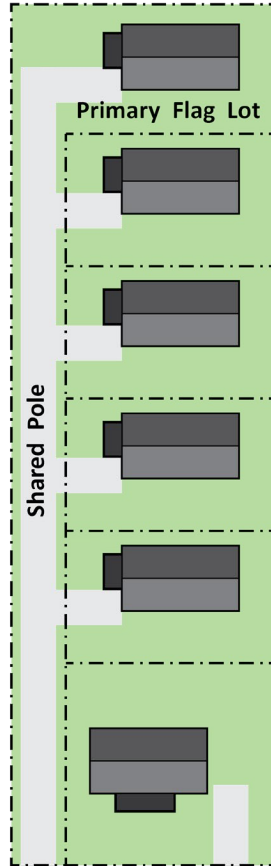
Driveways ~~shall~~may be shared with a recorded shared access agreement for multiple flag lots, and for the new flag lot and remaining standard lot if the driveway for the standard lot is new or to be relocated.

E. *Utilities*

A flag pole of 5 feet is permitted for utilities when a shared access easement is a minimum 10 feet wide and located between structures.

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### 6.12.6 Multiple Flags on a Single Pole



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A maximum four additional fee simple single family or duplex lots are permitted to utilize the pole of an existing or proposed flag lot that adheres to the provisions in Section 6.12.5. A shared driveway may be used as the sole access to all such lots.

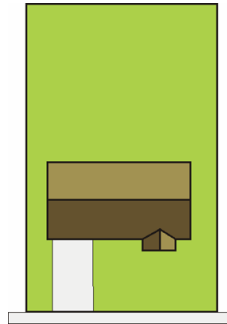
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7.1.2

Single-Family Detached House



[No changes to Section A]

B. *Development Standards*

A single-family detached house shall be permitted in accordance with the table below. A single-family detached house shall also be permitted in the RR District in accordance with the standards of paragraph [6.2.1A](#), Dimensional Standards.

Single-Family Detached Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
<b>Conventional Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min. square feet)							
Lot Area (w/o averaging)	20,000	10,000	8,000	5,000	5,000	3,500	5,000
Lot Area (with averaging) <sup>1</sup>	17,000	8,500	6,800	4,250	4,250	2,975	4,250
Lot Width (feet)	100	75	60	35	45	35	35
<b>Yards</b> (min. feet) <sup>2</sup>							
Street Yard (adjoining collector or greater street)	35	25	25	25	<del>20</del> 15	<del>15</del> 10	10
Street Yard (adjoining local street)	35	25	25	20	<del>20</del> 10	<del>15</del> 10	10
Side Yard (single)	12	10	9	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	30	24	22	15	—	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
<b>Cluster Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min.)							
Lot Area (square feet)	10,000	5,000	4,000	—	3,500	—	—
Lot Width (feet)	75	40	40	—	40	—	—

Single-Family Detached Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
<b>Yards (min. feet)</b>							
Street Yard	<del>250</del>	<del>200</del>	<del>200</del>	—	<del>150</del>	—	—
Side Yard (single)	9	6	6	—	5	—	—
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	22	13	13	—	—	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	—	25	—	—

1 Lot area with averaging may only be used if the requirements of paragraph [6.3.3C](#), Lot Averaging, [6.4.3C](#), Lot Averaging, or [6.5.3B](#), Lot Averaging, as appropriate, are met.

2 Yard modifications may be required pursuant to a Neighborhood Protection Overlay, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. [6.8](#), Infill Development in Residential Districts).

### C. Small Lot Option

Additional standards, or modifications to the standards, below, may be required pursuant to a Neighborhood Protection Overlay, local historic district, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. [6.8](#), Infill Development in Residential Districts).

#### 1. Applicability

**a.** The small lot option can be applied in the following zoning districts:

**a. — (1)** In any tier: RC, RS-M, RU-M, RU-5, and RU-5(2) zoning districts.

**b. — (2)** In the Urban Tier: all zoning districts. ~~RS-8 and RS-10 zoning districts.~~

**b.** The small lot option can be applied to any Lot of Record in an applicable zoning district, regardless of lot dimensions.

#### 2. Dimensional Standards

<b>Lot Dimensions</b>	
Minimum Lot Area	2,000 square feet
Minimum Lot Width	25 feet
<b>Yards</b>	
Minimum Street Yard	10 feet
Minimum Individual Side Yard	5 feet
Minimum Rear Yard	15 feet

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Maximum Height	<u>The lesser of 2 stories or 25-32 feet</u>
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3. *Maximum Size of Primary Structure*

The maximum above grade heated square footage of the primary dwelling(s), shall be 1200 square feet, with a maximum building footprint of 800 square feet.

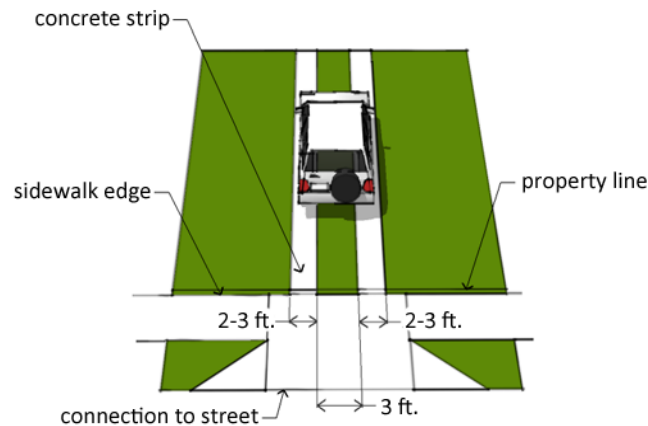
- a. A structure on a Reduced Pole Flag Lot or Small Lot has a maximum height of 2 stories or 32 feet. Exemptions in Section 6.12.1.B shall apply.
- b. A lot containing a structure built before 1950 may be subdivided using the small lot option, regardless of whether the existing structure meets the small lot dimensional standards.
- c. Any single-family or duplex structure built before 1950 may be moved to any legal lot of record and used as a primary dwelling or accessory dwelling, regardless of dimensional requirements through the issuance of a Minor Special Use Permit.
- d. A residential structure built before 1950 may be moved on its existing lot to be used as a primary dwelling or accessory dwelling, and be exempted from meeting dimensional standards through the issuance of a Minor Special Use Permit.

~~The maximum floor area of the primary structure shall be 1,200 square feet, with a maximum building footprint of 800 square feet. For the purpose of this paragraph, the floor area shall include garages.~~

4. *Additional Requirements*

a. *Driveway Design*

- ~~(1) Driveways shall be shared with a recorded shared access agreement for any pair of lots.~~
- ~~(2) Driveways shall be designed as a “ribbon” (a.k.a. “strip”) driveway as follows:~~
  - ~~(i) Each strip shall be two to three feet wide with a three foot separation.~~
  - ~~(ii) The strips can terminate at the sidewalk or driveway apron, and to a parking pad at side or rear of the structure, to accommodate side by side parking or a garage entry.~~



**ba. Trees**

In addition to the required street tree, and in lieu of infill landscaping requirements in Sec. 6.8, if applicable, at least one canopy and one understory tree shall be planted or preserved on the lot.

- (1) For tree preservation, the tree protection zone shall be maintained per paragraph 8.3.2, Protection of Existing Vegetation. Protection of invasive or other species precluded for planting pursuant to the Durham Landscape Manual shall not qualify.
- (2) For tree planting, the Durham Landscape Manual shall be used to determine appropriate species and planting area.

**e. Downspouts**

~~In the Urban Tier, downspouts shall direct stormwater runoff over pervious area and not piped to right of way.~~

**db. Alley Access**

Where a lot abuts an improved and maintained alley, all vehicular access shall be taken from the alley.

**c. Sustainable Requirement**

Small Lots and Reduced Pole Flag Lots must include one approved sustainable feature including, ribbon driveway PV Solar, Solar Hot Water, Cistern that holds at least 500 gallons, spray foam insulation, green building certification, rain garden, drip irrigation, or affordable housing.

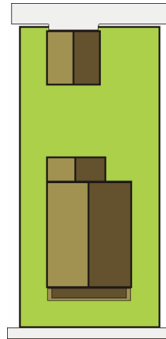
**5. Designation on Plat**

Utilization of the small lot option shall be recorded on a plat at the time of approval, specifying the housing type and associated limitations.

**6. Existing Single-Family Detached and Duplex Residential Structures on Small Lots**

An existing single-family detached or duplex structure on a lot of record prior to the effective date of these standards can be improved pursuant to the applicable general standards for the single-family detached or duplex housing type. Such improvements may still be considered improvements or additions to a nonconforming structure pursuant to Sec. [14.4](#), Nonconforming Improvements and Structures.

7.1.4 Traditional House



[No changes to Section A]

B. *Development Standards*

A traditional house shall be permitted in accordance with the table below. A traditional house shall also be permitted in the RR District in a conservation subdivision in accordance with the standards of paragraph [6.2.1A](#), Dimensional Standards.

Traditional House Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
<b>Conventional Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min. square feet)							
Lot Area (w/o averaging)	20,000	10,000	8,000	5,000	5,000	3,500	5,000
Lot Area (with averaging) <sup>1</sup>	17,000	8,500	6,800	4,250	4,250	2,975	4,250
Lot Width (feet)	100	75	60	35	45	35	35
<b>Yards</b> (min. feet) <sup>2</sup>							
Street Yard	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Side Yard (single)	12	10	9	6	<del>6</del>	<del>6</del>	<del>6</del>
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	30	24	22	15	—	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
<b>Cluster Subdivision</b>							

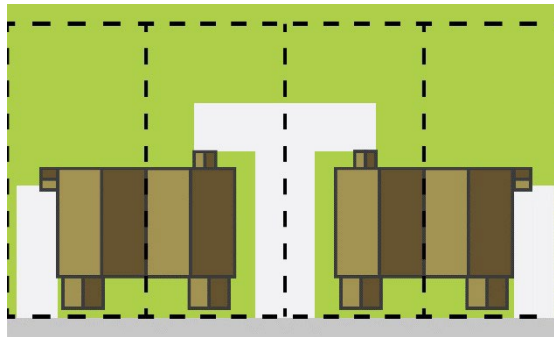
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<b>Lot Dimensions (min.)</b>							
Lot Area (square feet)	10,000	5,000	4,000	—	3,500	—	—
Lot Width (feet)	75	40	40	—	35	—	—
<b>Yards (min. feet)</b>							
Street Yard	<del>50</del>	<del>50</del>	<del>50</del>	—	<del>50</del>	—	—
Side Yard (single)	9	6	6	—	5	—	—
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	22	13	12	—	—	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	—	25	—	—

1 Lot area with averaging may only be used if the requirements of paragraph [6.4.3C](#), Lot Averaging, and paragraph [6.5.3B](#), Lot Averaging, as appropriate, are met.

2 Yard modifications may be required pursuant to a neighborhood protection overlay, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. [6.8](#), Infill Development in Residential Districts).

[No changes to Sections C or D]

### 7.1.5 Attached House



[No changes to Section A]

#### B. Development Standards

An attached house shall be permitted in accordance with the table below. An attached house shall also be permitted in the RR District in a conservation subdivision in accordance with the standards of District in a conservation subdivision in accordance with the standards of [6.2.1A](#), Dimensional Standards.

Attached House Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
<b>Conventional Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min. square feet)							
Note: “*” denotes (Suburban Tier/Urban Tier)							
“Per Pair” denotes that the minimum number required applies to the pair of units. For example in RU-M, the lot area means the sum of the two lots necessary for the pair of units must be at least 3,500 square feet.							
Lot Area per Pair (w/o averaging)	—/20,000*	—/10,000*	—/8,000*	5,000	5,000	3,500	3,500
Lot Area per Pair (with averaging) <sup>1</sup>	—/17,000*	—/8,500*	—/6,800*	4,250	4,250	2,975	2,975
Lot Width per Pair (feet)	—/100*	—/75*	—/60*	35	45	35	35
<b>Yards</b> (min. feet) <sup>2</sup>							
Street Yard (adjoining collector or greater street)	35	25	25	25	<del>20</del> 15	<del>15</del> 10	10
Street Yard (adjoining local street)	35	25	25	20	<del>20</del> 10	<del>15</del> 10	10
Side Yard (unattached side)	12	10	9	6	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5
Rear Yard	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
<b>Cluster Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min.)							
Lot Area per Pair (square feet)	10,000	5,000	4,000	—	3,500	—	—
Lot Width per Pair (feet)	75	40	40	—	40	—	—
<b>Yards</b> (min. feet)							
Street Yard	<del>25</del> 0	<del>20</del> 0	<del>20</del> 0	—	<del>15</del> 0	—	—
Side Yard (unattached side)	9	6	5	—	5	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	—	25	—	—

1 Lot area with averaging may only be used if the requirements of paragraphs [6.3.3C](#), Lot Averaging, [6.4.3C](#), Lot Averaging, and [6.5.3B](#), Lot Averaging, as appropriate, are met.

2 Yard modifications can be required pursuant to a Neighborhood Protection Overlay, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. [6.8](#), Infill Development in Residential Districts).

[No changes to Sections C or D]

#### E. Driveways

Driveways ~~shall~~may be shared with a recorded shared access agreement between two pairs of lots using this housing type.

#### F. Small Lot Option

Small Lot Option can apply and the provisions within paragraph 7.1.2.C shall apply to the attached house lot pair.

Example: A 2,000 square foot lot that meets the Small Lot requirements can become two lots with an Attached Home.

### 7.1.6 Duplex



[No changes to Section A]

#### B. Development Standards

A duplex shall be permitted in accordance with the table below. A duplex shall also be permitted in the RR District in a conservation subdivision in accordance with the standards of paragraph [6.2.1A](#), Dimensional Standards.

Attached House Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
<b>Conventional Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions</b> (min. square feet)							
Note: “*” denotes (Suburban Tier/Urban Tier)							
Lot Area (w/o averaging)	—/20,000*	—/10,000*	—/8,000*	5,000	5,000	3,500	3,500
Lot Area (with averaging) <sup>1</sup>	—/17,000*	—/8,500*	—/6,800*	4,250	4,250	2,975	2,975
Lot Width (feet)	—/100*	—/75*	—/60*	35	45	35	35
<b>Yards</b> (min. feet) <sup>2</sup>							
Street Yard (adjoining collector or greater street)	35	25	25	25	<del>20</del> 15	<del>15</del> 10	10
Street Yard (adjoining local street)	35	25	25	20	<del>20</del> 10	<del>15</del> 10	10
Side Yard (single)	12	10	9	6	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5	<del>6</del> 5
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	30	24	22	15	—	—	—

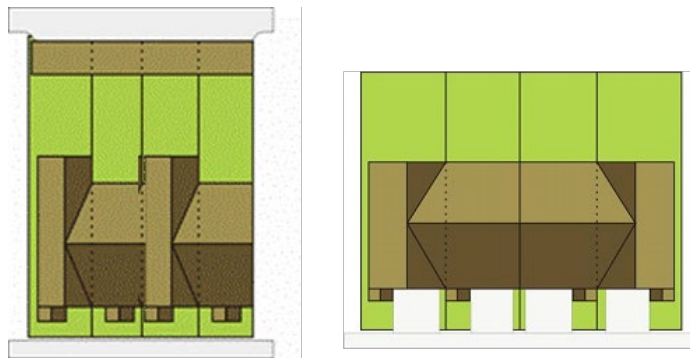


Attached House Standards	RS-20	RS-10	RS-8	RS-M	RU-5, RU-5(2)	RU-M	RC
Rear Yard	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
<b>Cluster Subdivision</b>							
<b>Lot Dimensions (min.)</b>							
Lot Area (square feet)	10,000	5,000	4,000	—	3,500	—	—
Lot Width (feet)	75	40	40	—	40	—	—
<b>Yards (min. feet)</b>							
Street Yard	<del>250</del>	<del>200</del>	<del>200</del>	—	<del>150</del>	—	—
Side Yard (single)	9	6	5	—	5	—	—
Side Yard (total) (no side yard total in Urban Tier)	22	13	12	—	—	—	—
Rear Yard	25	25	25	—	25	—	—

- 1 Lot area with averaging may only be used if the requirements of paragraphs [6.3.3C](#), Lot Averaging, [6.4.3C](#), Lot Averaging, and [6.5.3B](#), Lot Averaging, as appropriate, are met.
- 2 Yard modifications can be required pursuant to a Neighborhood Protection Overlay, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. [6.8](#), Infill Development in Residential Districts).

[No changes to Sections C, D, or E]

### 7.1.7 Townhouse



[No changes to Section A]

#### B. Development Standards

1. A townhouse shall be permitted in accordance with the table below.

Townhouse Standards	Suburban	Urban and Compact Neighborhood
<b>Yards (min. feet)</b>		
Street Yard	25 <sup>1,2</sup>	12 <sup>1</sup>
Street Yard with Front Vehicular Access (from ROW)	25 <sup>1,3</sup>	20 <sup>1</sup>
Street Yard with Rear Vehicular Access (from alley)	5	5
Rear Yard <sup>4</sup>	20	20
<b>Distance between Building and Shared Parking</b> (minimum feet)	12	0
<b>Building Separation</b> (minimum feet)	10	10

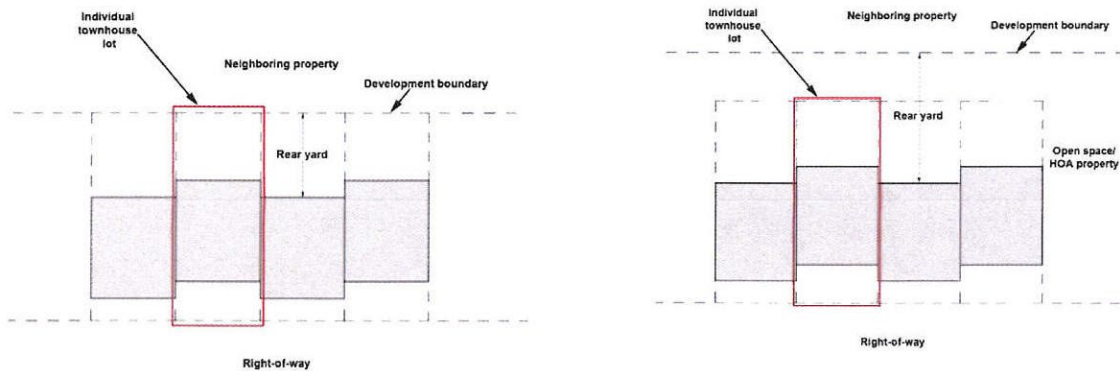
3 1 Yard modifications can be required pursuant to a Neighborhood Protection Overlay, or through application of infill regulations (Sec. 6.8, Infill Development in Residential Districts).

2 Yards can be reduced to as little as 12 feet if the structures are located interior to a project and do not front on a street classified as a collector or greater.

3 Front vehicular access can be reduced to as little as 20 feet if the structures are located interior to a project and do not front on a street classified as a collector or greater.

4 The rear yard shall be measured from the property line forming the boundary of the development site.

4 In a cluster subdivision, dimensional requirements under 7.1.7.B.1 and 5.4.1 Accessory Structures do not apply.



~~2. In order to provide visual diversity, no more than four contiguous townhouse units shall be allowed with the same setback and the same façade treatment. Variations in setback shall be at least three feet. Townhouses in a Historic District and Landmarks Overlay may be exempted from this requirement with the approval of the Historic Preservation Commission.~~

~~23. Detached townhouses shall be permitted where building separations are a maximum of 10 feet or firewalls are provided. Building configurations shall consist of at least three units except as follows:~~

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~~a. In the Urban Tier, a maximum of 50% of the buildings can consist of two units.~~

~~b. In the Suburban Tier, a maximum of 25% of the buildings can consist of two units.~~

[No changes to Section C]

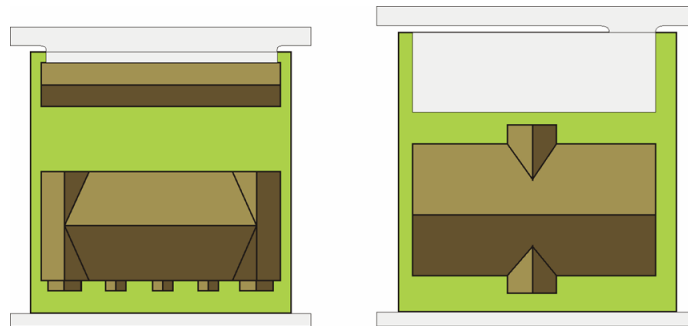
~~D. Privacy~~

~~Townhouses shall have a front, side, or rear privacy yard having a minimum area of 100 square feet on each lot.~~

~~ED. Location of Common Recreation Facilities~~

Common recreation areas, such as a clubhouse, swimming pool, and/or tennis, volleyball, or basketball courts, shall be oriented internally or along major roadways, and away from residential development on neighboring properties. All such facilities shall be visible from and have substantial access to a street.

### 7.1.9 Apartment



A. Description

An apartment is a multifamily housing type on a single tract or parcel of land containing five or more units. Apartments can vary in height; the individual units can be located on separate floors or side-by-side and can be attached or detached. ~~Parking is often shared in a consolidated area, even when garages and carports are used.~~

[No changes to Sections B or C]

## Sec. 9.4

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 9.4.1 Applicability

[No changes to Sections A through G]

H. Same Use Category

No project boundary buffers shall be required between two uses of the same top level Use Category. Top level Use Categories shall be:

- 1. Agricultural
- 2. Residential
- 3. Public and Civic
- 4. Commercial
- 5. Office
- 6. Industrial

9.4.5 Constructed Buffer

[No changes to Sections A, B, or D]

C. *Urban, Compact Neighborhood, and Downtown Tiers*

1. The buffer width and planting requirements in the table below shall be used to meet the opacity standards established in paragraph 9.4.3, Standards, for the Urban Tier and those areas of the Downtown and Compact Neighborhood Tiers that adjoin development in the Urban or Suburban Tiers and the opacity standards established in paragraph 9.4.1C for Design districts.

URBAN, COMPACT, AND DOWNTOWN TIERS

Opacity	Min. Width	Alt. 1 Mixed Evergreen	Alt. 2 Deciduous	Alt. 3 Evergreen	Alt. 4 Overhead Utility	Alt. 5 Intense
Plant Material Required Per 100 Linear Feet Of Buffer						
0.2	10 feet	1 Deciduous Canopy Tree	1 Deciduous Canopy Tree	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	
		1 Evergreen Canopy Tree	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	1 Evergreen Canopy Tree	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	
		1 Deciduous Understory Tree	1 Deciduous Understory Tree	0 Deciduous Understory Tree	2 Deciduous Understory Trees	
		1 Evergreen Understory Tree	0 Evergreen Understory Tree	2 Evergreen Understory Trees	1 Evergreen Understory Tree	
		3 Shrubs	4 Shrubs	4 Shrubs	1 Shrub	

Opacity	Min. Width	Alt. 1 Mixed Evergreen	Alt. 2 Deciduous	Alt. 3 Evergreen	Alt. 4 Overhead Utility	Alt. 5 Intense
Plant Material Required Per 100 Linear Feet Of Buffer						
0.4	15 feet	2 Deciduous Canopy Trees	4 Deciduous Canopy Trees	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	
		1 Evergreen Canopy Tree	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	3 Evergreen Canopy Trees	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	
		2 Deciduous Understory Trees	3 Deciduous Understory Trees	0 Deciduous Understory Tree	5 Deciduous Understory Trees	
		3 Evergreen Understory Trees	0 Evergreen Understory Tree	5 Evergreen Understory Trees	3 Evergreen Understory Trees	
		9 Shrubs	14 Shrubs	12 Shrubs	3 Shrubs	
0.6	20 feet <sup>1</sup>	4 Deciduous Canopy Trees	7 Deciduous Canopy Trees	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	2 Deciduous Canopy Trees
		1 Evergreen Canopy Tree	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	6 Evergreen Canopy Trees	0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	4 Evergreen Canopy Trees
		3 Deciduous Understory Trees	5 Deciduous Understory Trees	0 Deciduous Understory Tree	9 Deciduous Understory Trees	2 Deciduous Understory Trees
		5 Evergreen Understory Trees	0 Evergreen Understory Tree	9 Evergreen Understory Trees	5 Evergreen Understory Trees	0 Evergreen Understory Tree
		18 Shrubs	27 Shrubs	24 Shrubs	5 Shrubs	19 Shrubs
						6-Foot Wall <sup>2</sup>
0.8	22.5 feet				0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	3 Deciduous Canopy Trees
					0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	5 Evergreen Canopy Trees
					13 Deciduous Understory Trees	3 Deciduous Understory Trees
					7 Evergreen Understory Trees	0 Evergreen Understory Tree
					7 Shrubs	28 Shrubs
					6-Foot Wall <sup>2</sup>	6-Foot Wall <sup>2</sup>
1.0	37.5 feet				0 Deciduous Canopy Tree	4 Deciduous Canopy Trees
					0 Evergreen Canopy Tree	6 Evergreen Canopy Trees
					13 Deciduous Understory Trees	4 Deciduous Understory Trees

Opacity	Min. Width	Alt. 1 Mixed Evergreen	Alt. 2 Deciduous	Alt. 3 Evergreen	Alt. 4 Overhead Utility	Alt. 5 Intense
Plant Material Required Per 100 Linear Feet Of Buffer						
					7 Evergreen Understory Trees	0 Evergreen Understory Tree
					7 Shrubs	31 Shrubs
					6-Foot Wall <sup>2</sup>	6-Foot Wall <sup>2</sup>

1 Use of the Intense Buffer will permit reduction of buffer width up to 25%.

2 A solid hedge composed of a minimum of 40 evergreen understory trees per 100 linear feet can be substituted for a 6-foot wall.

2. The interactive buffer model established pursuant to paragraph [9.4.7](#), Interactive Buffer Model, shall be permitted to calculate acceptable reductions in buffer width or variable mixes of plant units. The model can also be used when the slope of the buffer is at least 15%, as set forth in paragraph [9.4.5D](#), Existing Slope Impacts.

3. For projects within the CI District and Design Districts, an alternative to project boundary buffers shall be permitted with the following provisions:

- a. A solid hedge composed of a minimum of 40 evergreen understory trees per 100 linear feet, with a minimum height of six feet at time of planting; or
- b. A wall pursuant to paragraph [9.4.8](#), Walls, Berms and Fences in Buffers, is provided so long as any wall that is a structural part of a building may only be used if there is no glazing in the wall.

[4. For projects within the Urban Tier, CI District, and Design Districts, no buffer shall be required for projects on lots less than two acres.](#)

## Sec. 10.3

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

### 10.3.1 Required Motorized Vehicle and Bicycle Parking

[No changes to section A]

#### B. Required Parking

1. The amount of motor vehicle parking shall be a percent of the amount indicated in paragraph [10.3.1A.4](#), Parking Rate Table. The minimum and maximum parking rates are as follows. For fractions, refer to paragraph [10.2.5](#), Calculation of Spaces.

Location	Minimum <sup>4</sup>	Maximum
Downtown Design (DD) District	None	100%
Suburban and Rural Tiers	<del>100%</del> None	175%
Urban Tier <sup>1</sup>		
All Districts except Commercial Infill (CI)	<del>90%</del> None	175%
Commercial Infill (CI) District	<del>80%</del> None	100%
Compact Neighborhood Tier <sup>1,2,3</sup>		
All Districts except Compact Suburban Design (CSD) Districts	<del>If use(s) are within 400 feet of the Tier boundary: 80%; Otherwise: None</del> None	100%
Compact Suburban Design District – Core (CSD-C)	None	50%
Compact Suburban Design District – Support 1 (CSD-S1)	None	100%
Compact Suburban Design District – Support 2 (CSD-S2)	<del>50%</del> None	100%

1 For all households living within the Compact Neighborhood Tier, and affordable housing dwelling units in the Urban Tier, see paragraph [10.3.1B.7](#).

2 For projects qualifying for the affordable housing bonus, see paragraph [10.3.1B.11](#).

3 For the North RTP and Triangle Metro Center Compact Neighborhood Tiers, see paragraph [10.3.1B.5](#).

4 For methods to reduce minimum parking requirements, see paragraphs [10.3.1B.9](#) and 10.

Example: The parking schedule is a baseline calculator for the amount of motor vehicle parking for a particular use or uses, subject to the location minimum and maximum requirements of the tier or specific zoning district. For example, if a use, per the parking table, generates a rate of 100 spaces, the amount of parking permitted is as follows:

DD: Minimum – none; maximum – 100 spaces

Suburban and Rural: Minimum – ~~100 spaces~~none; Maximum – 175 spaces

Compact Neighborhood (All districts except CSD): Minimum – None; Maximum – 100 spaces

Compact Neighborhood – CSD Districts:

Core: Minimum-None; Maximum – 50 spaces

Support 1: Minimum – None; Maximum – 100 spaces

Support 2: Minimum – ~~50 spaces~~None; Maximum – 100 spaces

Urban (except CI): Minimum – ~~90 spaces~~None; maximum – 175 spaces

CI District: Minimum – ~~80 spaces~~None; maximum – 100 spaces

2. Bicycle parking rates for the SRP-C District (County Only), Compact Neighborhood and Downtown Tiers shall be pursuant to paragraph [10.3.3](#), Bicycle Parking in the SRP-C District (County Only), Downtown and Compact Neighborhood Tiers.

3. The amount of required parking for colleges or universities within the UC or UC-2 districts shall be determined pursuant to paragraph [6.11.4I](#), Parking.

4. Unless a use is a college or university, passenger terminal, within the SRP-C District (County Only), or located in the Downtown or Compact Neighborhood Tiers, the maximum number of required bicycle parking spaces shall be 100.

5. For the North RTP and Triangle Metro Center Compact Neighborhood Tiers: Uses located in these areas approved prior to January 1, 2006, can utilize the ~~minimum and~~ maximum parking rates established for the Suburban Tier until such time as regional mass transit is available in the applicable tier area.

~~6. Change of Use~~

~~A change of use of an existing building shall not be required to provide additional parking in the following instances. New buildings or expansion areas of existing buildings within these districts shall be required to meet all off-street motor vehicle parking requirements.~~

~~a. In the Pedestrian Business sub-district of a CD District, or within a CI District.~~

~~b. In any other district where an increase of no more than 20% additional parking would be required.~~ [\[Relevant Changes Addressed in Omnibus 17\]](#)

~~76.~~ In the following tiers, the motor vehicle parking rates for household living dwelling units shall be as follows. Where parking is provided for developments with affordable housing dwelling units, parking spaces shall not be reserved, designated, or otherwise set aside for market-rate versus affordable units:

	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Compact Neighborhood Tier (except CSD Districts):</b>		
Household Living, except as Listed Below	<del>1 space/unit</del> <u>None</u>	2 spaces/unit
Affordable Housing Dwelling Units	None	2 spaces/unit
<b>Compact Suburban Design Districts:</b>		
CSD-C and CSD-S1	None	1.5 spaces/unit
CSD-S2	<del>1 space/unit</del> <u>None</u>	2 spaces/unit
Affordable Housing Dwelling Units	None	See sub-district maximum



	Minimum	Maximum
<b>Urban and Suburban Tiers:</b>		
Affordable Housing Dwelling Units	None	2 spaces/unit

**87. Methods to Exceed Maximum Parking**

The maximum amount of motor vehicle parking can be exceeded by any of the following methods:

- a. The additional parking spaces and drive aisles shall be pervious paving pursuant to the following:
  - (1) Pervious paving shall be considered surface improvements such as interlocking concrete paving blocks, brick pavers, grid pavers, or other similar improvements which permit the infiltration of water through the improved surface.
  - (2) Sub-surface preparation to accommodate the water infiltration allowed through the surface material shall be required.
  - (3) Gravel shall not be considered a pervious paving surface.
- b. The additional parking spaces shall be provided as structured parking subject to the following requirements:
  - (1) The footprint of proposed structured parking cannot exceed 75% of the footprint of a surface parking lot designed to accommodate 100% parking; and
  - (2) The maximum height shall be the height permitted within the zoning district.
- c. The additional parking spaces are underground where parking areas are not visible from the right-of-way or adjacent properties.
- d. For all sites except in Design Districts: a sealed alternative parking rate analysis, prepared by an engineer with expertise in transportation, that utilizes the following criteria to substantiate the need for additional parking. The City Transportation Director or designee, or NCDOT, as applicable, shall be the approving authority for the analysis.
  - (1) Data or studies of similar sites and uses;
  - (2) Comparisons to minimum standards in national published data sources such as Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE), Urban Land Institute (ULI), National Parking Association (NPA), American Planning Association (APA), or other professionally recognized data sources; and
  - (3) Comparisons to minimum requirements of similar municipalities.
- e. *Design Districts*

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(1) No more than the maximum allowed parking pursuant to paragraph 10.3.1A.4 shall be allowed, unless provided within structured parking and at least two of the three following requirements are met:

- (a) At least 50% of the parking structure roof area is a green roof;
- (b) A minimum of 15% of the total parking provided shall be made permanently publicly accessible; and
- (c) All street frontage portions of the parking structure shall be constructed to allow conversion to interior usable space.

(2) Public parking provided as a provision for additional height in paragraph 16.3.4, Height, can be provided in excess of the maximum parking provided it meets 1a and 1c above.

~~9. *Parking Reduction Allowed by Right*~~

~~The minimum amount of motor vehicle parking can be reduced using the following methods, individually or in combination, for an overall maximum reduction of 30%. For reductions applicable to Compact Neighborhood Tiers, see paragraph e below.~~

~~a. *Shared Parking*~~

~~Proposed developments or change of use with two or more uses can reduce the total minimum parking requirements by a maximum of 30% if the following factors are demonstrated through a parking generation analysis, prepared and sealed by a registered engineer with transportation expertise, documenting the following:~~

- ~~(1) The peak hours for each use do not overlap; and~~
- ~~(2) The proposed amount of parking is sufficient to accommodate the anticipated demands for each of the uses at peak hour.~~

~~b. *Public Transit*~~

~~A maximum 10% reduction is permitted for proposed development sites or change of use sites where public transit stops exist or will be provided at a location approved by the transit provider as part of the site plan submittal.~~

- ~~(1) The stop shall be within one half mile walking distance;~~
- ~~(2) The stop and development site shall be connected via an existing or proposed paved and handicap accessible walkway or sidewalk; and~~
- ~~(3) Crossings shall be at grade and at appropriate intersections. No mid-block crossings shall satisfy this option.~~

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~~c. *Additional Bicycle Parking*~~

~~A maximum of 5% reduction is permitted if an additional six bicycle parking spaces are provided for each motor vehicle parking space reduced.~~

~~d. *Additional Tree Coverage*~~

~~A maximum of 15% reduction is permitted if the following additional tree coverage is provided per one parking space:~~

- ~~(1) An additional canopy tree is preserved and protected; or~~
- ~~(2) One canopy tree and two understory trees are planted;~~
- ~~(3) The following shall also apply:~~
  - ~~(a) An appropriate species per the Landscape Manual shall be used for planting.~~
  - ~~(b) A minimum dbh of six inches shall qualify as a preserved tree.~~
  - ~~(c) Root zone protection standards of this Ordinance shall apply.~~
  - ~~(d) The additional planted or protected tree(s) shall not count towards any other Ordinance requirement.~~

~~e. *Reductions Applicable in Compact Neighborhood Tiers*~~

- ~~(1) All uses within projects utilizing the affordable housing bonuses, per Sec. 6.6, Affordable Housing Bonus, or paragraph 16.1.3E.2.d, Affordable Housing Density Bonus, shall be exempt from required minimum parking.~~
- ~~(2) The parking reduction methods in paragraph 10.3.1B.9.a and b can be applied in Compact Neighborhood Tiers.~~
  - ~~(a) No maximum overall reduction shall apply.~~
  - ~~(b) The maximum reduction for utilizing shared parking shall be 50%.~~
- ~~(3) The minimum required parking for all districts except CSD Districts Compact Neighborhood Tiers in paragraph 10.3.1B.1 shall only apply to properties within Compact Neighborhood Tiers that are within 400 feet of the boundary of the Tier. Properties outside of this area shall have no minimum parking requirement.~~

~~10. *Parking Reductions Allowed with a Minor Special Use Permit*~~

~~Except for the Compact Neighborhood Tiers, reductions of more than 30% of required motor vehicle parking shall require the approval of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. 3.9, Special Use Permit.~~

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In addition to the findings within paragraph 3.9.8A, General Findings, the following findings shall be made:

- a. ~~Current industry standards and parking rate methodologies were utilized;~~
- b. ~~Comparable developments that serve similar population densities or development intensities were studied; and~~
- c. ~~The reduction will protect local, State, or federal designated historic resources, if applicable to the site.~~

11. ~~In the Compact Neighborhood Tier, all uses within projects utilizing the affordable housing bonuses, per Sec. 6.6, Affordable Housing Bonus; paragraph 16.1.3E.2.d, Affordable Housing Density Bonus; or paragraph 16.1.3E.3.c, Affordable Housing Density Bonus, shall be exempt from required minimum parking.~~

*C. ~~Alternate Forms of Compliance~~*

- 1. ~~Off site parking, including publicly controlled parking:~~

~~Proposed development can satisfy motor vehicle parking requirements through existing off-site parking not proposed as part of the development site or change of use pursuant to the following criteria:~~

- a. ~~All required handicapped accessible parking spaces shall be provided on-site;~~
- b. ~~The spaces are not on-street parking spaces;~~
- c. ~~The spaces at the donor site are located no further than 1,000 linear feet walking distance to the main entrance of the proposed facility along an existing or proposed public or private (with pedestrian access agreement) paved, handicapped accessible route;~~
- d. ~~The walking route to and from the off-site parking does not cross a boulevard, major thoroughfare, expressway, or freeway, unless controls are existing or proposed to allow for pedestrian crossing;~~
- e. ~~Crossings of right of way shall be at grade at appropriate intersections, and not mid-block;~~
- f. ~~The spaces provided by the donor site are in excess of the minimum parking requirements for that site, or the shared parking requirements pursuant to paragraph 10.3.1B.9.a, can be satisfied;~~
- g. ~~A lease agreement between the record owners shall be required. The owner of the off-site parking area shall enter into a written agreement in a form acceptable to the City or County Attorney, as appropriate, providing that the land comprising the parking area shall never be disposed of except in conjunction with the sale of the building which the parking area serves so long as the facilities are required; and that such agreement shall bind his heirs, successors, and assigns; and~~
- h. ~~Residential parking areas cannot serve as off-site parking for non-residential uses.~~

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~~2. On Street Parking Credit in Urban and Compact Neighborhood Tiers~~

~~Within any zoning district within the Urban and Compact Neighborhood Tiers, one required motor vehicle parking space shall be satisfied for every 23 contiguous feet of street frontage for which there is adjacent permitted on-street parking.~~

~~a. Credit for on-street parking shall only be counted towards one of the uses in any multi-use development.~~

~~b. Credit shall not be given for a partial space.~~

~~c. Credit for nonhandicapped accessible parking spaces shall not be given for designated handicapped accessible spaces, loading zones, or taxi stands.~~

~~d. For required handicapped accessible spaces, existing or proposed spaces designated along the same blockface as the development site shall satisfy the requirement. Designation of new on-street handicapped accessible spaces shall meet the City Transportation Department or NCDOT requirements, as applicable.~~

~~Commentary: Although this standard may not result in additional handicapped accessible parking spaces for the project per this Ordinance, consultation with the City County Inspections Department is recommended to determine any other accessibility code requirements.~~

~~e. On-street parking used to reduce off-street parking is within the public right-of-way and shall remain available for general use subject to public parking standards.~~

~~f. Single and Two Family Lot Exception~~

~~Except in the CSD-S2 district, one off-street parking space shall be required regardless of the amount of contiguous street frontage.~~

Sec. 14.4

[Paragraphs not listed remain unchanged]

14.4.1 Nonconforming Buildings or Structures

[No changes to Section A]

B. General

1. No enlargement or reconstruction shall have the effect of increasing the degree or extent of a nonconforming feature.

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- a. Additions that are proposed between the minimum yard requirement and the existing building line, or are consistent with the existing height, shall not be considered to increase the degree or extent of the nonconformity.
  - b. An addition shall be considered to increase the nonconformity if it extends further into required yards than the existing encroachment.
2. No enlargement or reconstruction shall create new nonconformities or encroachments, unless a variance is approved pursuant to Sec. [3.14](#), Variance.

C. *Approval*

Additions or improvements to, or reconstruction of, nonconforming buildings and structures shall require approval of a minor special use permit pursuant to Sec. [3.9](#), Special Use Permit, unless exempted as follows:

1. Improvements, or additions of any size, that:
  - a. Comply with all current ordinance requirements, ~~and proposed height is consistent with or less than the existing height of the structure~~; or
  - b. Bring the structure into greater conformity with current ordinance requirements.
2. Projects that allow existing buildings to meet local health, sanitary, or safety code requirements or that are necessary to ensure safe living or occupancy conditions;
3. Projects that require a certificate of appropriateness pursuant to Sec. [3.17](#), Certificate of Appropriateness;
4. ~~Additions, with a maximum increase in square footage of 100%, that are proposed between the minimum yard requirement and the existing building encroachment line; Additions, with a maximum increase in square footage of 10%, that are proposed between the minimum yard requirement and the existing building encroachment line;~~
5. Reconstruction of the nonconforming structure that is within the original building footprint ~~and is consistent with the height of the original structure~~. Proposed additional square footage shall meet the parameters of paragraphs c or d above, as applicable, to be exempt from the requirement of a minor special use permit;
6. Reconstruction or enlargement of, or improvements to a nonconforming structure that is part of a housing program initiated by or supervised by the City, County, or an entity created by the City, County, or State of North Carolina, as long as the degree or extent of the nonconforming feature is not increased.

[No changes to Section D]

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Sec. 17.3

[Definitions not listed remain unchanged]

**Basement:** The lowest level or story which has its floor sub-grade on at least ~~three~~one sides.

**Story:** A level that is principally above ground, and not below grade, nor below street level, or within roofline, tower, or a roof deck.



# Community Engagement Plan for Applicants

City-County Planning Department

## Planning

Questions: [LandUse@DurhamNC.gov](mailto:LandUse@DurhamNC.gov) | 919-560-4137

The purpose of this form is to identify an engagement plan for the proposed project before initial application submittal, and then throughout the life of the project. Understanding the community impacts of a proposal and the community voices surrounding a project are key to ensuring an accessible, transparent, representative, and equitable development review process. This form applies to any zoning map change, annexation petition, tier boundary modification, watershed boundary determination, neighborhood protection overlay, development agreement, text amendment (UDO or comprehensive plan), or other application types as defined by the UDO or determined by staff, where the Comprehensive Plan Consistency Report identifies meeting the Community Goals & Objectives.

### PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Name:	Applicant Name/ Company Name:
Proposed Project Description & Scope:	
Have you provided any additional engagement/presentation materials with this plan?	

### COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

List out the community members you will engage, including residents, neighborhoods, community leaders, institutions, businesses, non-profits, etc. We encourage you to consider residents within a half-mile radius of a proposal and especially those who are immediately adjacent to the proposed location.

National Association of Home Builders	Habitat Neighbors for Neighbors	Matthew Konar & Jenn K Truman
Durham Builder's Guild	Habitat Geezers	Landscape Planners
Durham County Government Mgrs/Interns	Carolina Forward	Civil Engineers
The Collective (Black Development Group)	UNC DFI/Kenan Institute	Other Engineers
Wine and Real Estate	Raleigh Planning Department	Real Estate Lawyers
Triangle Community Coalition	Southern HS	CPAs
Realtor's Group	Durham Tech	Commercial Real Estate Brokers
Durham CAN / Pastors Group	NCCU	North Durham Neighborhood
Spirit House	Sheriff's Department	Former Hayti Neighborhood
ReCity	John Locke	Hayti Heritage Center
Small Business Coalition	El Centro Hispano	Bragtown
GDBBC (Black Chamber)	Duke	Aidil Ortiz
Durham GOP	Preservation Durham	Merrick-Moore Neighborhood
NC Legislature	Bill Bell	Ami Mejia
Tiny Home NC	M&F Bank	Professional Women in Building
UNC City and Regional Planning	Edens Engineering	Coalition for Affordable Housing and Transit
Triangle Blog Blog	O'Brien Atkins	Committee Affairs of Black People
Next Chapel Hill	Linton Architects	Friends of Durham
Downtown Durham, Inc	Center Studio Architecture	People's Alliance
Durham Chamber of Commerce	Trinity Design Build	General Open Engagement Call 1
Latino Credit Union	BuildSense	General Open Engagement Call 2
		Habitat Board



## DESCRIPTION OF ENGAGEMENT

Describe what engagement will look like for the project. Include the format of engagement, when engagement will occur, where it will occur and the duration of engagement. This may change as you work through your proposal:

## ENGAGEMENT MEDIUMS

List strategies/mediums will you use to reach these community members. These could include: focus groups, digital platforms, 1:1 interviews, emails, digital platforms, signage at the onset of a project, charrettes, in-person conversations or events, etc. Discuss how these strategies will be used and in what combination.

## NEXT STEPS

### Planning

- Planning will review this engagement plan and provide guidance and feedback.

### Applicant

- Implement this Community Engagement Plan
- Identify if there are additional resources you need to be successful in your community engagement work
- Share the Social Pinpoint link at every engagement event and neighborhood meeting. <https://durham.mysocialpinpoint.com/land-use/map#/>
- Amend the project proposal to reflect community member feedback. Utilize Form 34545 – Record of Community Engagement to track these changes.

At the pre-submittal meeting, staff will go over this plan, make suggestions for improvement, and provide any engagement context that could be helpful such as past input on or around the site, past public hearing comments, etc. Please upload this form in the portal when scheduling the pre-submittal meeting. Please note that a virtual neighborhood meeting is still a required element of all application submittals (unless otherwise noted by the Planning Director or designee).

### Applicant Resources:

[International Association for Public Participation](#)

[Equitable Engagement Blueprint](#)

[Neighborhood Meeting Requirements - Durham](#)

[Adopted Community Goals and Objectives](#)

## **The 22 Ways SCAD Aligns with the New Comprehensive Plan's Goals and Objectives**

Simplifying Code for more Affordable Development (SCAD) was crafted to align with existing public input. The City of Durham has done extensive community engagement work as it progresses towards a new Durham Comprehensive Plan. At this stage, the City has reached out to a wide range of individuals and groups in Durham to craft a list of goals and objectives that the community would like to see embodied by the upcoming Comprehensive Plan.

The applicant identified that SCAD aligns with these goals and objectives in over 50 ways, but has identified 22 ways that are most directly addressed by SCAD.

### **Sense of Place / Multigenerational, Diverse, Resilient, and Inclusive Neighborhoods**

1. SCAD promotes more diverse housing types including affordable housing through the PATH program and enabling missing middle housing.
2. SCAD enables walkable neighborhood commercial districts that create opportunities that haven't previously existed for small, local businesses.
3. SCAD promotes better ADU regulations, an important solution to aging in place, close to family and/or close to the community that has been "home".
4. SCAD enabled ADUs can also be used as a source of income, enabling more financial resiliency among residents.

#### **Resident Quotes:**

- "Affordable housing has to be integrated—can't be isolated and stuck there forever. Look at cooperative integrated models."
- "Diversified living spaces for all people: more integration throughout Durham"

### **Sense of Place / Rooted and Connected Communities**

5. SCAD enables more opportunities for middle income homeownership by allowing for small homes and building ADU's first.
6. SCAD enables more affordable homeownership opportunities through the Affordable PATH program.

#### **Resident Quotes:**

- "When people are able to establish roots they are able to effect the soil, much as deep rooting plants keep the soil from eroding, replenishing part of the soil as it lives off of it as well, a mutually beneficial relationship. What is missing is stronger language to illustrate this, as it is vital for the long term growth of the community both culturally and economically."
- "People who have lived in older neighborhoods permitted to return to those neighborhoods to live in clean, safe, affordable housing"

### **Community Relationships / Informed and Involved Community Engagement**

7. SCAD is going through the approved process for a text amendment, making sure to go above and beyond when it comes to community engagement meetings and listening to the citizens of Durham.

#### **Resident Quotes:**

- "Need to ensure decision-making is convenient, transparent, equitable, representative of community input."

### **Community Relationships / Intentional Planning and Decision-Making**

8. At its core, SCAD is about enabling much-needed small-scale housing and commercial spaces. The projects at this scale are owned by Durham citizens, local business owners, and people invested in the communities where they live, work, and socialize.

#### **Resident Quotes:**

- “Thoughtful growth and investment in existing spaces/buildings in the community to make them healthy, safe, beautiful, and accessible to all”

### **Housing and Neighborhoods / Complete Neighborhoods: Resources for Thriving Lives**

9. SCAD enables mixed-use in PDR neighborhoods, where currently 100 homes must be part of a project before a coffee shop or corner store is allowed.
10. SCAD enables neighborhood commercial districts for the creation of mixed-use, walkable neighborhoods outside of downtown and the design districts.
11. Neighborhood commercial districts in SCAD are focused on small, infill lots that lead to small commercial spaces that tend to not only serve but act as an active participant in the community.
12. SCAD eliminates parking minimums, a necessary step to creating walkable neighborhoods that aren’t dominated by parking lots.
13. Neighborhood centers create natural public transit “nodes” that allow for a more viable public transit system.

#### **Resident Quotes:**

- “A patchwork of complete communities”
- “Mixed-use development so people live closer to the places they want and need to go to. Easy-to-use and free public transportation.”
- “Focus on neighborhoods so unique identities can show thru but still be connected to one another”

### **Housing and Neighborhoods / Creative and Varied Housing Solutions**

14. The Affordable PATH that SCAD puts forth is a bold, creative, and absolutely needed solution to the lack of affordable housing supply in Durham.
15. SCAD makes more housing possible across the income spectrum.
16. SCAD makes more housing possible across the typology spectrum (from apartments to multiplexes to duplexes to small homes).

#### **From the Goals & Objectives Document:**

Current regulations get in the way of innovation and community solutions to housing access, such as creating small homes, cooperative housing, and co-living options. Many residents feel that regulations are written to benefit developers who can afford to assemble land to build housing for higher-wealth people. This results in new subdivisions

built with one type of low-density housing at unaffordable prices, contributing to unsustainable growth patterns and high housing costs.

- This section of the Goals & Objectives document aligns perfectly with SCAD’s mission.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Affordable Housing desperately needs new options”
- **“Reformed zoning laws to broaden housing options”**
- “Has the City considered implementing tiny house communities to address homelessness?”

**Housing and Neighborhoods / Accessible Housing and Neighborhoods: Designing for Everyone**

17. SCAD promotes better ADU regulations, an important solution to aging in place. ADUs are often referred to as “granny flats” and what better location for aging in place than adjacent to a trusted family or community member.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Housing for the elderly, safe travel for the elderly, housing affordability for seniors, placement of senior housing”

**Housing and Neighborhoods / Affordable Housing**

18. The Affordable PATH program is a needed solution for creating small-scale rental and homeownership opportunities.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Programs that are fair and honest to help Blacks own their homes in Durham.”
- “In the Durham of my dream everybody has a place to call home that is safe, stable affordable relaxing and full of joy that’s what equitable housing would be, we call have a place to call home and be happy and safe in that home”

**Housing and Neighborhoods / Healthy, Dignified, and Welcoming Neighborhoods**

19. Walkable neighborhoods are healthy neighborhoods. SCAD promotes a mix of uses, neighborhood commercial with small commercial lots, and enabling of additional units that fit with a neighborhood’s character, enabling more walkable communities.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Every human being desires a place to live that they can feel pride in”

**Transportation / Intentional and Coordinated Transportation and Land Use**

20. Neighborhood centers create natural public transit “nodes” that allow for a more viable public transit system. Sprawl hurts the ability to run transit successfully and SCAD works to create better infill opportunities.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Neighborhood walkable amenities such as grocery, pharmacy, and restaurants”
- “What the city has done has created more sprawl to Mebane, to Sanford. Creating longer commutes, more pollution. Rocky MT-Wilson is now a bedroom community of Raleigh.”

**Jobs and Training / Sustainable, Supported, and Dignified Jobs**

21. SCAD enables small-scale commercial. These smaller commercial spaces give local entrepreneurs a chance to compete, creating dignified jobs for themselves. If successful, as ambassadors in the community, they have an incentive to create dignified jobs for their employees as well.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “More business opportunities for native Durham residents (particularly African American)”

**Jobs and Training / Accessible and Innovative Jobs**

22. Commercial neighborhoods outside of downtown create walkable pleasant places, but they also create jobs in those neighborhoods, not just in downtown Durham.

**Resident Quotes:**

- “Diversity of business types in different areas. Change zoning to allow mix of use types throughout city/county.”