

**PLANNING COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**  
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

**AGENDA TITLE:** Commercial Zoning and Design Standards Amendments  
**DEPARTMENT:** Planning & Community Development  
**PRESENTED BY:** Paul Cohen, Planning Manager  
 Rachael Markle, AICP, Director

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**INTRODUCTION**

Tonight's meeting is to present the code amendment proposal consistent with the major concepts and key issues discussed at the November 15<sup>th</sup> meeting for the consolidation of commercial zones and design standards. As a result of more staff analysis and Commission comments since November 15<sup>th</sup>, there are a few adjustments to the issues concepts presented, which are **in bold** in those sections below. To ease into this large amendment, staff recommends that the Commission first read the reduced draft (Attachment D) without the large, deleted sections before reading the legislative draft (Attachment E).

The amendments are to consolidate redundant commercial zoning categories and redundant, similar, or conflicting commercial code sections as they affect development in commercial zones. Generally, where the standards conflicted we erred to the greater requirement. The proposal is to use the Town Center design standards as the basis to update design standards for all commercial zones in Shoreline.

Shoreline has 8 commercial zoning categories of which 3 pairs (6) have identical permitted land uses and dimensional standards. Town Center remains unique and Ridgecrest Planned Area (PA2) has very similar standards to CB. The proposal is to consolidate Office (O) into Neighborhood Business (NB) zones, North City Business District (NCBD) and Ridgecrest (PA2) into Community Business (CB) zones, and Industrial (I) and Mixed Use Zone (MUZ) into a new Arterial Business (AB) zone. Town Center (TC) zones would remain unchanged. It is important to note that the land area of all commercial zones is proposed not to change (Attachment A and B).

The existing commercial design standards (i.e. layout and design of parking, landscaping, signs, entries, facades) are outdated and overlapped with design standards from other districts. Since Town Center is the latest iteration of design standards that have been vetted with the community there is strong reason to apply it to all commercial zones. It is important to note that the existing dimensional standard (i.e. height, setbacks, lot coverage) for each commercial zone would not change - with a few small exceptions.

Approved By: Project Manager FLC

Planning Director PM

This code reform is important now while the City has the opportunity to make its code more clear and streamlined prior to anticipated increases in development activity. As a result, the proposal will give greater emphasis to pedestrian amenities and neighborhood protections in exchange for some added development potential.

## **BACKGROUND**

On February 6, 2012 the City Council gave staff direction to pursue these code amendments to support Council Goal 1: Strengthen Shoreline's economic base-

### 1. Improve and streamline the City's development regulations for commercial zones

Over the last decade the City has had iterations of commercial design standards that staff has administered and developers have navigated. These include the 2000 Commercial/ Mixed Use standards, NCBD, PA2, and MUZ with less than complete standards. In July 2011 the Council unanimously adopted the Town Center development code. The three year review and adoption process for the subarea plan involved substantial city-wide participation and support. This resulted in improved and coordinated design standards to make commercial areas within the Town Center subarea more pedestrian-friendly and viable as places to shop and live. In November 2011, the Council, with the adoption of the Southeast Neighborhood Legislative Rezone, stated the need for improved and consolidated commercial design standards for applicable zoning designations throughout the City.

The Town Center development code includes the most recent commercial design and development standards for the City. Rather than having each area with slightly different or redundant standards Council has recommended consolidating and streamlining the code for all commercial zones using the core design standards of Town Center. In addition, the City has redundant commercial zoning designations with identical land use and dimensional standards. These zones can be consolidated without changing the existing development potential or regulations.

### **Public Outreach Meetings**

- June 20<sup>th</sup>: Open house - notified by mail to all commercial zoned properties and the surrounding 500 feet of residential properties in addition to Currents and the City webpage.
- June 21<sup>st</sup>: SE Shoreline – follow-up to due to commercial development discussions in the subarea planning process.
- June 27<sup>th</sup>: Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee - representing Shoreline business interests
- September 5<sup>th</sup>: Council of Neighborhoods – representing all neighborhood associations
- October 29<sup>th</sup>: Commercial Developer focus group – sampling of area developers
- Group email list updates – people participating in the above meetings
- To date, no comment letters have been received.

**Comprehensive Plan**

The Planning Commission completed recommendations for the Comprehensive plan update on October 18th. In the plan policies LU-9, 10, and 11 and the Land Use map MU-1 and MU-2 designations were amended to support the code amendments to consolidate redundant zoning and commercial design standards.

**Mixed Use and Commercial Land Use**

- LU9: Through a commercial zoning consolidation process, create a new zone to replace the Mixed-Use Zone and the Industrial zone, combine redundant commercial standards, and base transition and design standards on Town Center Subarea Plan, using “form-based” rather than maximum densities.
- LU10: The Mixed Use 1 (MU1) designation encourages the development of walkable places with architectural interest that integrate a wide variety of retail, office, and service uses, along with form-based maximum density residential uses. Transition to adjacent single-family neighborhoods may be accomplished through appropriate design solutions. Limited manufacturing uses may be permitted under certain conditions.
- LU11: The Mixed Use 2 (MU2) designation is similar to the MU1 designation, except it is not intended to allow more intense uses, such as manufacturing and other uses that generate light, glare, noise or odor that may be incompatible with existing and proposed land uses. The Mixed Use 2 (MU2) designation applies to commercial areas not on the Aurora Avenue or Ballinger Way corridors, such as Ridgecrest, Briarcrest, Richmond Beach, and North City. This designation may provide retail, office, and service uses, and greater residential densities than are allowed in low density residential designations, and promotes pedestrian connections, transit, and amenities.

**SEPA**

The City issued a Determination of Non-significance for the Comprehensive Plan and specifically this proposal to consolidate commercial zoning categories and design standards on October 3, 2012 (Attachment C).

**Required Process**

This amendment proposal includes both a Type C action to rezone property and a Type L action to amend the development code. The City can combine these two actions under the higher standard of a Type L action.

A. Purpose. An amendment to the Development Code (and where applicable amendment of the zoning map) is a mechanism by which the City may bring its land use and development regulations into conformity with the Comprehensive Plan or respond to changing conditions or needs of the City.

B. Decision Criteria. The City Council may approve or approve with modifications a proposal for the text of the Land Use Code if:

1. The amendment is in accordance with the Comprehensive Plan; and
2. The amendment will not adversely affect the public health, safety or general welfare; and
3. The amendment is not contrary to the best interest of the citizens and property owners of the City of Shoreline.

### **PRIMARY CHANGES**

Housing Density – In commercial zones other than TC and NCBD density of units is determined by units per acre. Frequently, the density limits cannot be reached because they conflict with the height limitations. TC and NCBD housing density is determined by the building bulk limitations only. *This amendment proposes to extend that density limit of TC and NCBD to all commercial zones because the existing layers of unnecessary and redundant requirements are barriers to redevelopment. The SEPA review has analyzed the potential increase of 2,000 housing units mostly in the Aurora corridor.*

Development Incentives – Typically incentives are used to promote features or improvements that developers are not willing to employ. Incentives are to promote affordable housing, green building, and amenities in exchange for greater development potential. The current code has these incentives under MUZ and PA2 zones. The use of a Floor Area Ratio (FAR) incentive is to gain greater building height also has not been used, does not increase density potential, and conflicts with height standards. None of these incentives have been used since the City adopted its own development code in 2000. *The amendment will propose to allow full development potential without incentives because they are not used or do not coincide with the current development market.*

Parking – TC, PA2, NCBD, and the remainder of the City have their own parking standards. TC parking requirements are .75 spaces per one-bedroom unit, 1 space for 400 square feet for retail, and 500 square feet for office. *The amendment will propose using the standard of TC for all commercial zones.*

Thresholds for Site Improvements and Frontage – The Development Code has articulated thresholds for when a project proposes to make partial improvements, such as an addition or remodel, and when full site improvement or frontage improvement are

triggered. It is based on a threshold of the construction value of the project compared to the assessed value of the property. The Development Code has different thresholds for site improvements and for frontage improvements. Site improvements are based on assessed land and structure valuation. Frontage improvements are based on just assessed structure valuation. ***The amendment will propose two thresholds with parallel, consistent, and more specific language – one for site improvements for all development based on property and structure values and the other for frontage improvements based on structure values. The rationale for not changing the frontage threshold is that the amount of frontage improvements would be greatly decreased. These will also address when development involves more than one property and structures, and a time period where multiple construction projects can add up to a full site improvement.***

Administrative Design Review (ADR) – Currently the ADR process pertains to all development in MUZ, TC, PA2, and in NCBD. The criteria are that the development has to show how it meets the design standards or if they request a departure from those standards how the project still meets the intent of the applicable code section. Departures cannot be requested for dimensional and Transition Area requirements. ***This amendment proposes that all commercial zones and sign permits require an ADR only if they request a departure from the design standards.***

Exemption for Plazas and Front Parking – Currently, there are no exemptions for smaller parcels from front of building parking and plaza development. This threshold is needed so that small lots can have all of their other site requirements fit on the property. ***This amendment will propose an exemption so that smaller lots can have more flexible parking lot standards and not be required to add a plaza space. These exemptions have been removed because the ADR departure process can be used to address the design issue of fitting site requirements on difficult sites.***

Transition Areas to Single Family - Transition Areas are added requirements to step down the bulk of development, provide landscape buffers, and control vehicle access and traffic impacts toward single family zoned neighborhoods. The Development Code currently has 4 different standards in 4 different code sections as they relate to CB and I, NCBD, MUZ, and TC. ***The amendment will propose to raise all the standards for all commercial zones to the TC standards when they abut or are across the street from R-4, R-6, and add R-8 zones.***

Arterial Business (AB) – Arterial Business is located along Aurora Avenue north and south of TC. The City needs some land available for big box development along arterials that do not emphasize pedestrian amenities other than sidewalks. ***This amendment proposes that parking be allowed between the street frontage and buildings and that building articulation and design features not be required above the first floor level in Arterial Business zones. Staff recommends that a different standard for AB zones is not needed when the ADR departure process should address the design issue of parking and building articulation.***

**SECONDARY CHANGES**

Land Use Charts – Current land use charts do not include TC and PA2. Also, there have been problematic items on the chart that staff will propose to be improved. *The amendments will move the land use charts from TC and PA2 to the main land use chart with the other zones and suggest changes to a small variety of land uses. **TC-4 land uses now match R-48 zone and only commercial zones have been adjusted.***

Dimensional Charts – There are dimensional charts each for residential zones (R-4 to R-48), residential development in commercial zones, and commercial development in commercial zones, TC, PA2, and NCBD. *The amendment will propose that only 2 charts are needed – one for residential zones and one for commercial zones.*

Neighborhood Business Height Increase – The Development Code allows for a height increase from 35 feet to 50 feet if 25% of the building floor area has residential units. *The amendments will propose 50 feet in height without incentive for all development in NB zones because commercial areas can have residential development and that the difference between the impacts of upper floors in residential or commercial are negligible.*

Special Overlay (SO) Districts – The purpose of this zoning category is to apply supplemental regulations to a development on any site within an SO district. The City does not have nor plans to have any SO districts. *This amendment proposes to remove this category.*

SEPA – TC and NCBD are the only two districts with Planned Action Approvals, which have SEPA determinations for the development potential of each district. That means they are exempt from project related SEPA review. Amendments to the general SEPA exemptions will be separate and coming to the Commission for consideration later in 2013. *The amendment will have a separate section to explain Planned Action Approvals and maps that demarcate the two districts.*

### **TIMING AND SCHEDULE**

- Notice of amendments was sent to the Department of Commerce - October 2, 2012.
- SEPA adoption notice sent to Department of Ecology - September 27, 2012.
- The City issued a SEPA Determination of Non-significance - October 3, 2012.
- A public hearing will be scheduled for January 3, 2012

### **NEXT STEPS**

The Commission's next meeting is December 20 for study and discussion of the proposed amendment language if there is a quorum. On January 3, 2013 the public hearing will be held with possible Commission recommendations. No other additional meetings are scheduled at this time.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment A - Existing Zoning Map  
Attachment B – Proposed Zoning Map

Attachment C - SEPA Determination

Attachment D - Reduced Draft of Proposed Code Amendments without Legislative  
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Attachment E - Legislative Draft of Proposed Code Amendments

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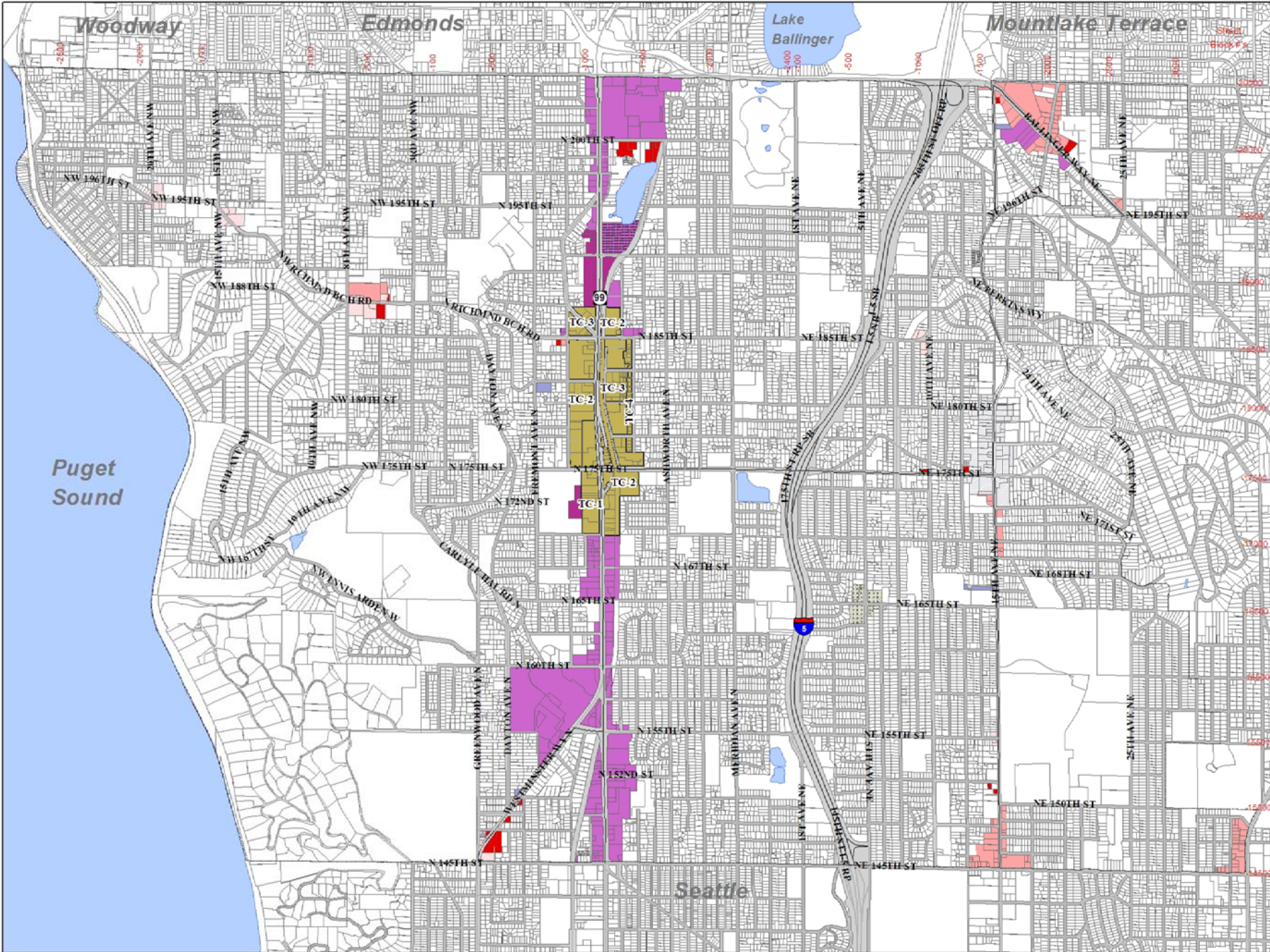
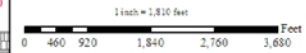
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# Current Commercial Zones

## Zoning Designations

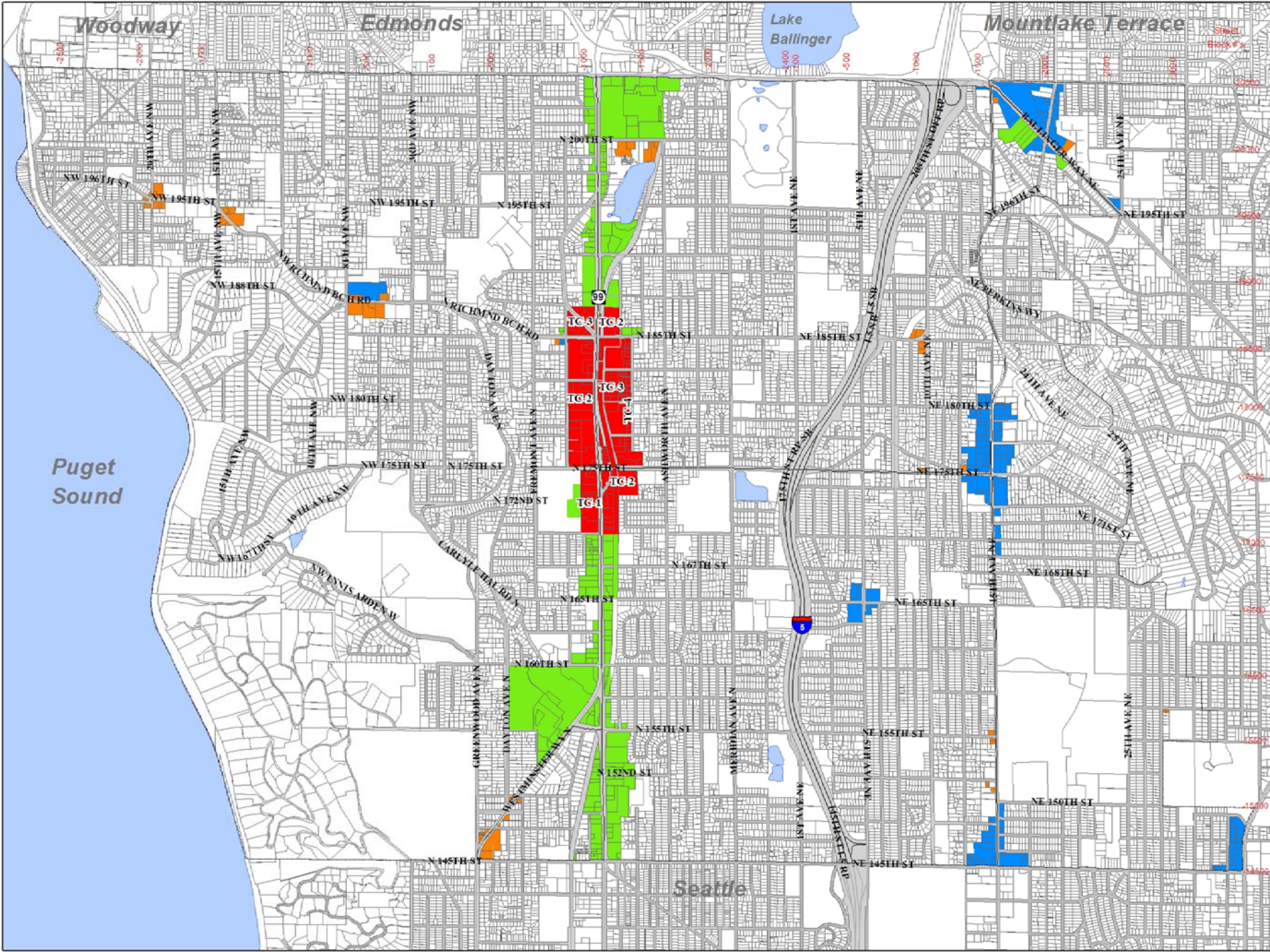
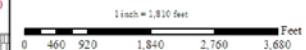
- TC 1-4; Town Center 1 to 4
- I; Industrial
- MUZ; Mixed Use Zone
- MUCZ; Mixed Use Contract Zone
- PA 2; Planned Area 2
- NCBD; North City Business District
- O; Office
- CB; Community Business
- NB; Neighborhood Business
- CZ; Contract Zone



# Proposed Consolidated Commercial Zones 5/1/2012

## Zoning Designations

-  TC 1-4; Town Center 1 to 4
-  AB; Arterial Business (MUZ and Industrial)
-  CB; Community Business (PA2,CB,and NCBD)
-  NB; Neighborhood Business (NB and O)





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### SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

#### 2012 Comprehensive Plan Update

#### PROJECT INFORMATION

**Proposed Project Description:** The proposed action is the adoption of updates to the City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan. The update is necessary to comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA). This is the required 2015 Update. Policies and implementing regulations relating to commercial zone consolidation and controlling achievable densities through bulk standards were analyzed as part of this proposal.

**Project Number:** Not Applicable (Nonproject Action)

**Date of Issuance:** October 3, 2012

**Applicant:** City of Shoreline

**Location:** City of Shoreline: City-wide

**Planning Commission Public Hearing Date:** October 18, 2012

#### SEPA THRESHOLD DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

The City of Shoreline has determined the proposal will not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An environmental impact statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030 (2)(c). The City will not act on this proposal for at least 14 days from the date of issuance. This decision was made after review of the environmental checklist and other information on file with the City. A Notice of Adoption of existing environmental documents was issued September 28, 2012. The information is available to the public upon request at no charge. The environmental checklist can be reviewed on the city's website at:

<http://shorelinewa.gov/> <http://www.shorelinewa.gov/index.aspx?page=409>

#### PUBLIC COMMENT AND APPEAL INFORMATION

This may be your only opportunity to submit written comments, including comments on the environmental impacts of the proposal. Written comments must be received at the address listed below before 5:00 p.m. October 18, 2012. Please mail, fax (206) 801-2788 or deliver comments to the City of Shoreline, Attn: Miranda Redinger, 17500 Midvale Avenue North, Shoreline, WA 98133 or email to [mredinger@shorelinewa.gov](mailto:mredinger@shorelinewa.gov). Upon request, a copy of the City Council decision on the proposal may be obtained. Interested persons are encouraged to provide oral and/or written comments regarding the above project at an open record public hearing. The hearing is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 17500 Midvale Avenue N, Shoreline, WA.

#### APPEAL INFORMATION

There is no administrative appeal available for this decision. The SEPA Threshold Determination may be appealed to superior court. If there is not a statutory time limit in filing a judicial appeal, the appeal must be filed within 21 calendar days following the issuance of the decision on the underlying action in accordance with State law.

The project file is available for review at the City Hall 17500 Midvale Avenue N, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor – Planning & Community Development. For specific project questions, contact Miranda Redinger, City of Shoreline Planning and Community Development at 206-801-2513.

#### SEPA RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL

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# Commercial Design Standards Code Amendments November 27, 2012

## 20.20 Definitions

### 20.20.012 B definitions.

**Building-Mounted Sign** A sign permanently attached to a building and includes flush-mounted, projecting, awning, canopy, or marquee signs. Underawning or blade signs are regulated separately.

### 20.20.034 M definitions

**Monument Sign** Freestanding sign that has integrated the structural component of the sign into the design of the sign and sign base. Monument signs may also consist of painted text, cabinet, or channel letters mounted on a fence, freestanding wall, or retaining wall where the total height of the structure meets the limitations of this code.

### 20.20.040 P definitions

**Portable Sign** Any sign that is readily capable of being moved or removed, whether attached or affixed to the ground or any structure that is typically intended for temporary display.

**Public Places** Outdoor spaces on private property that facilitate only people to gather

### 20.20.048 T definitions

**Temporary Sign** A sign that is only permitted to be displayed for a limited period of time specified by this code, after which it must be removed.

### 20.20.050 U definitions

**Under-Awning Sign** A sign suspended below a canopy, awning or other overhanging feature of a building.

**20.20.052 V definitions**

**Vehicle Display Areas** Outdoor areas where vehicles for sale or lease are displayed.

**20.20.054 W definitions**

**Window Sign** A sign applied to a window or mounted or suspended directly behind a window.

**20.30****Procedures and Administration****Table 20.30.040** – Summary of Type A Actions and Target Time Limits for Decision and Appeal Authority.

Action Type	Target Time Limits for Decision (Calendar Days)	Section
<b>Type A:</b>		
1. Accessory Dwelling Unit	30 days	20.40.120, 20.40.210
2. Lot Line Adjustment including Lot Merger	30 days	20.30.400
3. Building Permit	120 days	All applicable standards
4. Final Short Plat	30 days	20.30.450
5. Home Occupation, Bed and Breakfast, BoardingHouse	120 days	20.40.120, 20.40.250, 20.40.260, 20.40.400
6. Interpretation of Development Code	15 days	20.10.050, 20.10.060, 20.30.020
7. Right-of-Way Use	30 days	12.15.010 – 12.15.180
8. Shoreline Exemption Permit	15 days	Shoreline Master Program
9. Sign Permit	30 days	20.50.530 – 20.50.610
10. Site Development Permit	60 days	20.20.046, 20.30.315, 20.30.430
11. Deviation from Engineering Standards	30 days	20.30.290

12. Temporary Use Permit	15 days	20.40.100
13. Clearing and Grading Permit	60 days	20.50.290 – 20.50.370
15. Administrative Design Review	28 days	20.30.297

**Comment [p1]:** Redundant of ADR and NCBD is proposed to be a part of CB Commercial Design Standards.

**20.30.297 Administrative Design Review (Type A).**

Administrative Design Review approval may be granted by the Director upon their finding that:

1. Departures from the design standards in the SMC section 20.50.220 to .250 and Signs SMC 20.50.530 to .610 shall be consistent with the purposes or intent of each subsection or it has been demonstrated that due to unusual site constraints meeting the design standards represents a hardship to achieving full development potential-provided that there are no:
  - a. Requests to depart from the Dimensional Standards in Table 20.50.220- regarding setbacks and building envelope cannot be departed from in NB, CB, AB, and TC commercial zones as part of Administrative Design Review or
  - b. Requests to depart from Transition Areas Standards 20.50.021.
  - c. All requests to depart from subsections a. and b. above will require a Zoning Variance approval.

**Comment [p2]:** Meeting the standards is already required by code.

**Comment [p3]:** Applies now to all commercial zones.

**Comment [p4]:** Clarification for alternative

**20.30.565 Planned Action Approval SEPA Exemptions**

The districts below have Planned Action Approvals and are exempt from the requirements of SEPA if they are within the scope of those approvals. The code provisions in these districts have been amended to meet the Planned Action Approvals. Proposals to change of zoning categories, code amendments, or zoning variances may require SEPA approval if the proposal exceeds SEPA thresholds of the Planned Action Approval.

(Boundary Map of TC District)

(Boundary Map of North City District)

**20.40**  
**Zoning and Use Provisions**

**Table 20.40.020 Zones and map designations.**

The following zoning and map symbols are established as shown in the following table:

ZONING	MAP SYMBOL
RESIDENTIAL	
(Low, Medium, and High Density)	R-4 through 48 (Numerical designator relating to base density in dwelling units per acre)
NONRESIDENTIAL	
Neighborhood Business	NB
Community Business	CB
Arterial Business	AB
Campus	CCZ, FCZ, PHZ, SCZ <sup>1</sup>
Town Center District	<b>TC-1, TC-2, TC-3, TC-4</b>
Planned Area	PA

<sup>1</sup> CCZ refers to the CRISTA Campus; FCZ refers to the Fircrest Campus; PHZ refers to the Public Health Laboratory Campus; and SCZ refers to the Shoreline Community College Campus.

(Ord. 609 § 7, 2011; Ord. 598 § 4, 2011; Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 507 § 4, 2008; Ord. 492 § 3, 2008; Ord. 281 § 4, 2001; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 1(B), 2000).

**20.40.040 Nonresidential zones.**

- A. The purpose of the Neighborhood Business (NB) zone is to allow for low intensity office, business and service uses located on or with convenient access to arterial streets. In addition these zones serve to accommodate medium and higher density residential, townhouses, mixed use types of development, while serving as a buffer between higher intensity uses and residential zones.
- B. The purpose of the Community Business zone (CB) is to provide location for a wide variety of business activities, such as convenience and retail, personal services for the local community, and to allow for apartments and higher intensity mixed use developments.
- C. The purpose of the Arterial Business zone (AB) is to encourage the development of vertical and/or horizontal mixed-use buildings or developments along the Aurora Avenue and Ballinger Way corridors.



D. The purpose of the Town Center zones (TC) are to provide for a central location that connects the major east-west and north-south connections in the city with a district that has the highest intensity of use, civic developments, and transportation-oriented design.

E. **Planned Area (PA).** The purpose of the PA is to allow unique zones with regulations tailored to the specific circumstances, public priorities, or opportunities of a particular area that may not be appropriate in a City-wide land use district.

Comment [p5]: Deleted and folded into 20.50

1. **Planned Area 3: Aldercrest (PA 3).** Any development in PA 3 must comply with the standards specified in Chapter 20.93 SMC.

**Table 20.40.120 Residential type uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB	CB	AB	TC-1, 2, 3
	<b>RESIDENTIAL GENERAL</b>								
	Accessory Dwelling Unit	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Affordable Housing	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Apartment		C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Duplex	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i			
	Home Occupation	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Manufactured Home	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
	Mobile Home Park	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
	Single-Family Attached	P-i	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Single-Family Detached	P	P	P	P				
	<b>GROUP RESIDENCES</b>								
	Boarding House	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Community Residential Facility-I (Less than 11 residents and staff)	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Community Residential Facility-II			P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
721310	Dormitory		C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	<b>TEMPORARY LODGING</b>								
721191	Bed and Breakfasts	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
72111	Hotel/Motel						P	P	P

Comment [p6]: Only Commercial zones may have been amended as noted.

Comment [p7]: TC-4 matches R-18-48.

Comment [p8]: TC column to match ex. TC chart

Comment [r9]: May want to update the "I" to facilitate dorms where logical.

	Recreational Vehicle	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
	Tent City	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>								
	Animals, Small, Keeping and Raising	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i

	<b>P = Permitted Use    S = Special Use</b>	
	<b>C = Conditional Use    -i = Indexed Supplemental Criteria</b>	

**Table 20.40.130    Nonresidential uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB	CB	AB	TC-1, 2, & 3
532	Automotive Rental and Leasing						P	P	P only in TC-1
81111	Automotive Repair and Service					P	P	P	P only in TC-1
451	Book and Video Stores/Rental (excludes Adult Use Facilities)			C	C	P	P	P	P
513	Broadcasting and Telecommunications							P	P
812220	Cemetery, Columbarium	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Houses of Worship	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Collective Gardens					P-i	P-i	P-i	
	Construction Retail, Freight, Cargo Service							P	
	Daycare I Facilities	P-i	P-i	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Daycare II Facilities		C	P	P	P	P	P	P
722	Eating and Drinking Establishments (Excluding Gambling Uses)	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
812210	Funeral Home/Crematory	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i		P-i	P-i	P-i
447	Gasoline Service Stations					P	P	P	P
	General Retail Trade/Services					P	P	P	P
811310	Heavy Equipment and Truck Repair							P	
481	Helistop			S	S	S	S	C	C
485	Individual Transportation						C	P	P only in TC-1

	and Taxi								
812910	Kennel or Cattery						C-i	P-i	P-i
	Library Adaptive Reuse	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
31	Light Manufacturing							S	P
441	Motor Vehicle and Boat Sales							P	P only in TC-1
	Professional Office			C	C	P	P	P	P
5417	Research, Development, and Testing							P	P
484	Trucking and Courier Service						P-i	P-i	P-i
541940	Veterinary Clinics and Hospitals						P-i	P-i	P-i
	Warehousing and Wholesale Trade							P	
	Wireless Telecommunication Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i

**Comment [p10]:** Shipping containers are not a use and should have the same screening requirements of trash enclosures.

**Table 20.40.140 Other uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB	CB	AB	TC-1, 2, & 3
	<b>EDUCATION, ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, AND RECREATION</b>								
	Adult Use Facilities						P-i	P-i	
71312	Amusement Arcade							P	P
71395	Bowling Center					C	P	P	P
6113	College and University					S	P	P	P
56192	Conference Center	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
6111	Elementary School, Middle/Junior High School	C	C	C	C				
	Gambling Uses (expansion or intensification of existing nonconforming use only)					S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i
71391	Golf Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
514120	Library	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
71211	Museum	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
	Nightclubs (excludes Adult Use Facilities)						C	P	P

7111	Outdoor Performance Center							S	P
	Parks and Trails	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Performing Arts Companies/Theater (excludes Adult Use Facilities)						P-i	P-i	P-i
6111	School District Support Facility	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6111	Secondary or High School	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6116	Specialized Instruction School	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P	P	P	P
71399	Sports/Social Club	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6114 (5)	Vocational School	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>									
9221	Court						P-i	P-i	P-i
92216	Fire Facility	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Interim Recycling Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
92212	Police Facility					S	P	P	P
92	Public Agency or Utility Office	S-i	S-i	S	S	S	P	P	
92	Public Agency or Utility Yard	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i			P-i	
221	Utility Facility	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
	Utility Facility, Regional Stormwater Management	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
<b>HEALTH</b>									
622	Hospital	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
6215	Medical Lab						P	P	P
6211	Medical Office/Outpatient Clinic	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P	P	P	P
623	Nursing and Personal Care Facilities			C	C	P	P	P	P
<b>REGIONAL</b>									
	School Bus Base	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	P-i	
	Secure Community Transitional Facility							S-	
	Transfer Station	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
	Transit Bus Base	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	
	Transit Park and Ride Lot	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	P	P	P	P
	Work Release Facility							S-i	

	<b>P = Permitted Use    S = Special Use</b> <b>C = Conditional Use    -i = Indexed Supplemental Criteria</b>	
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(Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 531 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2009; Ord. 309 § 4, 2002; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 281 § 6, 2001; Ord. 258 § 3, 2000; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 2(B, Table 3), 2000).

**20.40.275 Collective gardens.**

- A. There shall be no more than one collective garden permitted on a property tax parcel.
- B. Collective gardens may only be located in the **NB, CB, and, AB zones**.
- C. A collective garden or facility for delivery of cannabis produced by the garden may not be located within 1,000 feet of schools and not within 1,000 feet of any other collective garden or delivery site.
- D. Any transportation or delivery of cannabis from a collective garden shall be conducted by the garden members or designated provider so that quantities of medical cannabis allowed by RCW 69.51A.040 are never exceeded. (Ord. 643 § 2, 2012).

**20.40.350 Eating and drinking establishments.**

Eating and drinking establishments are permitted in residential zones R-4 through R-48 only by conditional use permit and permitted in **NB, CB, AB and TC zones**, provided gambling uses as defined in this Code are not permitted. (Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 258 § 6, 2000; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 3(B), 2000).

**20.40.420 Interim recycling facility.**

- A. Interim recycling facilities in the residential zones shall be limited to drop box facilities accessory to a public or community use such as a school, fire station or community center.
- B. In **NB, and CB** zones all processing and storage of material shall be within enclosed buildings, except of drop box facilities for the collection and temporary storage of recyclable materials. Yard waste processing is not permitted. (Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 3(B), 2000).

**20.40.505 Secure community transitional facility.**

- A. May be permitted as an Special Use-Type C action, granted by the City Council in the Arterial Business zones provided:

**20.40.600 Wireless telecommunication facilities/satellite dish and antennas.**

- A. **Exemptions.** The following are exemptions from the provisions of this chapter and shall be permitted in all zones:
  - 1. Industrial processing equipment and scientific or medical equipment using frequencies regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

2. Machines and equipment that are designed and marketed as consumer products, such as microwave ovens and remote control toys.
3. The storage, shipment or display for sale of antenna(s) and related equipment.
4. Radar systems for military and civilian communication and navigation.
5. Handheld, mobile, marine and portable radio transmitters and/or receivers.
6. Wireless radio utilized for temporary emergency communications in the event of a disaster.
7. Licensed amateur (ham) radio stations and citizen band stations.
8. Earth station antenna(s) one meter or less in diameter and located in any zone.
9. Earth station antenna(s) two meters or less in diameter and located in the NB, CB, AB, , or TC zones.
10. Satellite dish antennas less than two meters in diameter, including direct to home satellite services, when an accessory use of a property.
11. Maintenance or repair of a communication facility, antenna and related equipment, transmission structure, or transmission equipment enclosures; provided, that compliance with the standards of this chapter is maintained.
12. Subject to compliance with all other applicable standards of this chapter, a building permit application need not be filed for emergency repair or maintenance of a facility until 30 days after the completion of such emergency activity.

**B. Ground-Mounted Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Standards.**

1. All ground-mounted wireless telecommunication facilities shall conform to the height and setbacks requirements specified in Table 2.

**Table 20.40.600(2) – Height and Setback Standards for Ground-Mounted Wireless Telecommunication Facilities**

Zone	Maximum Height	Setbacks
All Residential Zones: R-4 – R-48	Maximum height specified for each zone.	Minimum 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.
All Commercial Zones: (NB, CB, AB and	Maximum height specified for each zone.	Minimum 30 feet from all adjacent commercially zoned properties and 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.

TC)		
ABI Zone	Maximum height specified for the zone.	Minimum 20 feet from all adjacent industrially zoned properties, 30 feet from all adjacent commercially zoned properties and 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.

## 20.50

### General Development Standards

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#### Subchapter 1. Dimensional and Density Standards for Residential Development

#### 20.50.020 Standards – Dimensional requirements.

Table 20.50.020(1) – Densities and Dimensions in Residential Zones

Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

STANDARDS	R-4	R-6	R-8	R-12	R-18	R-24	R-48	TC-4
Base Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	4 du/ac	6 du/ac (7)	8 du/ac	12 du/ac	18 du/ac	24 du/ac	48 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk

**Comment [p11]:** Residential in commercial zones melded with commercial in commercial zones dimensional standards because residential is allowed

								limits
Min. Density	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	6 du/ac	8 du/ac	10 du/ac	12 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk limits
Min. Lot Width (2)	50 ft	50 ft	50 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	NA
Min. Lot Area (2)	7,200 sq ft	7,200 sq ft	5,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	NA
Min. Front Yard Setback (2) (3)	20 ft	20 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	15 ft
Min. Rear Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	15 ft	15 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Min. Side Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft min. and 15 ft total sum of two	5 ft min. and 15 ft total sum of two	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Base Height (9)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof) (8)	35 ft
Max. Building Coverage (2) (6)	35%	35%	45%	55%	60%	70%	70%	NA
Max. Hardscape (2) (6)	45%	50%	65%	75%	85%	85%	90%	75%

Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(1):

- (1) Repealed by Ord. 462
- (2) These standards may be modified to allow zero lot line developments. Setback variations apply to internal lot lines only. Overall site must comply with setbacks, building coverage and hardscape limitations; limitations for individual lots may be modified.
- (3) For exceptions to front yard setback requirements, please see SMC [20.50.070](#).
- (4) For exceptions to rear and side yard setbacks, please see SMC [20.50.080](#).
- (5) For developments consisting of three or more dwellings located on a single parcel, the building setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones. Please see SMC [20.50.130](#).



- (6) The maximum building coverage shall be 35 percent and the maximum hardscape area shall be 50 percent for single-family detached development located in the R-12 zone.
- (7) The base density for single-family detached dwellings on a single lot that is less than 14,400 square feet shall be calculated using a whole number, without rounding up.
- (8) For development on R-48 lots abutting R-12, R-24, R-48, and CZ zoned lots the maximum height allowed is 50 feet and may be increased to a maximum of 60 feet with the approval of a conditional use permit.
- (9) Base height for high schools in all zoning districts except R-4 is 50 feet. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and by theater fly spaces to 72 feet.

**Comment [p12]:** These zones allow at least 50 feet of height.

**Table 20.50.020(2) Dimensions for Development in Commercial Zones**

STANDARDS	Neighborhood Business (NB)	Community Business (CB)	Arterial Business (AB)	Town Center (TC-1, 2, & 3)
Min. Front Yard Setback (Street) (1) (2)(3)	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from Commercial Zones (4)	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from R-4, R-6, and R-8 Zones (see Transition Area 20.50.021)	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from TC-4, R-12 through R-48 Zones	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Base Height (5)	50 ft	60 ft	65 ft	70 ft
Hardscape	85%	85%	95%	95%

**Comment [p13]:** Based on the zone not on the uses.

**Comment [p14]:** TC-4 is a residential zone within Town Center

**Comment [p15]:** 0 is the minimum and commercial uses are encouraged and at least the spaces are required on first floors.

**Comment [p16]:** TA includes R-8

**Comment [p17]:** Same setback in TA

**Comment [p18]:** Adjustment for TA above

**Comment [p19]:** If mixed use is allowed in all commercial zones then the 50 foot bonuses should be automatic.

Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(2):

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- (1) Underground parking may extend into any required setbacks as long as any required utility and surface improvements can be also met.
- (2) Rights-of-Way dedications or easements may be required in accordance with the City's Transportation Master Plan and/or to provide rights-of-way for utility improvements.

(3) Front yards may be used for outdoor display of vehicles to be sold or leased.

(4) Side and rear yards adjacent to lot lines internal to the project may be modified to allow zero lot line developments.

Comment [p20]: % in table above

(5) The following structures may be erected above the height limits in all commercial zones:

Comment [p21]: This list under (5) is parallel and more expansive about height extensions than 20.50.050(3)

- a. Roof structures housing or screening elevators, stairways, tanks, mechanical equipment required for building operation and maintenance, skylights, flagpoles, chimneys, utility lines, towers, and poles; provided, that no structure shall be erected more than 10 feet above the height limit of the district, whether such structure is attached or freestanding. WTF provisions (20.40.600) are not included in this exception;
- b. Parapets, firewalls, and railings shall be limited to 4 feet in height.
- c. Steeples, crosses, and spires when integrated as an architectural element of a building may be erected up to 18 feet above the base height of the district;
- d. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and for theater fly spaces to 72 feet. (Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009;
- e. Solar energy collector arrays, small scale wind turbines, or other renewable energy equipment have no height limits.

Comment [p22]: Unneeded. Heights in commercial zones exceed 50 feet.

**20.50.021 Transition Area Standards**

Comment [p23]: Melding of Town Center and transition area standards under 20.50.020(2)(2)

(Development in commercial zones NB, CB, AB, and TC-1, 2 & 3 abutting or directly across street rights-of-way from R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones shall meet the following transition area requirements:

- a. From abutting property, a 35-foot maximum building height at the required setback and a building envelope within a two horizontal to one vertical slope up to the maximum height of the zone. From across street rights-of-way, a 35-foot maximum building height at the required 15 foot setback and a building envelope within a one horizontal to a one vertical slope up to the maximum height of the zone. Parking garages facing Transition Areas with abutting property shall be entirely walled without openings.
- b. Type I landscaping (SMC 20.50.460), 20% significant tree preservation (SMC 20.50.350), and a solid, eight-foot property line fence shall be required for transition area setbacks abutting R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones. Only significant trees that will be healthy and undamaged by construction shall be retained. The landscape area shall be a recorded easement that requires plant replacement as needed to meet Type I landscaping and required significant trees. Utility easements parallel to the required landscape area shall not encroach into the landscape area. Type II landscaping shall be

Comment [p24]: Matches TC

Comment [p25]: Redundant, See (7) below

Comment [p26]: This is unclear if the 20 foot setback buffer can also be used as open space.

Comment [p27]: Exceeds TC Standards

Comment [p28]: Matches Town Center and TA

Comment [p29]: Redundant - Alternative landscape in Landscape subchapter

Comment [p30]: Unsure who the easement is with...city?

required for transition area setbacks abutting rights-of-way directly across from R-4, R-6 or R-8 zones. Required tree species shall be selected to grow a minimum height of 50 feet. c.

Comment [p31]: May compromise the purpose of the transition area and difficult to admin

All vehicular access to proposed development in commercial zones shall be from arterial classified streets unless determined by the Director to be technically not feasible or in conflict with state law addressing access to state highways. All developments in commercial zones shall conduct a transportation impact analysis per the Engineering Development Manual. Development that creates additional traffic that is projected to use Local streets shall be required to install appropriate traffic-calming measures. These additional measures will be identified and approved by the City's Traffic Engineer.

### Subchapter 3. Multifamily and Single Family Attached Residential Design Standards

Comment [p32]: Moved to Table 20.50.020(6)

#### 20.50.120 Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards for multifamily and single family attached residential development in TC-4, PA3, and R-8 through R-48 zones as follows:

Comment [p33]: Clarify that zoning not the type of development determines the design standards. Also, it distinguishes from multifamily or mixed use development regulated in commercial zones.

#### 20.50.125 Thresholds – Required Site Improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for full site improvement standards apply to a development application in TC-4, PA3, R-8 through R-48 zones. Site improvement standards of signs, parking, lighting and landscaping shall be required if:

1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.

## Subchapter 4. Commercial Zone Design Standards

### 20.50.220 Purpose.

The purpose of this chapter is to establish design standards for all commercial zones – Neighborhood Business (NB), Community Business (CB), Arterial Business (AB), and Town Center (TC-1, 2, and 3). Some standards within this chapter apply only to specific types of development and zones as noted. Standards that are not addressed in this chapter will be supplemented by the standards in the remainder of Chapter [20.50](#) SMC. In the event of a conflict, the standards of this chapter shall prevail.

**Comment [p34]:** list and is redundant of the 20.50 ToC

**Comment [p35]:** New Consolidated Zones

### 20.50.225 Administrative Design Review.

Administrative Design Review is required for all development applications that propose a departure from the design standards in this chapter or sign standards in Chapter 8 per SMC [20.30.297](#).

### 20.50.230 Thresholds – Required Site Improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. Full site improvement standards apply to a development application in commercial zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, 2, and 3. Site improvements standards of signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping shall be required if:

1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.

### 20.50.240 Site Design.

#### A. Purpose.

1. Promote and enhance public walking and gathering with attractive and connected development

- 2. Promote distinctive design features at high visibility street corners.
- 3. Provide safe routes for pedestrians and people with disabilities across parking lots, to building entries, and between buildings.
- 4. Promote economic development that is consistent with the function and purpose of permitted uses and reflects the vision for the town center subarea as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

**B. Overlapping Standards.**

Site design standards for on-site landscaping, sidewalks, walkways, public access easement, public places, and open space may be overlapped if their separate, minimum dimensions and functions are not diminished.

**C. Site Frontage.**

Development abutting NB, CB, AB TC-1, 2, and 3 shall meet the following standards.

**1. Commercially Zoned Streets.**

- a. Buildings shall be placed at the property line or abutting planned sidewalks if on private property. However, buildings may be set back farther if public places, landscaping, displays are included or a utility easement is required between the sidewalk and the building;
- b. Minimum space dimension for building interiors that are ground-level and fronting on streets is 12-foot height and 20-foot depth and built to commercial building standards. These spaces can be used for any permitted land use.
- c. Minimum window area is 60 percent of the ground floor facade placed between the heights of 30 inches and ten feet above the ground for each front facade;
- d. The primary building entry shall be located on a street frontage and, recessed to prevent door swings over sidewalks, or an open entry to an interior plaza or courtyard from which building entries are accessible;
- e. Minimum weather protection at least five feet in depth, 9-foot height clearance, and along at least 80 percent of the facade width where over pedestrian facilities Awnings may project into public rights-of-way, subject to City approval;
- f. Streets with on-street parking shall have sidewalks to back of curb and street trees in pits under grates or at least a 2-foot wide walkway between the back of curb and an

**Comment [Jef36]:** This needs some clarification.

**Comment [p37]:** Moved from other section.

**Comment [p38]:** Conflicts and redundant with a. above. We don't have a max. setback as long as plazas, landscaping or display fills in.

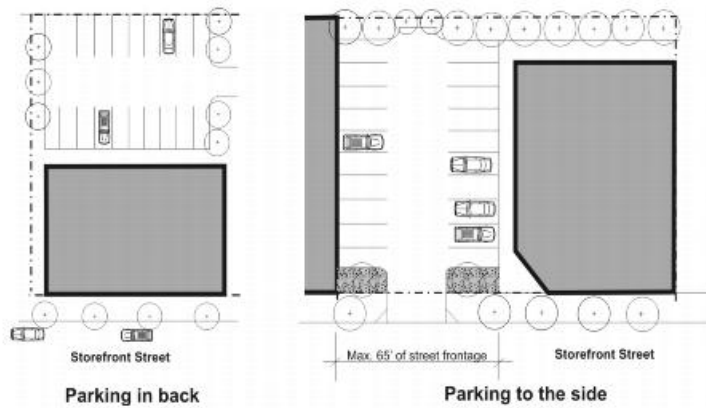
**Comment [p39]:** The City wants window space built. How they are treated will depend on the different uses behind them.

**Comment [p40]:** 10 feet uses full story and allows for some high privacy windows.

**Comment [p41]:** This is added to require a walk surface for people getting out of street parked cars and for streets with no on-street parking and that need the safety of an amenity strip between.

amenity strip if space is available. Streets without on-street parking shall have landscaped amenity strips with street trees; and

- g. Surface parking along street frontage in commercial zones shall not occupy more than 65 lineal feet of the site frontage. Parking lots are not allowed at street corners. No parking or vehicle circulation is allowed between the rights-of-way and the building front facade. See Section 20.50.470 for parking lot landscape standards.



**Parking lot locations along Storefront Streets**

**2 Rights-of-Way Pedestrian Lighting**

- a. Pedestrian lighting shall meet the standards for Aurora Avenue pedestrian lighting with 15 feet in height for sidewalk areas.
- b. Street light standards shall be a maximum 25-foot height for street light standards, modified to meet the 25-foot maximum height, and spaced to meet City illumination standards.

**Comment [p42]:** Relocated from previous section.

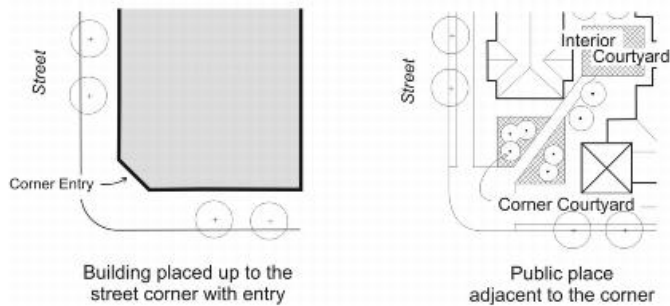
**Comment [p43]:** All of these are already addressed in general for all commercial streets.

**Comment [p44]:** Redundant of C.1.g

**Comment [p45]:** Blended with street section above.

**D. Corner Sites.**

1. All development proposals located on street corners shall include at least one of the following design treatments on both sides of the corner.
  - a. Locate a building within 15 feet of the street corner. All such buildings shall comply with building corner standards in subsection (C)(2) of this section;
  - b. Provide public places at the corner leading directly to building entries; or
  - c. Landscape 20 feet of depth of Type II landscaping for the length of the required building frontage.
  - d. Include a structure on the corner that provides weather protection or site entry. The structure may be used for signage (SMC 20.92.080).



#### Street Corner Sites

2. Corner buildings using the option in subsection (C)(1)(a) of this section shall provide at least one of the elements listed below for 40 lineal feet of both sides from the corner:
  - a. Twenty-foot beveled building corner with entry and 60 percent of the first floor in non – reflective glass (included within the 80 lineal feet of corner treatment).
  - b. Distinctive facade (i.e., awnings, materials, offsets) and roofline design above the minimum standards for these items in other sections of this code subsection.
  - c. Balconies for residential units on all floors above the ground floor.



**Building Corners**

E. **Site Walkways.**1. Developments shall include internal walkways that connect building entries, public places, and parking areas with the adjacent street sidewalks and Interurban Trail where adjacent.

**Comment [p46]:** Through Connections are a criteria for parking reductions and not a requirement.

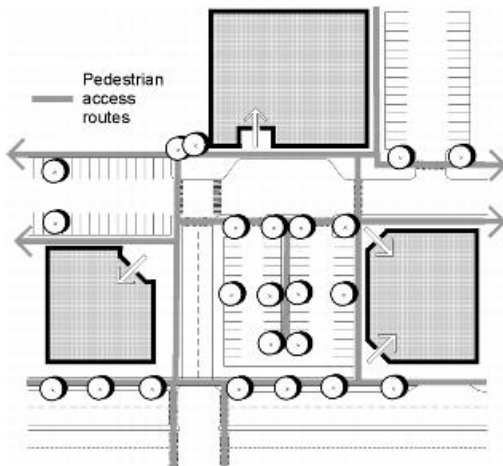
**Comment [p47]:** Deleted section

a. All buildings shall have clear, illuminated, 6-inch raised and at least an 8- foot wide walkway between the main building entrance and a public sidewalk.

**Comment [p48]:** Too specific to Town Center

b. Continuous pedestrian walkways shall be provided along the front of all businesses and the entries of multiple commercial buildings.

**Comment [p49]:** Redundant of a. above.



**Well-connected Walkways**

c. Raised walkways at least eight feet wide shall be provided for every three double-loaded aisles or every 200 feet of parking area. Walkway crossings shall be raised a minimum three inches above drive surfaces;



d. Walkways shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);



Parking Lot Walkway

Internal walkways adjacent to storefronts should be designed to look and function like public sidewalks, including walkway widths and amenity areas.

e. Deciduous, street-rated trees from the Shoreline Engineering Design Manual shall be provided every 30 feet on average in grated tree pits if the walkway is eight feet wide or in planting beds. Pedestrian-scaled lighting shall be provided per subsection H.1.b.

Comment [p50]: Redundant of a. and b. above

Comment [p51]: Moved to Parking Chapter

Comment [p52]: Inserted in Landscape Chapter

F. Public Places.

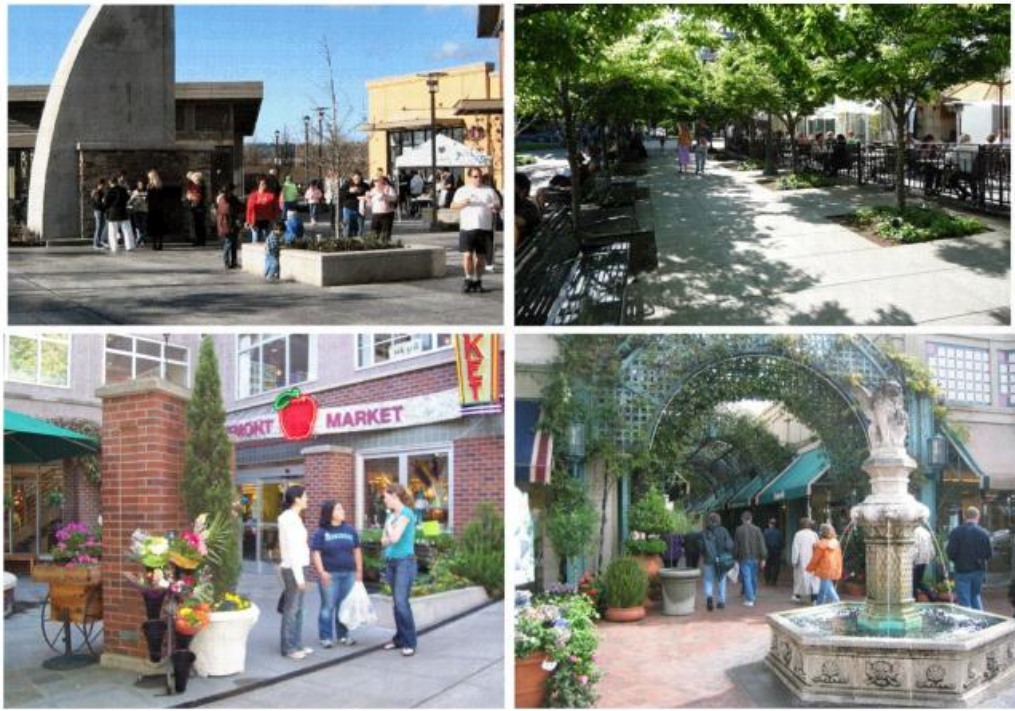
1. Public places are required at a rate of 1,000 square feet per acre up to a maximum of 5,000 square feet.
2. Requirement may be divided into multiple public places with a minimum 400 square feet each.
3. Public places may be covered but not enclosed unless by 4. below. 4. Buildings border at least one side of the public place;
5. Eighty percent of the area shall be with surfaces for people to stand or sit.
6. No dimension is less than 20 feet unless or if the public place is less than 400 square feet the minimum dimension is 5 feet. 7. The following design elements are required for public places:
  - a. Physically accessible and visible from the public sidewalks, walkways, or Through-Connections;

Comment [p53]: Redundant of provision at beginning of subsection.

Comment [p54]: Too parallel allowance in 2. above

Comment [p55]: Reformatted, removal of redundant standards, and using uniform minimum dimension. Greater flexibility and proportionality to site size.

- b. Pedestrian access to abutting buildings;
- c. Pedestrian-scaled lighting (subsection (G) of this section);
- d. Seating and landscaping with solar access at least a portion of the day; and
- e. Not located adjacent to dumpster or loading areas.



**Public Places**

**G. Multifamily Open Space.**

- 1. All multifamily development shall provide open space;
  - a. Provide 800 square feet per development or 50 square feet per unit of open space, whichever is greater;
  - b. Other than private balconies or patios, open space shall be accessible to all residents and include a minimum 20-foot dimension. These standards apply to all open spaces

including parks, playgrounds, rooftop decks and ground-floor courtyards; and may also be used to meet the walkway standards as long as the function and minimum dimensions of the open space are met;

- c. Required landscaping can be used for open space if it does not prevent access or reduce the overall landscape standard. Open spaces shall not be placed adjacent to parking lots and service areas without screening; and
- d. Open space shall provide seating that has solar access at least a portion of the day.



**Multifamily Open Spaces**

**H. Outdoor Lighting.**

- 1. All publicly accessible areas on private property shall be illuminated as follows:
  - a. Minimum of one-half footcandle and maximum 25-foot pole height for vehicle areas;
  - b. One to two footcandles and maximum 15-foot pole height for pedestrian areas;
  - c. Maximum of four footcandles for building entries with the fixture placed below second floor.
- 2. All private fixtures shall be full cut-off, dark sky rated and fully shielded to prevent direct light from entering neighboring property.
- 3. Mercury vapor luminaires are prohibited.

**I. Service Areas.**

1. All developments shall provide a designated location for trash, composting, recycling, storage and collection, and shipping containers. Such elements shall meet the following standards:
  - a. Located to minimize visual, noise, odor, and physical impacts to pedestrians and residents;
  - b. Paved with concrete and screened with materials or colors that match the building; and
  - c. Located and configured so that the enclosure gate swing does not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic nor require that a hauling truck project into any public rights-of-way.

**Comment [p56]:** Would include shipping containers.



**Trash/recycling closure with consistent use of materials and landscape screening.**

**2. Utility and Mechanical Equipment.**

- a. Equipment shall be located and designed to minimize its visibility to the public. Preferred locations are off alleys; service drives; within, atop, or under buildings; or other locations away from the street. Equipment shall not intrude into required pedestrian areas.



**Utilities consolidated and separated by landscaping elements.**

- b. All exterior mechanical equipment shall be screened from view by integration with the building's architecture through such elements as parapet walls, false roofs, roof wells, clerestories, equipment rooms, materials and colors. Painting mechanical equipment as a means of screening is not permitted. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.50.250 Building Design.**

**A. Purpose.**

- Emphasize quality building articulation, detailing, and durable materials.
- Reduce the apparent scale of buildings and add visual interest.
- Facilitate design that is responsive to the commercial and retail attributes of existing and permitted uses within the respective town center zone.

**B. Facade Articulation.**

1. All buildings fronting streets other than State Routes shall include one of the two articulation features set forth in subsections (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section no more than every 40 lineal feet facing a street, parking lot, or public place. Building facades less than 60 feet wide are exempt from this standard.

Comment [p57]: Street category specific to TC



**Building Façade Articulation**

2. All buildings fronting streets that are State Routes shall include one of the two articulation features below no more than every 80 lineal feet facing a street, parking lot, or public place. Building facades less than 100 feet wide are exempt from this standard.

- a. For the height of the building, each facade shall be offset at least two feet in depth and four feet in width if combined with a change in siding materials. Otherwise, the facade offset shall be at least 10 feet deep and 15 feet wide.
  - b. Vertical piers at the ends of each facade section that project at least two inches from the facade and extend from the ground to the roofline.
3. All multifamily buildings or residential portion of a mixed-use building shall provide the following articulation features at least every 35 feet of facade facing a street, park, public place, or open space:
- a. Vertical building modulation 18 inches deep and four feet wide if combined with a change in color or building material. Otherwise, minimum depth of modulation is 10 feet and minimum width for each modulation is 15 feet. Balconies may be used to meet modulation; and
  - b. Distinctive ground or first floor facade, consistent articulation of middle floors, and a distinctive roofline or articulate on 35-foot intervals.



**Multifamily building articulation**



**Multifamily building articulation**

4. **Roofline Modulation.** Rooflines shall be modulated at least every 120 feet by emphasizing dormers, chimneys, stepped roofs, gables, or prominent cornices or walls. Rooftop

appurtenances are included as modulation. Modulation shall consist of a roofline elevation change of at least four feet every 50 feet of roofline.

- 5. **Maximum Facade.** For each 150 feet in length along the streetfront a building shall have a minimum 30-foot-wide section that is offset at least by 20 feet through all floors.



**Facade widths using a combination of facade modulation, articulation, and window design.**

- 6. **Windows.** Buildings shall recess or project individual windows above the ground floor at least two inches from the facade or use window trim at least four inches in width.



**Window trim design**

- 7. **Secondary Entry.** Weather protection at least three feet deep and four feet wide is required over each secondary entry.



**Covered secondary public access**

**8. Facade Materials.**

- a. Metal siding shall have visible corner moldings and trim and shall not extend lower than four feet above grade. Masonry, concrete, or other durable material shall be incorporated between the siding and the grade. Metal siding shall be factory finished, with a matte, non-reflective surface.



**Masonry or concrete near the ground and proper trimming around windows and corners.**



- b. A singular style, texture, or color of concrete block shall not comprise more than 50 percent of a facade facing a street or public space.



**The left image uses smooth gray blocks on the vertical columns and beige split-faced blocks above the awnings. The storefront in the right image uses gray split face and some lighter, square, smooth-faced blocks below the storefront windows.**

- c. Synthetic stucco must be trimmed and sheltered from weather by roof overhangs or other methods and is limited to no more than 50 percent of facades containing an entry and shall not extend below two feet above the grade.



**Concrete near the ground level and a variety of other surface materials on the facade.**

9. **Prohibited Exterior Materials.**

- a. Chain-link fencing, unless screened from view and within limited areas approved by the Director under SMC [20.30.297](#). No razor, barbed, or cyclone material shall be allowed.
- b. Corrugated, fiberglass sheet products.
- c. Plywood siding.

**Comment [p58]:** Durable and can be OK – depends on the application.

**Comment [p59]:** Moved to Sign Chapter

**Subchapter 6. Parking, Access and Circulation**

**20.50.390 Minimum off-street parking requirements – Standards.**

**Comment [p60]:** Redundant of 20.50

A. Off-street parking areas shall contain at a minimum the number of parking spaces stipulated in Tables 20.50.390A through 20.50.390D. All spaces shall be included in lease agreements.

**Table 20.50.390A –General Residential Parking Standards**

RESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
Single detached/townhouse:	2.0 per dwelling unit
Apartment:	
Studio units:	.75 per dwelling unit
One-bedroom units:	.75 per dwelling unit
Two-bedroom units:	1.5 per dwelling unit
Three-bedroom units:	2.0 per dwelling unit
Accessory dwelling units:	1.0 per dwelling unit
Mobile home park:	2.0 per dwelling unit

**Comment [p61]:** New standard to match Town Centers

**Table 20.50.390B – Special Residential Parking Standards**

RESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
Bed and breakfast guesthouse:	1 per guest room, plus 2 per facility
Community residential facilities:	1 per 2 units
Dormitory, including religious:	1 per 2 units
Hotel/motel, including organizational hotel/lodging:	1 per unit
Senior citizen assisted:	1 per 3 dwelling or sleeping units

**Table 20.50.390C – General Nonresidential Parking Standards**

<b>NONRESIDENTIAL USE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED</b>
General services uses:	1 per 300 square feet
Government/business services uses:	1 per 500 square feet
Manufacturing uses:	.9 per 1,000 square feet
Recreation/culture uses:	1 per 300 square feet
Regional uses:	(Director)
Retail trade uses:	1 per 400 square feet

**Comment [p62]:** New standard to match Town Centers

Note: Square footage in this subchapter refers to net usable area and excludes walls, corridors, lobbies, bathrooms, etc.

**Table 20.50.390D – Special Nonresidential Standards**

<b>NONRESIDENTIAL USE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED</b>
Bowling center:	2 per lane
Churches, synagogues, temples:	1 per 5 fixed seats, plus 1 per 50 square feet of gross floor area without fixed seats used for assembly purposes
Conference center:	1 per 3 fixed seats, plus 1 per 50 square feet used for assembly purposes without fixed seats, or 1 per bedroom, whichever results in the greater number of spaces
Construction and trade:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 1 per 3,000 square feet of storage area
Courts:	3 per courtroom, plus 1 per 50 square feet of fixed-seat or assembly area
Daycare I:	2 per facility, above those required for the baseline of that residential area
Daycare II:	2 per facility, plus 1 for each 20 clients
Elementary schools:	1.5 per classroom
Fire facility:	(Director)
Food stores less than 15,000 square feet:	1 per 350 square feet
Funeral home/crematory:	1 per 50 square feet of chapel area

Gasoline service stations with grocery, no service bays:	1 per facility, plus 1 per 300 square feet of store
Gasoline service stations without grocery:	3 per facility, plus 1 per service bay
Golf course:	3 per hole, plus 1 per 300 square feet of clubhouse facilities
Golf driving range:	1 per tee
Heavy equipment repair:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.9 per 1,000 square feet of indoor repair area

**Table 20.50.390D – Special Nonresidential Standards (Continued)**

<b>NONRESIDENTIAL USE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED</b>
High schools with stadium:	Greater of 1 per classroom plus 1 per 10 students, or 1 per 3 fixed seats in stadium
High schools without stadium:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 10 students
Home occupation:	In addition to required parking for the dwelling unit, 1 for any nonresident employed by the home occupation and 1 for patrons when services are rendered on-site.
Hospital:	1 per bed
Middle/junior high schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 50 students
Nursing and personal care facilities:	1 per 4 beds
Outdoor advertising services:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.9 per 1,000 square feet of storage area
Outpatient and veterinary clinic offices:	1 per 300 square feet of office, labs, and examination rooms
Park/playfield:	(Director)
Police facility:	(Director)
Public agency archives:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet of storage area, plus 1 per 50 square feet of waiting/reviewing area
Public agency yard:	1 per 300 square feet of offices, plus 0.9 per 1,000 square feet of indoor storage or repair area
Restaurants:	1 per 75 square feet in dining or lounge area
Retail and mixed trade:	1 per 400 square feet

Self-service storage:	1 per 3,500 square feet of storage area, plus 2 for any resident director's unit
Specialized instruction schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 2 students
Theater:	1 per 3 fixed seats
Vocational schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 5 students
Warehousing and storage:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.5 per 1,000 square feet of storage area
Wholesale trade uses:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet
Winery/brewery:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet, plus 1 per 50 square feet of tasting area

d. Bicycle Rack – 1 space per 10,000 square foot of floor area.

**Comment [p63]:** No standards exist other than they should be included.

e. Reductions up to 25 percent may be approved by Director using combinations of the following criteria:

- i. On-street parking along the parcel's street frontage.
- ii. Shared parking agreement with adjoining parcels and land uses that do not have conflicting parking demand.

iv. High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and hybrid or electric vehicle (EV) parking.

**Comment [p64]:** CTR coordinator recommends deleted this because they are based on number of employees at a given business. Tenants/businesses in a location can change and they may not be subject to CTR in the future but the parking is inadequate.

v. Conduit for future electric vehicle charging spaces equivalent to the number of required handicapped parking spaces.

vi. A transit stop within one-quarter-mile radius.

**Comment [p65]:** No light rail in commercial zones.

vii. A pedestrian public access easement that is 8 feet wide, safely lit and connects through a parcel between minimally two different rights-of-way. This easement may include other pedestrian facilities such as walkways and plazas.

**Comment [p66]:** Formally "Through Connections"

vii. In the event that the Director approves reductions in the parking requirement, the basis for the determination shall be articulated in writing.

viii. The Director may impose performance standards and conditions of approval on a project including a financial guarantee or participation in a future public or private parking facility within walking distance, a parking enforcement program, or other programs named above.

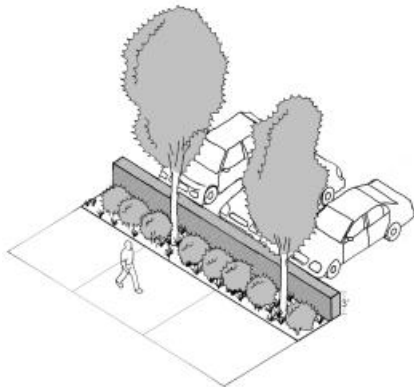
- f. Reductions up to 50 percent may be approved by Director for the portion of housing providing Low-income Housing as defined by Housing and Urban Development.

### Subchapter 7. Landscaping

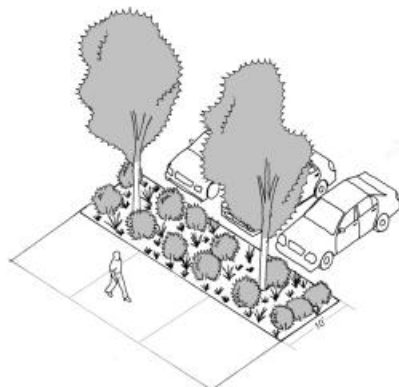
#### 20.50.470 Street Frontage Landscaping.

- A. Provide a five-foot wide, Type II landscape that incorporates a continuous masonry wall between three and four feet in height. The landscape shall be between the public sidewalk or residential units and the wall (see SMC [20.50.460](#) for details); or
- B. Provide at least 10-foot wide, Type II landscaping.
- C. Trees shall be placed interior to parking lots at a ratio of one every 10 parking spaces in curbed planters with a minimum dimension of five feet.
- D. All parking lots shall be separated from ground-level, residential development by the required setback and planted with Type I landscaping.

Comment [p67]: A thru E transferred from TC standards



2a. Parking lot planting buffer with low wall



2b. 10-foot parking lot buffer with Type II landscaping

E. **Vehicle Display Areas Landscaping.** Shall be determined by the Director through Administrative Design Review under SMC [20.30.297](#). Subject to the Director's discretion to reduce or vary the depth, landscaped areas shall be at least 10 feet deep relative to the front property line. Vehicle display areas shall be framed by appropriate landscape construction materials along the front property line. While allowing that the vehicles on display remain plainly visible from the public rights-of-way, these materials shall be configured to create a clear visual break between the hardscape in the public rights-of-way and the hardscape of the vehicle display area. Appropriate landscape construction materials shall include any combination of low (three feet or less in height) walls or earthen berms with ground cover, shrubs, trees, trellises, or arbors.

F. A 20-foot width of Type II landscaping located on site along the property line is required for nonresidential development including institutional and public facilities in residential zones.

**Comment [p68]:** New section above replaces this A.

**20.50.500 Internal Landscaping for Parking Area.**

Required parking area landscaping shall include landscape areas that are located in areas within or adjacent to parking areas. However, landscaping designed to meet perimeter landscaping requirements cannot also be used to meet parking lot landscaping requirements.

A. Multifamily developments with common parking areas shall provide planting areas in parking lots at the rate of 20 square feet per parking stall.

B. Commercial, office, industrial, or institutional developments shall provide landscaping at a rate of:

1. Twenty square feet per parking stall when 10 to 30 parking stalls are provided or;
2. Twenty-five square feet per parking stall when 31 or more parking stalls are provided.

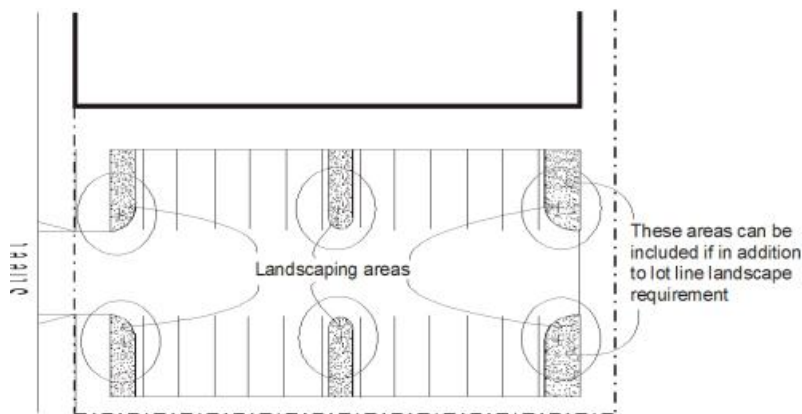


Figure 20.50.500(B): Example of parking area landscaping.

- C. Trees shall be provided and distributed throughout the parking area either on average at a rate of one tree for every 10 parking stalls.
- D. Permanent curbs or structural barriers shall be provided to protect shrub and trees from vehicle bumpers. Landscaping under vehicle overhang shall not be included in required landscape area calculations.
- E. Parking area landscaping shall consist of:
  1. At least 200 square feet with a narrow dimension of no less than eight feet.
  2. Shrubs planted from five-gallon containers or at 24 inches in height and spaced no more than four feet apart on center.
  3. Ground covers planted from minimally four-inch pots and spaced no more than 18 inches apart.
  4. Trees planted at least 1.5 inches caliper in size. (Ord. 238 Ch. V § 7(B-5), 2000).

Comment [p69]: One tree fro every 5 stalls is high in more intensely developed commercial zones.

Subchapter 8. Signs

20.50.530 Purpose.

The purposes of this subchapter are:

- A. To provide standards for the effective use of signs as a means of identification that enhances the aesthetics of business properties and economic viability.
- B. To protect the public interest and safety by minimizing the possible adverse effects of signs on nearby properties and traffic safety of the City.
- C. To establish regulations for the type, number, location, size, and lighting of signs which are complementary with the building use and compatible with their surroundings. (Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(A), 2000).

Comment [p70]: Existing Sign Code with Commercial standards transferred from TC and some administrative adjustments.

20.50.532 Permit required.

- A. Except as provided in this chapter, no temporary or permanent sign may be constructed, installed, posted, displayed or modified without first obtaining a sign permit approving the proposed sign's size, design, location, and display as provided for in this chapter.

Comment [jn71]: Adding this section puts current practice into the code.



- B. Normal and ordinary maintenance and repair, and changes to the graphics, symbols, or copy of a sign, without affecting the size, structural design or height may be exempt from obtaining a permit. Exempt changes to the graphics, symbols or copy of a sign must meet the standards for permitted illumination.
- C. Sign applications that propose to depart from the standards of this section must receive an Administrative Design Review approval for all signs on the property as a sign package per section 20.30.297

**20.50.540 Sign.**

**A. Sight Distance.**

No sign shall be located or designed to interfere with sight distance visibility required by the City of Shoreline for the safe movement of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

**Comment [jn72]:** Reorganized so that all general standards come first then standards for specific types of signs.

**B. Private Signs on City Right-of-Way.**

No signs shall be located partially or completely in a public right-of-way unless a Right-of-Way Site permit has been approved, except as allowed per Exception 20.50.550(B)(1) or 20.50.610 and consistent with SMC Chapter 12.15.

**Comment [jn73]:** Creates cross reference with ROW regulations.

**C. Sign Copy Area Calculation.**

Calculation of signage area per sign face may be done using a combination of rectilinear and triangular shapes that will enclose each portion of the signage (such as words, logos and symbols), at intervals using full inches. The sign area calculations of cabinet signs must include the whole cabinet if fully illuminated. Sign area for signs that project out from a building or are perpendicular to street frontage are measured on one side even though both sides can have copy.

**Comment [jn74]:** Added based on AO 301063 and 000029-091801.

**D. Building Addresses.**

Building addresses should be installed on all buildings consistent with 20.70.250(C) and will not be counted as sign copy area.

**Comment [jn75]:** Clarification added for existing standards in 20.50.540(E) and 20.50.610(A)

**E. Materials and Design.**

All signs, except temporary signs, must be constructed of durable, maintainable materials. Signs that are made of materials that deteriorate quickly or that feature impermanent construction are not permitted for permanent signage. For example, plywood or plastic sheets without a sign face overlay or without a frame to protect exposed edges are not permitted for permanent signage.

**Comment [jn76]:** Standard from town center (20.92.080(D)(2)) added to existing (20.50.540(C)).

**Comment [p77]:** Impractical. Proposed new standards address design enough.

**F. Permitted Illumination.**

Where illumination is permitted per Table 20.50.540(F) the following standards must be met:

**Comment [jn78]:** Standards from Town center (20.92.080(C)) added to existing standard for illumination.

1. Channel lettering or individual backlit letters mounted on a wall, or individual letters placed on a raceway, where only light shines through the copy.
2. Opaque cabinet signs where light only shines through copy openings.

- 3. Shadow lighting, where letters are backlit, but light only shines through the edges of the copy.
- 4. Neon signs.



**Individual backlit letters (left image), opaque signs where only the light shines through the letters (center image), and neon signs (right image).**

(Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 352 § 1, 2004; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(B), 2000).

**F. Table.**

**Table 20.50.540F – Standards for Signs**

A property may use a combination of the four types of signs listed below.

	All Residential (R) Zones, Campus, PA3 and TC-4	NB, CB, and TC-3 (1)	AB, TC-1 and TC-2
<b>MONUMENT SIGNS:</b>			
Maximum Area Per Sign Face	4 sq. ft. (home-occupation, day care, adult family home, bed and breakfast) 25 sq. ft. (nonresidential use, residential subdivision or multifamily development) 32 sq. ft. (schools and parks)	50 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.
Maximum Height	42 inches	6 feet	12 feet
Maximum Number Permitted	1 per street frontage	1 per street frontage Two per street frontage if the frontage is greater than 250 ft. and each sign is minimally 150 ft. apart from other signs on same property.	
Illumination	Maximum 6 feet from the sign face	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)	
<b>BUILDING-MOUNTED SIGNS:</b>			
Maximum Sign Area	Same as for Monument Signs	25 sq. ft. (each tenant) Building Directory 10 sq. ft.	50 sq. ft. (each tenant)

		Building Name Sign 25 sq. ft.	Building Directory 10 sq. ft. Building Name Sign 25 sq. ft.
Maximum Height	Not to extend above the building parapet, soffit, or eave line of the roof.		
Number Permitted	1 per street frontage	1 per business per facade facing street frontage or parking lot.	
Illumination	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)		
<b>UNDER-AWNING SIGNS:</b>			
Maximum Sign Area	6 sq. ft. (Nonresidential uses, schools, residential subdivision, or multifamily development)	12 sq. ft.	
Minimum Clearance from Grade	9 feet		
Maximum Height (ft.)	Not to extend above or beyond the awning, canopy, or other overhanging feature of a building under which the sign is suspended.		
Number Permitted	1 per business	1 per business per facade facing street frontage or parking lot.	
Illumination	Prohibited	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)	
<b>DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE/EXIT:</b>			
Maximum Sign Area	4 sq. ft. Nonresidential uses, schools, residential subdivision or multifamily development	8 sq. ft.	
Maximum Height	42 inches	48 inches	
Number Permitted	1 per driveway		
Illumination	Prohibited	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)	

**Comment [jn79]:** Changed because projecting signs serve function of other types of building mounted signs except when located under awnings which are oriented towards pedestrians.

**Comment [jn80]:** These are quite small, especially if the size/height is not increased in commercial zones. These could be exempted from permit requirements as other cities do. Additional copy area proposed because A-frame signs are currently larger than what is allowed in commercial zones and some businesses are using multiple A-frame as driveway signs.

Exceptions to Table 20.50.540(F):

- (1) The monument sign standards for AB, TC-1, and TC-2 apply on properties zoned NB, CB, and TC-3 where the parcel has frontage on a State Route, including SR 99, 104, 522, and 523.
- (2) Signs mounted on fences or retaining wall may be substituted for building-mounted or monument signs so long as it meets the standards for that sign type and does not increase the total amount of allowable signage for the property.

**Comment [jn81]:** Proposed change that allows for larger monument signs on state routes regardless of commercial zone.

**Comment [jn82]:** Based on code interpretation AO 000106-032309.

**G. Window Signs.**

Window signs are permitted to occupy maximum 25 percent of the total window area in zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3. Window signs are exempt from permit if non-illuminated and do not require a permit under the building code.

**Comment [jn83]:** Replaced by ADR process.

**Comment [jn84]:** Moved to Materials and Design section above.

**H. A-frame Signs.**

A-frame, or sandwich board, signs are exempt from permit but allowed only in the NB, CB, AB, and TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3 zones subject to the following standards:

**Comment [jn85]:** I want to add something that would require review of illuminated window signs or signs that need to be structurally reviewed. i.e. Fred Meyer or Wallgreens. Not sure if this is worded well.

**Comment [jn86]:** Moved from being an exception the portable sign prohibition with additions of clarification currently in AO 000099-080207. Additional standards added based on similar codes of other jurisdictions.

1. Maximum one sign per business;
2. Must be directly in front of the business with the businesses name and may be located on the City Right-of-Way where the property on which the business is located has street frontage;
3. Cannot be located within the required clearance for sidewalks and internal walkways as defined for the specific street classification or internal circulation requirements;
4. Shall not be placed in landscaping, within two feet of the street curb where there is on-street parking, public walkways, or crosswalk ramps;
5. Maximum two feet wide and three feet tall, not to exceed six square feet in area;
6. No lighting of these signs is permitted;
7. All signs shall be removed from display when the business closes each day; and
8. A-frame/sandwich board signs are not considered structures or uses and are exempt from site permit or right-of-way site permit requirements.

**20.50.550 Prohibited Signs.**

A. Spinning devices; flashing lights; searchlights; electronic changing message or reader board signs.

*Exception 20.50.550(A)(1): Traditional barber pole signs allowed only in NB, CB, AB and TC-1, 2 and 3 zones.*

*Exception 20.50.550(A)(2): Electronic changing message or reader boards are permitted in CB and AB zones if they do not have moving messages or messages that change or animate at intervals less than 20 seconds, which will be considered blinking or flashing and are not allowed.*

**Comment [jn87]:** Moved to Building Addresses section above.

**Comment [jn88]:** This is covered under A above. Proposal is that no setback required except as necessary for sig distance and safety.

**Comment [jn89]:** Moved to Permitted Illumination section above.

**Comment [jn90]:** Added for clarification.

B. Portable signs, except A-frame signs as allowed by 20.50.540(H) above.

**Comment [jn91]:** This is a current practice not documented in an AO or code, but originates from Council direction a number of years ago. 20 second timeframe is consistent with Edmonds, but hard to enforce.

C. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards).

**Comment [jn92]:** Exception was confusing and difficult to administer and has only been used in one instance. This type of flexibility could be addressed through ADR.

D. Signs mounted on the roof.

E. Pole signs.CF. Backlit awnings used as signs.

G. Pennants; swooper flags; feather flags; pole banners; inflatables; and signs mounted on vehicles. (Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 369 § 1, 2005; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(C), 2000).

Comment [jn93]: Additions from Town Center standards (20.92.080(J)).

**20.50.560 Monument Signs.**

A. Design.

1. A solid, appearing base is required under at least 75 percent of sign width from the ground to the base of the sign or the sign itself may start at grade.
2. Monument signs must be double-sided if the back is visible from the street.
3. Use materials and architectural design elements that are consistent with the architecture of the buildings.

Comment [jn94]: Sight distance and safety provisions under 20.50.540(A) would determine whether any setback is required. Distance from internal property lines is regularly waived and there doesn't seem to be a reason to require this setback.

**20.50.570 Building-Mounted Signs**

A. Design.

1. Building signs shall not cover windows, building trim, or ornamentation.

B. Clearance.

1. Projecting, awning, canopy, and marquee signs (above awnings) shall clear sidewalk by nine feet and not project beyond the awning extension or eight feet, whichever is less. These signs may project into public rights-of-way , subject to City approval.

**20.50.580 Under-Awning signs.**

A. Clearance.

1. These signs may project into public rights-of-way, subject to City approval.

Comment [jn95]: Deleted because not currently in Town Center standards and is awkward to administer. We may want to consider some form of multi-tenant bonus but I don't have a good example yet.

**20.50.590 Nonconforming Signs.**

A. Nonconforming signs shall not be altered in size, shape, height, location, or structural components without being brought to compliance with the requirements of this Code. Repair and maintenance are allowable, but may require a sign permit if structural components require repair or replacement.

Comment [jn96]: Clarification suggested to make this provision easier to administer.

B. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards) now in existence are declared nonconforming and may remain subject to the following restrictions:

1. Shall not be increased in size or elevation, nor shall be relocated to another location.
2. Shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a safe condition..
3. Any outdoor advertising sign not meeting this Code shall be removed within 30 days of the date when an order by the City to remove such sign is given. (Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(E), 2000).

Comment [jn97]: Currently, most businesses ignore our temporary sign regulations because of the excessive permit cost. This leaves code enforcement with little basis on which to enforce these provisions. There were also no guidance regarding size or number of temporary signs. This is meant to allow one free sign of 32 sf and if more are desired then a temporary use permit can be applied for. Proposed code is based on a variety of temporary sign codes in the region.

**20.50.600 Temporary signs.**

A. General Requirements. Certain temporary signs not exempted by SMC 20.50.540(G-H) or 20.50.610 shall be allowable under the conditions listed below. All signs shall be non-illuminated. Any of the

signs or objects included in this section are illegal if they are not securely attached, create a traffic hazard, or are not maintained in good condition. No temporary shall be posted or placed upon public property unless explicitly allowed or approved by the City through the applicable Right-of-Way Permit. Except as otherwise described under this section, no permit is necessary for allowed temporary signs. Temporary signs are not allowed to continually advertise goods, services or events on a site.

- B. Temporary On-Premises Business Signs. Temporary banners are permitted in zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3 to announce sales or special events such as grand openings, or prior to the installation of permanent business signs. Such temporary business signs shall:
  1. Be limited to not more than one sign per business;
  2. Be limited to 32 square feet in area;
  3. Not be displayed for a period to exceed a total of 60 calendar days effective from the date of installation and not more than four such 60 day periods are allowed in any 12-month period; and
  4. Be removed immediately upon conclusion of the sale, event or installation of the permanent business signage.
  
- C. Construction Signs. Banner or rigid signs (such as plywood or plastic) identifying the architects, engineers, contractors or other individuals or firms involved with the construction of a building or announce purpose for which the building is intended. Total signage area for both new construction and remodeling shall be a maximum of 32 square feet. Signs shall be installed only upon City approval of the development permit, new construction or tenant improvement permit and shall be removed within seven days of final inspection or expiration of the building permit.
  
- D. Temporary signs in commercial zones not allowed under this section and which are not explicitly prohibited may be considered for approval under a Temporary Use Permit under 20.30.295 or as part of Administrative Design Review for a comprehensive signage plan for the site.

**20.50.610 Exempt signs.**

The following are exempt from the provisions of this chapter, except that all exempt signs must comply with 20.50.540(A) Sight Distance:

- A. Historic site markers or plaques, and gravestones.
- B. Signs required by law, including but not limited to:
  1. Official or legal notices issued and posted by any public agency or court; or
  2. Traffic directional or warning signs.

**Comment [jn98]:** Based on code for Kirkland. Don't know if it is compatible with the rest of our code enforcement regulations. May also want to consider reviewing enforcement provisions for permanent signs.

**Comment [jn99]:** Added exemptions that are applied in practice but are not explicitly stated in current code. Should parks signs be exempt as well? Campaign signs? **Haven't drafted parks language yet based on our last meeting.**

- C. Plaques, tablets or inscriptions indicating the name of a building, date of erection, or other commemorative information, which are an integral part of the building structure or are attached flat to the face of the building, are not illuminated, and do not exceed four square feet in surface area.
- D. Incidental signs, which shall not exceed two square feet in surface area; provided, that said size limitation shall not apply to signs providing directions, warnings or information when established and maintained by a public agency.
- E. State or Federal flags.
- F. Religious symbols.
- G. The flag of a commercial institution, provided no more than one flag is permitted per business premises; and further provided, the flag does not exceed 20 square feet in surface area.
- H. Neighborhood identification signs with approved placement and design by the City.
- I. Neighborhood and business block watch signs with approved placement of standardized signs acquired through the City of Shoreline Police Department.
- J. Plaques, signs or markers for landmark tree designation with approved placement and design by the City.
- L. Real estate signs not exceeding four (4) square feet and five (5) feet in height in residential zones and 24 square feet and seven (7) feet in height in commercial zones located on subject parcel(s), not on City Right-of-Way. A single fixed sign may be located on the property to be sold, rented or leased, and shall be removed within seven days from the completion of the sale, lease or rental transaction.
- M. City-sponsored event signs up for no more than two weeks.
- N. Gateway signs constructed in compliance with the Gateway Policy and Guideline Manual.
- O. Parks signs constructed in compliance with the Parks Sign Design Guidelines and Installation Details as approved by the Parks Board and Planning & Community Development Director. Departures from these approved guidelines may be reviewed as departures through the Administrative Design Review process and may require a sign permit for installation.
- O. One sign maximum for home occupations, day cares, adult family homes and bed and breakfasts which are located in residential (R) zones or TC-4 not exceeding four (4) square feet in area. It may be mounted on the residence, fence or freestanding on the property, but must be located on the subject property and not on the City Right-of-Way or adjacent parcels.
- P. Garage sale signs not exceeding four square feet per sign face and not advertising for a period longer than 48 hours.
- Q. City land-use public notification signs.
- R. Menu signs used only in conjunction with drive-through windows, and which contains a price list of items for sale at that drive-through establishment. Menu signs cannot be used to advertise the business to passersby: text and logos must be of a size that can only be read by drive-through customers. A building permit may be required for menu signs based on the size of the structure proposed.

**Comment [jn100]:** This is in the proposed Permit Required section. Redundant to keep it here.

**Comment [jn101]:** No provisions currently existing for commercial real estate signs such as vacancy or for sale. Cost of temporary sign permit is excessive for this type of sign which does not usually require structural review.

**Comment [jn102]:** Added to address parks signage issues.

**Comment [jn103]:** These signs are so small that most cost less than the cost of a sign permit to make and put extra cost burden on small home businesses.

(Ord. 319 § 1, 2003; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(G), 2000).

## Chapter 20.70

### Engineering and Utilities Development Standards

#### Subchapter 4. Required Improvements

##### 20.70.320 Frontage Improvements

- A. Frontage Improvements shall be upgraded or installed pursuant to standards set forth in the Transportation Master Plan Street Classification Map, the Master Street Plan adopted in Chapter 12.10 SMC and the Engineering Development Manual for the specific street which is substandard to satisfy adequate public roadways required for subdivisions by Chapter 58.17 RCW and Chapter 20.30 SMC, Subchapter 7, and to mitigate direct impacts of land use approvals.
- B. Standard frontage improvements consist of curb, gutter, sidewalk, amenity zone and landscaping, drainage improvements and pavement overlays up to on-half of each right-of-way abutting a property as defined in the Master Street Plan. Additional improvements may be required to ensure safe movement of traffic, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit and non-motorized vehicles. The improvements can include transit bus shelters, bus pullouts, utility undergrounding, street lighting signage and channelization.
- C. Frontage improvements are required when:
1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
  2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.
  3. Subdivisions; or
  4. Development consisting of more than one dwelling unit on a single parcel.
- D. Exemptions to frontage improvements are limited to:
1. Subdivision, short plats, and binding site plans where all of the lots are fully developed.
  2. Instances where the street will be improved as a whole through a Capital Improvement Project or Local Improvement District within 5 years of permit issuance. In such cases, a contribution may be made and calculated based on the improvements that would be required of the development. Contributed funds shall be directed to the City's capital project fund and shall be used for the capital project and offset future assessments on the property resulting from an LID. An LID "no-protest" commitment shall also be recorded.

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Right-of-Way dedication will also be required. Adequate interim levels of improvements for public safety shall be required.

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- E. All improvements required under this chapter shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Engineering Development Manual. Deviation from the Engineering Development Manual may be considered through a deviation process as set forth in SMC 20.30.290.
- F. Required improvements shall be installed by the applicant prior to final approval or occupancy.
- G. For subdivisions the improvements shall be completed prior to the final plat approval. A bond or other surety may be allowed as provide for in SMC 20.30.440 in lieu of completion of all improvements.

## **Existing Commercial / Mixed Use Development Standards – Deleted and Replaced**

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**Delete entire Chapter 20.91**

**Integrate entire Chapter 20.92**

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# Commercial Design Standards Code Amendments November 27, 2012

## 20.20 Definitions

### 20.20.012 B definitions.

**Building-Mounted Sign** A sign permanently attached to a building and includes flush-mounted, projecting, awning, canopy, or marquee signs. Under-awning or blade signs are regulated separately.

### 20.20.034 M definitions

**Monument Sign** Freestanding sign that has integrated the structural component of the sign into the design of the sign and sign base. Monument signs may also consist of painted text, cabinet, or channel letters mounted on a fence, freestanding wall, or retaining wall where the total height of the structure meets the limitations of this code.

### 20.20.040 P definitions

**Portable Sign** Any sign that is readily capable of being moved or removed, whether attached or affixed to the ground or any structure that is typically intended for temporary display.

**Public Places** Outdoor spaces on private property that facilitate only people to gather

### 20.20.048 T definitions

**Temporary Sign** A sign that is only permitted to be displayed for a limited period of time specified by this code, after which it must be removed.

**20.20.050 U definitions**

**Under-Awning Sign** A sign suspended below a canopy, awning or other overhanging feature of a building.

**20.20.052 V definitions**

**Vehicle Display Areas** Outdoor areas where vehicles for sale or lease are displayed.

**20.20.054 W definitions**

**Window Sign** A sign applied to a window or mounted or suspended directly behind a window.

**20.30****Procedures and Administration****Table 20.30.040** – Summary of Type A Actions and Target Time Limits for Decision and Appeal Authority.

Action Type	Target Time Limits for Decision (Calendar Days)	Section
<b>Type A:</b>		
1. Accessory Dwelling Unit	30 days	20.40.120, 20.40.210
2. Lot Line Adjustment including Lot Merger	30 days	20.30.400
3. Building Permit	120 days	All applicable standards
4. Final Short Plat	30 days	20.30.450
5. Home Occupation, Bed and Breakfast, Boarding House	120 days	20.40.120, 20.40.250, 20.40.260, 20.40.400
6. Interpretation of Development Code	15 days	20.10.050, 20.10.060, 20.30.020
7. Right-of-Way Use	30 days	12.15.010 – 12.15.180
8. Shoreline Exemption Permit	15 days	Shoreline Master Program

9. Sign Permit	30 days	20.50.530 – 20.50.610
10. Site Development Permit	60 days	20.20.046, 20.30.315, 20.30.430
11. Deviation from Engineering Standards	30 days	20.30.290
12. Temporary Use Permit	15 days	20.40.100
13. Clearing and Grading Permit	60 days	20.50.290 – 20.50.370
14. <del>Planned Action Determination</del>	<del>28 days</del>	<del>20.90.025</del>
15. Administrative Design Review	28 days	20.30.297

**Comment [p1]:** Redundant of ADR and NCBD is proposed to be a part of CB Commercial Design Standards.

**20.30.297 Administrative Design Review (Type A).**

Administrative Design Review approval shall may be granted by the Director upon his/her/their finding that:

1. ~~The design meets the requirements of the applicable code subsections.~~
12. Departures from the design standards in the SMC section 20.50.220 to .250 and Signs SMC 20.50.530 to .610 applicable chapter shall be consistent with the purposes or intent of each subsection or be justified it has been demonstrated that due to unusual site constraints so that meeting the design standards represents a hardship to achieving full development potential provided that there are no:
  - a. Requests to depart from the Dimensional Standards in Table 20.50.220-92.020(B) regarding setbacks and building envelope cannot be departed from in NB, CB, AB, and TC commercial zones the town center district, as part of Administrative Design Review ~~or~~
  - b. Requests to departure ffrom standards is allowed in Ttransition Areas Standards 20.50.021 overlays and the TC 4 zone. (Ord. 609 § 6, 2011).
  - c. All requests to depart from subsections a. and b. above will require a Zoning Variance approval.

**Comment [p2]:** Meeting the standards is already required by code.

**Comment [p3]:** Applies now to all commercial zones.

**Comment [p4]:** Clarification for alternative

**20.30.565 Planned Action Approval SEPA Exemptions**

The districts below have Planned Action Approvals and are exempt from the requirements of SEPA if they are within the scope of those approvals. The code provisions in these districts have been amended to meet the Planned Action Approvals. Proposals to change of zoning categories, code amendments, or zoning variances may require SEPA approval if the proposal exceeds SEPA thresholds of the Planned Action Approval.

(Boundary Map of TC District)

(Boundary Map of North City District)

## 20.40 Zoning and Use Provisions

**Table 20.40.020 Zones and map designations.**

The following zoning and map symbols are established as shown in the following table:

ZONING	MAP SYMBOL
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	
(Low, Medium, and High Density)	R-4 through 48 (Numerical designator relating to base density in dwelling units per acre)
<b>NONRESIDENTIAL</b>	
Neighborhood Business	NB
Office	O
Community Business	CB
Arterial Business Mixed-Use Zone	AB MUZ
Industrial	I
Campus	CCZ, FCZ, PHZ, SCZ <sup>1</sup>
Special-Overlay Districts	SO
North City Business District	NCBD
Town Center District	TC-1, TC-2, TC-3, TC-4
Planned Area	PA

**Comment [p5]:** No SO zoning exist. Definition see 20.40.050

<sup>1</sup> CCZ refers to the CRISTA Campus; FCZ refers to the Fircrest Campus; PHZ refers to the Public Health Laboratory Campus; and SCZ refers to the Shoreline Community College Campus.

(Ord. 609 § 7, 2011; Ord. 598 § 4, 2011; Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 507 § 4, 2008; Ord. 492 § 3, 2008; Ord. 281 § 4, 2001; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 1(B), 2000).

**20.40.040 Nonresidential zones.**

- A. The purpose of the Nneighborhood Business (NB) and the office (O) zones is to allow for low intensity office, business and service uses located on or with convenient access to arterial streets. In addition these zones serve to accommodate medium and higher density residential, townhouses, mixed use types of development, while serving as a buffer between higher intensity uses and residential zones.
- B. The purpose of the Community Business zone (CB) is to provide location for a wide variety of business activities, such as convenience and ~~comparison~~ retail, personal services for the local servicecommunity, and to allow for apartments and higher intensity mixed use developments.
- C. The purpose of the Arterial Business mixed-use zone (ABMUZ) is to encourage the development of vertical and/or horizontal mixed-use buildings or developments ~~primarily along the Aurora Avenue and Ballinger Way corridors. The MUZ uses unique standards to encourage amenities such as public gathering spaces, sustainable buildings, electric vehicle recharging stations, affordable housing, and parking management plans as a trade-off for increased building height and residential density.~~
- ~~D. The purpose of the industrial (I) zone is to provide for the location of integrated complexes made up of business and office uses serving regional market areas with significant employment opportunities. Such zones require accessibility to regional transportation corridors. Development of higher buildings and mixed uses that are supportive of transit are encouraged in these zones. (Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 1(D), 2000).~~
- D. The purpose of the Town Center zones (TC) are to provide for a central location that connects the major east-west and north-south connections in the city with a district that has the highest intensity of use, civic developments, and transportation-oriented design.

**20.40.050 Special districts.**

~~A. **Special Overlay District.** The purpose of the special overlay (SO) district is to apply supplemental regulations as specified in this Code to a development of any site, which is in whole or in part located in a special overlay district (Chapter 20.100 SMC, Special Districts). Any such development must comply with both the supplemental SO and the underlying zone regulations.~~

Field Code Changed

Comment [p6]: The only Special District is the transfer station which has no regs. or boundaries.

~~B. **Subarea Plan District.** The purpose of a subarea plan district is to implement an adopted subarea plan using regulations tailored to meet the specific goals and policies established in the Comprehensive Plan for the subarea.~~

Comment [p7]: Deleted and folded into 20.50

1. **North City Business District (NCBD).** The purpose of the NCBD is to implement the vision contained in the North City Subarea Plan. Any development in the NCBD must comply with the standards specified in Chapter 20.90 SMC.

Field Code Changed

2. **Town Center District (TCD).** The purpose of the TCD is to implement the vision and policies contained in the Town Center Subarea Plan. Any development in the TCD must comply with the standards specified in Chapter 20.92 SMC.

Field Code Changed

E. **Planned Area (PA).** The purpose of the PA is to allow unique zones with regulations tailored to the specific circumstances, public priorities, or opportunities of a particular area that may not be appropriate in a City-wide land use district.

1. **Planned Area 2: Ridgecrest (PA 2).** Any development in PA 2 must comply with the standards specified in Chapter 20.91 SMC.

Field Code Changed

1. **Planned Area 3: Aldercrest (PA 3).** Any development in PA 3 must comply with the standards specified in Chapter 20.93 SMC.

Field Code Changed

**Table 20.40.120 Residential type uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB & O	CB & NCBD	AB MUZ & I	TC-1, 2, 3
	<b>RESIDENTIAL GENERAL</b>								
	Accessory Dwelling Unit	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Affordable Housing	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Apartment		C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Duplex	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i			
	Home Occupation	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Manufactured Home	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
	Mobile Home Park	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
	Single-Family Attached	P-i	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Single-Family Detached	P	P	C <del>P</del>	P	C <del>P</del>			
	<b>GROUP RESIDENCES</b>								
	Boarding House	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Community Residential Facility-I (Less than 11 residents and staff)	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Community Residential Facility-II			P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
721310	Dormitory		C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	<b>TEMPORARY LODGING</b>								

Comment [p8]: Only Commercial zones may have been amended as noted.

Comment [p9]: TC-4 matches R-18-48.

Comment [p10]: TC column to match ex. TC chart



721191	Bed and Breakfasts	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
72111	Hotel/Motel						P	P	P
	Recreational Vehicle	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
	Tent City	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
	<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>								
	Animals, Small, Keeping and Raising	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i

<b>P = Permitted Use    S = Special Use</b>	
<b>C = Conditional Use    -i = Indexed Supplemental Criteria</b>	

(Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 408 § 2, 2006; Ord. 368 § 1, 2005; Ord. 352 § 1, 2004; Ord. 301 § 1, 2002; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 281 § 6, 2001; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 2(B, Table 1), 2000).

**Table 20.40.130 Nonresidential uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC LAND USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB	CB	AB	TC-1, 2, & 3
532	Automotive Rental and Leasing						P	P	P only in TC-1
81111	Automotive Repair and Service					P	P	P	P only in TC-1
451	Book and Video Stores/Rental (excludes Adult Use Facilities)			C	C	P	P	P	P
513	Broadcasting and Telecommunications							P	P
812220	Cemetery, Columbarium	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Houses of Worship	C	C	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Collective Gardens					P-i	P-i	P-i	
	Construction Retail, Freight, Cargo Service							P	
	Daycare I Facilities	P-i	P-i	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Daycare II Facilities		C	P	P	P	P	P	P
722	Eating and Drinking Establishments (Excluding Gambling Uses)	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
812210	Funeral Home/Crematory	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i		P-i	P-i	P-i
447	Gasoline Service Stations					P	P	P	P
	General Retail Trade/Services					P	P	P	P

811310	Heavy Equipment and Truck Repair							P	
481	Helistop			S	S	S	S	C	C
485	Individual Transportation and Taxi						C	P	P only in TC-1
812910	Kennel or Cattery						C-i	P-i	P-i
	Library Adaptive Reuse	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
31	Light Manufacturing							S	P
441	Motor Vehicle and Boat Sales							P	P only in TC-1
	Professional Office			C	C	P	P	P	P
5417	Research, Development, and Testing							P	P
484	Trucking and Courier Service							P-i	P-i
541940	Veterinary Clinics and Hospitals						P-i	P-i	P-i
	Warehousing and Wholesale Trade							P	
	Wireless Telecommunication Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i

**Comment [p11]:** Shipping containers are not a use and should have the same screening requirements of trash enclosures.

(Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 469 § 1, 2007; Ord. 317 § 1, 2003; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 281 § 6, 2004; Ord. 277 § 1, 2001; Ord. 258 § 5, 2000; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 2(B, Table 2), 2000).

**Table 20.40.140 Other uses.**

NAICS #	SPECIFIC USE	R4-R6	R8-R12	R18-R48	TC-4	NB & O	CB & NCBD	AB MUZ & I	TC-1, 2, & 3
	<b>EDUCATION, ENTERTAINMENT, CULTURE, AND RECREATION</b>								
	Adult Use Facilities						P-i	P-i	
71312	Amusement Arcade							P	P
71395	Bowling Center					C	P	P	P
6113	College and University					S	P	P	P
56192	Conference Center	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
6111	Elementary School, Middle/Junior High School	C	C	C	C				
	Gambling Uses (expansion or intensification of existing nonconforming use)					S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i

	only)								
71391	Golf Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i				
514120	Library	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
71211	Museum	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
	Nightclubs (excludes Adult Use Facilities)						C	P	P
7111	Outdoor Performance Center							S	P
	Parks and Trails	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
	Performing Arts Companies/Theater (excludes Adult Use Facilities)						P-i	P-i	P-i
6111	School District Support Facility	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6111	Secondary or High School	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6116	Specialized Instruction School	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P	P	P	P
71399	Sports/Social Club	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
6114 (5)	Vocational School	C	C	C	C	C	P	P	P
<b>GOVERNMENT</b>									
9221	Court						P-i	P-i	P-i
92216	Fire Facility	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
	Interim Recycling Facility	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i	
92212	Police Facility					S	P	P	P
92	Public Agency or Utility Office	S-i	S-i	S	S	S	P	P	
92	Public Agency or Utility Yard	P-i	P-i	P-i	P-i			P-i	
221	Utility Facility	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
	Utility Facility, Regional Stormwater Management	C	C	C	C	P	P	P	P
<b>HEALTH</b>									
622	Hospital	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P-i	P-i	P-i
6215	Medical Lab						P	P	P
6211	Medical Office/Outpatient Clinic	C-i	C-i	C-i	C-i	P	P	P	P
623	Nursing and Personal Care Facilities			C	C	<u>GP</u>	P	P	P
<b>REGIONAL</b>									
	School Bus Base	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	P-i	
	Secure Community Transitional Facility							S-SCTFS-i	

Comment [p12]: We don't have a SCTFS process. Is this just a S-i?

Transfer Station	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Transit Bus Base	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	P	
Transit Park and Ride Lot	S-i	S-i	S-i	S-i	P	P	P	P	P
Work Release Facility								S-i	

<b>P = Permitted Use    S = Special Use</b> <b>C = Conditional Use   -i = Indexed Supplemental Criteria</b> <b>SCTFS = Secure Community Transitional Facility Special Use</b>	
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(Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 531 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2009; Ord. 309 § 4, 2002; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 281 § 6, 2001; Ord. 258 § 3, 2000; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 2(B, Table 3), 2000).

**20.40.275 Collective gardens.**

- A. There shall be no more than one collective garden permitted on a property tax parcel.
- B. Collective gardens may only be located in the NB, O, CB, ~~NCBD,~~ and ~~AB and I~~ zones.
- C. A collective garden or facility for delivery of cannabis produced by the garden may not be located within 1,000 feet of schools and not within 1,000 feet of any other collective garden or delivery site.
- D. Any transportation or delivery of cannabis from a collective garden shall be conducted by the garden members or designated provider so that quantities of medical cannabis allowed by RCW 69.51A.040 are never exceeded. (Ord. 643 § 2, 2012).

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**20.40.350 Eating and drinking establishments.**

Eating and drinking establishments are permitted in residential zones R-4 through R-48 only by conditional use permit and permitted in NB, O, CB, ~~AB and TCMUZ~~ zones, provided gambling uses as defined in this Code are not permitted. (Ord. 560 § 3 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 258 § 6, 2000; Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 3(B), 2000).

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**20.40.420 Interim recycling facility.**

- A. Interim recycling facilities in the residential zones shall be limited to drop box facilities accessory to a public or community use such as a school, fire station or community center.
- B. In NB, O, and CB zones all processing and storage of material shall be within enclosed buildings, except of drop box facilities for the collection and temporary storage of recyclable materials. Yard waste processing is not permitted. (Ord. 238 Ch. IV § 3(B), 2000).

**20.40.505 Secure community transitional facility.**

- A. May be permitted as an Special Use-Type C action, granted by the City Council in the Arterial Business zones provided:

**20.40.600 Wireless telecommunication facilities/satellite dish and antennas.**

A. **Exemptions.** The following are exemptions from the provisions of this chapter and shall be permitted in all zones:

1. Industrial processing equipment and scientific or medical equipment using frequencies regulated by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).
2. Machines and equipment that are designed and marketed as consumer products, such as microwave ovens and remote control toys.
3. The storage, shipment or display for sale of antenna(s) and related equipment.
4. Radar systems for military and civilian communication and navigation.
5. Handheld, mobile, marine and portable radio transmitters and/or receivers.
6. Wireless radio utilized for temporary emergency communications in the event of a disaster.
7. Licensed amateur (ham) radio stations and citizen band stations.
8. Earth station antenna(s) one meter or less in diameter and located in any zone.
9. Earth station antenna(s) two meters or less in diameter and located in the NB, CB, AB, , or TCI zones.
10. Satellite dish antennas less than two meters in diameter, including direct to home satellite services, when an accessory use of a property.
11. Maintenance or repair of a communication facility, antenna and related equipment, transmission structure, or transmission equipment enclosures; provided, that compliance with the standards of this chapter is maintained.
12. Subject to compliance with all other applicable standards of this chapter, a building permit application need not be filed for emergency repair or maintenance of a facility until 30 days after the completion of such emergency activity.

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B. **Ground-Mounted Wireless Telecommunication Facilities Standards.**

1. All ground-mounted wireless telecommunication facilities shall conform to the height and setbacks requirements specified in Table 2.

**Table 20.40.600(2) – Height and Setback Standards for Ground-Mounted Wireless Telecommunication Facilities**

Zone	Maximum Height	Setbacks
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All Residential Zones: R-4 – R-48	Maximum height specified for each zone.	Minimum 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.
All Commercial Zones: (NB, CB, ABMUZ and OTC)	Maximum height specified for each zone.	Minimum 30 feet from all adjacent commercially zoned properties and 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.
AB Industrial Zone (I)	Maximum height specified for the zone.	Minimum 20 feet from all adjacent industrially zoned properties, 30 feet from all adjacent commercially zoned properties and 50 feet from all adjacent residentially zoned properties. Minimum of 30 feet from any public right-of-way.

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## 20.50

### General Development Standards

Sections:

#### Subchapter 1. Dimensional and Density Standards for Residential Development

- [20.50.010](#) Purpose.
- [20.50.020](#) Standards – Dimensional requirements.
- [20.50.021](#) Transition Area Standards Development in the mixed-use zone (MUZ).
- [20.50.030](#) Lot width and lot area – Measurements.
- [20.50.040](#) Setbacks – Designation and measurement.
- [20.50.050](#) Building height – Standards.

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#### Subchapter 4. Mixed-Use, Commercial and Other Nonresidential Development Design Standards

- [20.50.220](#) Purpose.
- [20.50.225](#) Administrative Design Review .
- [20.50.230](#) ~~Thresholds – Required Site Improvements~~ ~~Site planning – Setbacks and height – Standards.~~
- [20.50.240](#) ~~Site Design planning – Street frontage – Standards.~~
- [20.50.250](#) ~~Building Design Pedestrian and bicycle circulation – Standards.~~
- [20.50.260](#) ~~Lighting – Standards.~~
- [20.50.270](#) ~~Service areas and mechanical equipment – Standards.~~
- [20.50.280](#) ~~Building design – Features – Standards.~~

#### Subchapter 1. Dimensional and Density Standards for Residential Development

Table 20.50.020(2) — Densities and Dimensions for Residential Development in Nonresidential Zones

STANDARDS	Neighborhood Business (NB) and Office (O) Zones	Community Business (CB) Zone (2)	Mixed-Use (MUZ) and Industrial (I) Zones (2)
Maximum Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	24 du/ac	48 du/ac	See SMC 20.50.021
Minimum Front Yard Setback	40 ft	40 ft	40 ft
Minimum Side Yard Setback from Nonresidential Zones	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Minimum Rear Yard Setback from Nonresidential Zones	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Minimum Side and Rear Yard (Interior) Setback from R-4 and R-6	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft
Minimum Side and Rear Yard Setback from R-8 through R-48	40 ft	40 ft	45 ft
Base Height (1)	35 ft	60 ft	See SMC 20.50.021
Maximum Hardscape Area	85%	85%	95%

Comment [p13]: Residential in commercial zones melded with commercial in commercial zones dimensional standards because residential is allowed

**20.50.020 Standards – Dimensional requirements.**

Table 20.50.020(1) – Densities and Dimensions in Residential Zones

Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

STANDARDS	R-4	R-6	R-8	R-12	R-18	R-24	R-48	TC-4
Base Density: Dwelling Units/Acre	4 du/ac	6 du/ac (7)	8 du/ac	12 du/ac	18 du/ac	24 du/ac	48 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk limits
Min. Density	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	4 du/ac	6 du/ac	8 du/ac	10 du/ac	12 du/ac	Based on bldg. bulk limits

Min. Lot Width (2)	50 ft	50 ft	50 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	30 ft	NA
Min. Lot Area (2)	7,200 sq ft	7,200 sq ft	5,000 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	2,500 sq ft	NA
Min. Front Yard Setback (2) (3)	20 ft	20 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	10 ft	15 ft
Min. Rear Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	15 ft	15 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Min. Side Yard Setback (2) (4) (5)	5 ft min. and 15 ft total sum of two	5 ft min. and 15 ft total sum of two	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft	5 ft
Base Height (9)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	30 ft (35 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft	35 ft	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof)	35 ft (40 ft with pitched roof) (8)	35 ft
Max. Building Coverage (2) (6)	35%	35%	45%	55%	60%	70%	70%	NA
Max. Hardscape (2) (6)	45%	50%	65%	75%	85%	85%	90%	75%

Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(1):

(1) Repealed by Ord. 462

(2) These standards may be modified to allow zero lot line developments. Setback variations apply to internal lot lines only. Overall site must comply with setbacks, building coverage and hardscape limitations; limitations for individual lots may be modified.

(3) For exceptions to front yard setback requirements, please see SMC [20.50.070](#).

(4) For exceptions to rear and side yard setbacks, please see SMC [20.50.080](#).

(5) For developments consisting of three or more dwellings located on a single parcel, the building setback shall be 15 feet along any property line abutting R-4 or R-6 zones. Please see SMC [20.50.130](#).

(6) The maximum building coverage shall be 35 percent and the maximum hardscape area shall be 50 percent for single-family detached development located in the R-12 zone.

(7) The base density for single-family detached dwellings on a single lot that is less than 14,400 square feet shall be calculated using a whole number, without rounding up.

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- (8) For development on R-48 lots abutting R-12, R-24, R-48, and CZ zoned lots the maximum height allowed is 50 feet and may be increased to a maximum of 60 feet with the approval of a conditional use permit.
- (9) Base height for high schools in all zoning districts except R-4 is 50 feet. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and by theater fly spaces to 72 feet.

**Comment [p14]:** These zones allow at least 50 feet of height.

**Table 20.50.020(2)230 – Dimensions for Commercial Development in Commercial Zones**

**Comment [p15]:** Based on the zone not on the uses.

STANDARDS	Neighborhood Business (NB)	Community Business (CB)	Arterial Business (AB)	Town Center (TC-1, 2, & 3)
Min. Front Yard Setback (Street) (1) (2)(3)	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from Commercial Zones (4)	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from R-4, R-6, and R-8 Zones (see Transition Area 20.50.021)	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft	20 ft
Min. Side and Rear Yard Setback from TC-4, R-12 through R-48 Zones	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Base Height (5)	50 ft	60 ft	65 ft	70 ft
Hardscape	85%	85%	95%	95%

**Comment [p16]:** TC-4 is a residential zone within Town Center

**Comment [jn17]:** This change results in no difference in building envelope (except height) between zones. I definitely don't think this makes sense in NB. If you do make this change then the exception that is now (1) is no longer relevant regarding reduction of front yard to 0.

**Comment [p18]:** 0 is the minimum and commercial uses are encouraged and at least the spaces are required on first floors.

**Comment [p19]:** TA includes R-8

**Comment [p20]:** Same setback in TA

**Comment [p21]:** Adjustment for TA above

**Comment [p22]:** If mixed use is allowed in all commercial zones then the 50 foot bonuses should be automatic.

Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.  
 Exceptions to Table 20.50.020(2):

- ~~(1) Front yard setback may be reduced to zero feet if adequate street and sidewalk improvements are available or room for street improvements is available in the street right-of-way.~~
- (1) Underground parking may extend into any required setbacks as long as any required utility and surface improvements can be also met.
- (2) Rights-of-Way dedications or easements may be required in accordance with the City's Transportation Master Plan (is it a specific map or maps in the TMP???) we need to refer to something specifically adopted to avoid takings) and/or to provide rights-of-way for utility improvements.
- (3) Front yards may be used for outdoor display of vehicles to be sold or leased.

(4) Side and rear yards adjacent to internal lot lines internal to the project may be modified to allow zero lot line developments for internal lot lines only.

Comment [p23]: % in table above

(5) The following structures may be erected above the height limits in all commercial zones:

Comment [p24]: This list under (5) is parallel and more expansive about height extensions than 20.50.050(3)

a. Roof structures housing or screening elevators, stairways, tanks, mechanical equipment required for building operation and maintenance, skylights, flagpoles, chimneys, utility lines, towers, and poles; provided, that no structure shall be erected more than 10 feet above the height limit of the district, whether such structure is attached or freestanding. WTF provisions (20.40.600) are not included in this exception;

b. Parapets, firewalls, and railings shall be limited to 4 feet in height.

c. Steeple, crosses, and spires when integrated as an architectural element of a building may be erected up to 18 feet above the base height of the district;

d. Base height for high schools in all zoning districts except R-4 is 50 feet. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and for theater fly spaces to 72 feet. (Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009;

Comment [p25]: Unneeded. Heights in commercial zones exceed 50 feet.

e. Solar energy collector arrays, small scale wind turbines, or other renewable energy equipment have no height limits.

**20.50.021 Transition Area Standards**

Comment [p26]: Melding of Town Center and transition area standards under 20.50.020(2)(2)

(2) Development in commercial CB or I-zones NB, CB, AB, and TC-1, 2 & 3 abutting or directly across street rights-of-way from R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones shall meet the following transition area requirements:

a. From abutting property, a 35-foot maximum building height at the required setback and a building envelope within a two horizontal to one vertical slope up to the maximum height of the zone. From across street rights-of-way, a 35-foot maximum building height at the required 15 foot setback and a building envelope within a one horizontal to a one vertical slope up to the maximum height of the zone. Parking garages facing Transition Areas with abutting property shall be entirely walled without openings. (b) Property abutting R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones must have a 20-foot setback. No more than 50 feet of building facade abutting this 20-foot setback shall occur without an abutting open space of 800 square feet with a minimum 20-foot dimension. However, the additional open space may be adjusted or combined to preserve significant trees.

Comment [p27]: Matches TC

Comment [p28]: Redundant, See (7) below

Comment [p29]: In dimensional standards.

Comment [p30]: This is unclear if the 20 foot setback buffer can also be used as open space.

Comment [p31]: Exceeds TC Standards

b. Type I landscaping (SMC 20.50.460), 20% significant tree preservation (SMC 20.50.350), and a solid, eight-foot property line fence shall be required for transition area setbacks abutting R-

Comment [p32]: Matches Town Center and TA

4, R-6, or R-8 zones. Only significant trees that will be healthy and undamaged by construction shall be retained. development The landscape area shall be a recorded easement that requires plant replacement as needed to meet Type I landscaping and required significant trees. Utility easements parallel to the required landscape area shall not encroach into the landscape area. Type II landscaping shall be required for transition area setbacks abutting rights-of-way directly across from R-4, R-6 or R-8 zones. Patio or outdoor recreation areas may replace up to 20 percent of the landscape area that is required in the transition area setback so long as Type I landscaping can be effectively grown. No patio or outdoor recreation areas in the transition area setback may be situated closer than 10 feet from abutting property lines. Required tree species shall be selected to grow a minimum height of 50 feet. A developer shall provide a Type I landscaping plan for distribution with the notice of application. Based on comments at a public meeting held by staff, the City may approve an alternative landscaping buffer with substitute tree species, spacing and size; provided, that the alternative will provide equal value and achieve equal tree canopy. The landscape area shall be a recorded easement that requires plant replacement as needed to meet Type I landscaping. Utility easements parallel to the required landscape area shall not encroach into the landscape area.

**Comment [p33]:** Redundant - Alternative landscape in Landscape subchapter

**Comment [p34]:** Unsure who the easement is with...city?

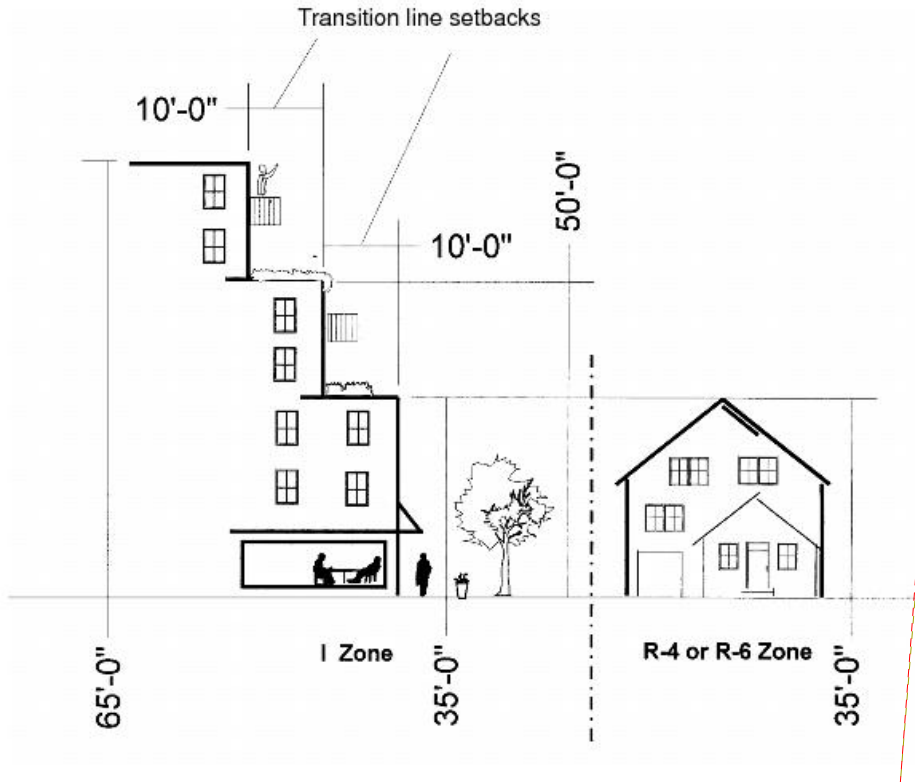
**Comment [p35]:** May compromise the purpose of the transition area and difficult to admin

**Comment [p36]:** Redundant - Alternative landscape in Landscape subchapter

**Comment [p37]:** Unsure who the easement is with...city?

c. All vehicular access to proposed development in commercial zones shall be from arterial classified streets unless determined by the Director to be technically not feasible or in conflict with state law addressing access to state highways. All developments in commercial zones shall conduct a transportation impact analysis per the Engineering Development Manual. Development that creates additional traffic that is projected to use Local streets shall be required to install appropriate traffic-calming measures. These additional measures will be identified and approved by the City's Traffic Engineer.

**Comment [r38]:** Not sure about Alicia's statement above. Most of our commercial developments on Aurora & Ballinger seem to take access from Aurora & Ballinger?



**Comment [p39]:** Illustration does not fit all transition area scenarios

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**20.50.021 Development in the mixed-use zone (MUZ).**

Development in the MUZ zone shall meet the following requirement:

A. All developments in the MUZ zone are subject to Administrative Design Review approval in SMC ~~20.30.297.~~

B. All developments in the MUZ zone are subject to providing public gathering spaces. Public gathering spaces shall be provided at a rate of 1,000 square feet per one acre of site. Eighty percent of the public space shall be contiguous, with a maximum contiguous requirement of 1,600 square feet.

C. A maximum 35-foot building height and 48 dwellings per acre for residential-only buildings and 45-foot building height for buildings designed to accommodate commercial uses, maximum density of 70 dwellings per acre, and a FAR (floor area ratio) of 2.0, except:

1. A maximum building height of 55 feet, maximum FAR of 3.2, and maximum density of 110 dwellings per acre is permissible if the development meets the following conditions:

**Comment [p40]:** All MUZ standards are replaced by CDS.

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**Comment [p41]:** Public Space required in CDS

**Comment [p42]:** FAR is overlapping requirement and used primarily for added height

a. The development includes infrastructure for electric vehicle recharging. The Director is authorized to adopt guidelines for this requirement; and

b. The building is designed to accommodate ground floor commercial uses; and

c. "4-star" construction standards under King County Built Green Standards as amended, or equivalent standard approved by the Director; and

d. Eight hundred square feet of common recreational space for residents of the development is provided for developments of five to 20 units; 40 square feet of recreational space per unit is provided for developments over 20 units.

Comment [p43]: Green Building Code anticipated for adoption in 2013.

2. A maximum height of 65 feet, maximum housing density of 150 dwellings per acre and maximum FAR of 3.6 is permissible if all the conditions under subsection (C)(1) of this section are met and the following conditions are met:

Comment [p44]: No current develop has been able to exceed approx. 100 units per acre

a. Fifteen percent of the units are affordable to households in the 75 percent King County median income category for a minimum of 30 years. The average number of bedrooms for affordable units shall be similar to the number of bedrooms for market rate units. The affordable housing units shall be distributed throughout the building or development; and

b. "5-star" construction standards under King County Built Green Standards as amended, or equivalent standard approved by the Director; and

c. After the pre-application meeting and prior to submitting an application for construction, the developer must hold a neighborhood meeting with City staff in attendance to identify impacts caused by the new development and propose appropriate mitigation measures. Meetings will be advertised by mailing to property owners and occupants within 500 feet of the property.

D. The maximum building height for developments within 100 feet of the property line from R-4, R-6, R-8, and R-12 is limited to 45 feet and the maximum building height for developments between 100 and 200 feet from the property line of R-4, R-6, R-8, and R-12 is 55 feet.

Comment [p45]: Redundant of new TA standards

E. Structures allowed above the maximum height of the district under Exception 20.50.230(6) may not exceed the maximum building height by more than 10 feet, or four feet for parapet walls.

F. All conditions under Exception 2(b), (c), and (d) of Table 20.50.020(2) must be met for development in the MUZ zone abutting or across street right-of-way from R-4, R-6, R-8, and R-12 zones. (Ord. 609 § 10, 2011; Ord. 560 § 1 (Exh. A), 2009).

### Subchapter 3. Multifamily and Single Family Attached Residential Design Standards

#### 20.50.120 Purpose.

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards for multifamily and single family attached residential development in TC-4, PA3, and R-8 through R-48 zones as follows:

#### 20.50.125 Thresholds – Required Site Improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. These provisions apply to all multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed use construction and uses.

Full site improvements are required for parking, lighting, landscaping, walkways, storage space and service areas, and freestanding signs if a development proposal is:

- Completely new development;
- Expanding the square footage of an existing structure by 20 percent, as long as the original building footprint is a minimum size of 4,000 square feet; or
- The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.

Note: For thresholds related to off-site improvements, see Chapter 20.70 SMC.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for full site improvement standards apply to a development application in TC-4, PA3, R-8 through R-48 zones. Site improvement standards of signs, parking, lighting and landscaping shall be required if:

1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.

Comment [p46]: Moved to 20.50.020(1)

Comment [p47]: Covered in Site Development Standards

Comment [p48]: Covered in Site Development Standards

Comment [p49]: Moved to Table 20.50.020(2)

Comment [jn50]: How can this be moved to 20.50.020(2)? That table is proposed for deletion.

Comment [p51]: NB zone is proposed to allow 50 height outright.

Comment [p52]: Moved to Table 20.50.020(6)

Comment [p53]: Clarify that zoning not the type of development determines the design standards. Also, it distinguishes from multifamily or mixed use development regulated in commercial zones.

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## Subchapter 4. Chapter 20.92 Commercial Zone Design Standards Town Center District

**Sections:**

- ~~20.92.010 Purpose.~~
- ~~20.92.012 Planned action.~~
- ~~20.92.014 Administrative Design Review.~~
- ~~20.92.015 Threshold – Required for site improvements.~~
- ~~20.92.020 Zones, land use, and form.~~
- ~~20.92.030 Street types and pedestrian circulation.~~
- ~~20.92.040 Neighborhood protection standards.~~
- ~~20.92.050 Street frontage design standards.~~
- ~~20.92.060 Site design standards.~~
- ~~20.92.070 Building design standards.~~
- ~~20.92.080 Sign design standards.~~

**20.50.220.040 Purpose.**

The purpose of this chapter is to establish design standards for all commercial zones – Neighborhood Business (NB), Community Business (CB), Arterial Business (AB), and Town Center (TC-1, 2, and 3) the town center district. These standards implement the policies of City of Shoreline Comprehensive Plan and Town Center Subarea Plan through code requirements for use, form, design, and process. Some standards within this chapter apply only to specific types of development and zones as noted. Standards that are not addressed in this chapter will be supplemented by the development standards in the remainder of Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict between standards, the standards of this chapter shall prevail.

(Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.92.012 Planned action.**

Projects that are within that the scope of the planned action EIS for this chapter the subareas are planned actions and shall not require a SEPA threshold determination as provided under RCW 43.21C.031, WAC 197-11-164 through 197-11-172 and SMC 20.30.640. These projects shall be reviewed as ministerial decisions by applying the provisions of the Development Code. Proposed projects that are not within the scope of the planned action EIS shall require environmental review under SEPA. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.50.22592.014 Administrative Design Review.**

**Comment [p54]:** list and is redundant of the 20.50 ToC

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**Comment [p55]:** Merged into Land Use and Dimensional Regs.

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**Comment [p56]:** Now Transition Areas

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**Comment [p57]:** New Consolidated Zones

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Administrative Design Review approval under SMC ~~20.30.297~~ is required for all development applications that proposals prior to approval of any construction permit. A permit applicant wishing to modify any of the standards in this chapter may apply for a design departure from the design standards in this chapter or sign standards in Chapter 8 per under SMC 20.30.297. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Ex. B), 2011).

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Comment [p58]: Limits ADR only to proposed departures to the design standards but expands ADR for all commercial zones.

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**20.50.230 Thresholds – Required Site Improvements.**

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. ~~These provisions apply to all multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use construction and uses. Full site improvement standards apply to a development application in commercial zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, 2, and 3. Site improvements standards of signs, parking, lighting, and landscaping shall be required if:~~

1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing land and structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing land and structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.

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Full site improvements are required for parking, lighting, landscaping, walkways, storage space and service areas, and freestanding signs if a development proposal is:

- Completely new development;
- Expanding the square footage of an existing structure by 20 percent, as long as the original building footprint is a minimum size of 4,000 square feet; or
- The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.

Note: For thresholds related to off-site improvements, see Chapter 20.70 SMC.

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**F20.92.020 Zones, land use, and form.**

A. **Town Center District.** In order to implement the vision of the Comprehensive Plan's Town Center Subarea Plan, there are town center (TC) zones established as shown in Figure 20.92.020.

1. Four zones are delineated within the town center that have general and specific design standards.



a. ~~TC-1.~~ This zone allows the broadest range of uses, including vehicle sales, leasing, and servicing, in addition to all the uses allowed in the TC-2 zone.

b. ~~TC-2.~~ This zone includes property fronting on Aurora Avenue and N. 175th and N. 185th Streets, and provides for development potential with pedestrian activity primarily internal to the sites.

c. ~~TC-3.~~ This zone is oriented toward smaller arterials with a wide range of uses that focus pedestrian activity primarily along street frontages.

d. ~~TC-4.~~ This zone is oriented around Stone Avenue and limits the residential heights, uses, and vehicle circulation to protect the adjacent single-family neighborhoods.

2. ~~Transition Overlays 1 and 2.~~ These overlays provide transitions from higher intensity development to lower intensity uses, and protect single-family neighborhoods from large building heights.

3. ~~Some standards within this chapter apply only to specific types of development and zones as noted. Standards that are not addressed in this chapter will be supplemented by the development standards in Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict between standards, the standards of this chapter shall prevail.~~

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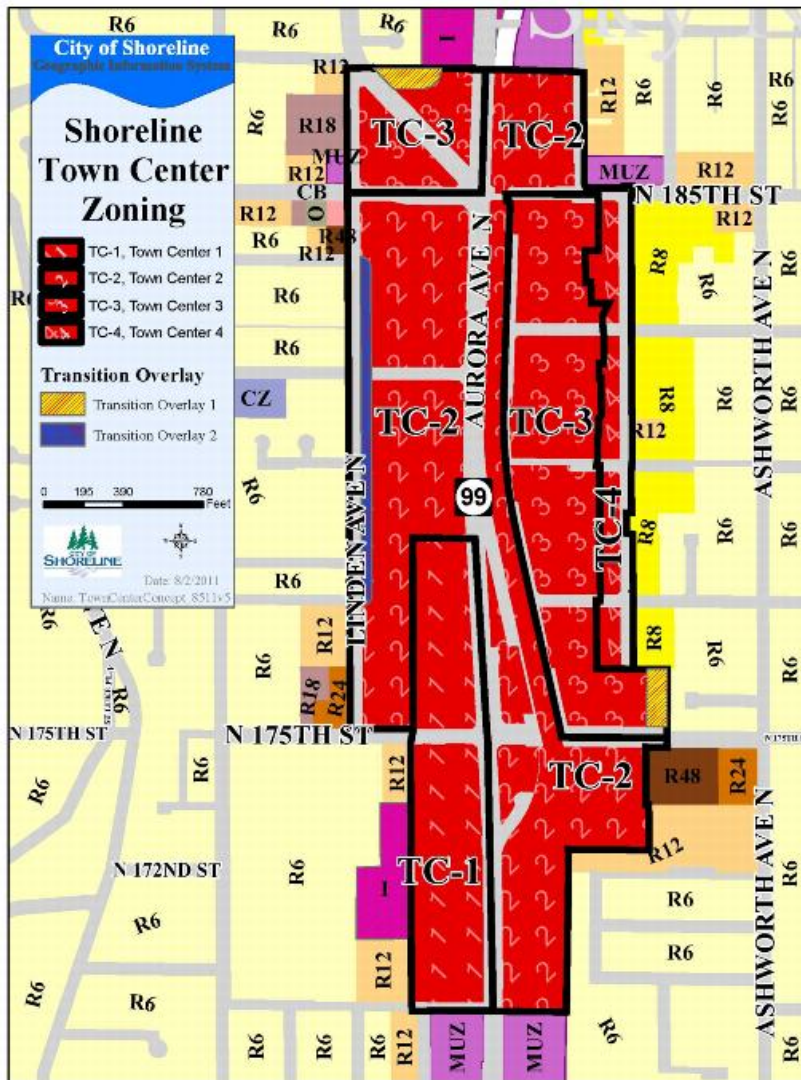


Figure 20.92.020

B. Table 20.92.020(A) lists general categories of permitted land uses for each of the town center zones. The general categories for permitted uses include all of the specific uses listed in the corresponding tables cited, except for those listed in this table as "prohibited uses." Permitted uses do not include the

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Comment [p59]: Separate zoning map excessive

approval processes in the general categories, such as special use or conditional use permits. If further clarification is required, the Director shall issue an administrative determination consistent with the provisions of this chapter and the policy guidance of the Town Center Subarea Plan.

Table 20.92.020(A) — Land Use Chart

Comment [p60]: Moved to Table 20.40.120-.150

General Land Use Category	Specific Uses Listed in Table	TC-1 Aurora SW	TC-2 Aurora	TC-3 Midvale/Firlands	TC-4 Stone Ave. Resid.
Duplex and Detached Single Family	20.40.120	<b>PROHIBITED USES</b>			
Apartment and Single Family Attached	20.40.120	<b>PERMITTED USES</b>			
Group Residence	20.40.120				
Lodging	20.40.120				
Health Facility	20.40.140				
Government Facility	20.40.140				
Automotive Fueling and Service Stations	20.40.130				
Retail/Service other than for Automotive or Boat	20.40.130	<b>PROHIBITED USES</b>			
Light Manufacturing — Non-Polluting and No Outside Storage	20.40.130				
Personal and Business Services	20.40.130				
Motor Vehicle and Boat Sales, Automotive Rental and Leasing, and Automotive Repair and Services (1)	20.40.130				
Gambling Use		<b>PROHIBITED USES</b>			
Wrecking Yard					
General Manufacturing					
Adult Use Facility					

(1) — Outdoor vehicle display is permitted in support of vehicle sales, leasing, and service land uses.

Table 20.92.020(B) — Form

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	TC-1 Aurora SW	TC-2 Aurora	TC-3 Midvale/Firlands	TC-4 Stone Ave. Resid.	Transition Overlays 1 and 2

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Minimum Front Yard Setback (1)(2)(3)	0—10 ft (6)	0—10 ft	0—10 ft	15 ft	15 ft
Minimum Side Yard Setback from Nonresidential Zones (4)	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	5 ft (5)	5 ft (5)
Minimum Rear Yard Setback from Nonresidential Zones	0 ft	0 ft	0 ft	5 ft	0 ft
Minimum Side & Rear Yard (Interior) Setback from R-4 & R-6	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	5 ft	20 ft
Minimum Side & Rear Yard Set back from R-8 through R-48 and TC-4	15 ft	15 ft	15 ft	5 ft	15 ft
Maximum Height (5)	70 ft	70 ft	70 ft	35 ft	35 ft
Maximum Hardscape Area	95%	95%	95%	75%	(7)

Exceptions to Table 20.92.020(B):

(1) — Unenclosed porches and covered entry features may project into the front yard setback by up to six feet. Balconies may project into the front yard setback by up to two feet.

(2) — Additional building setbacks may be required to provide rights-of-way and utility improvements.

(3) — Front yard setbacks are based on the applicable street designation. See Figure 20.92.030 for the street designation and SMC 20.92.060(B) for applicable front yard setback provisions.

(4) — These may be modified to allow zero lot line developments for internal lot lines only.

(5) — See SMC 20.92.040(C) for height step-back standards.

(6) — Front yards may be used for outdoor display of vehicles to be sold or leased in the TC-1 zone.

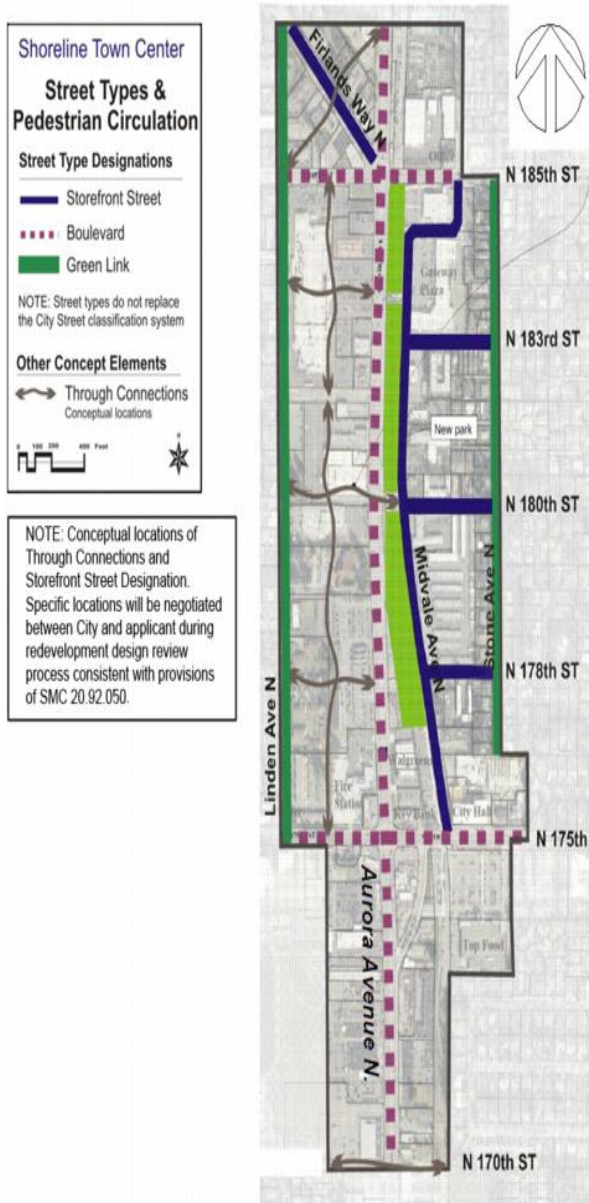
(7) — Hardscape requirement for underlying zone is applicable. (Ord. 600 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.92.030 Street types and pedestrian circulation.**

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This map illustrates site-specific design elements to be implemented by code for street types and Through-Connections.



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Figure 20.92.030

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(Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.92.040 Neighborhood protection standards.**

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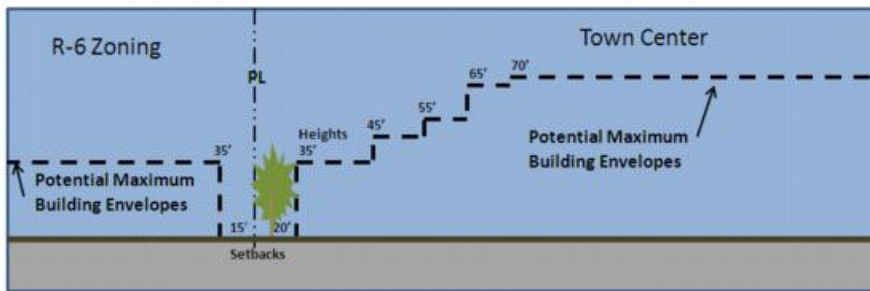
**A. Purpose.**

- Minimize negative impacts of town-center development on adjacent single-family neighborhoods.
- Enhance residential neighborhoods on both sides of Linden and Stone Avenue North.

**B. Applicability.** Unless specifically noted, the standards herein apply to properties within Zone TC-4, the transition overlays identified in the Town Center Zoning Map (Figure 20.92.020), and other town center properties that are directly adjacent to those zones.

**C. Building Heights.**

1. TC-4 zone maximum building heights are 35 feet.
2. Transition Overlay-1 is 100 feet in depth adjoining R-4 or R-6 zoned property lines. From the adjoining property line, development requires 20 feet of Type I landscaping/building setback, limits building height to 35 feet for 30 more feet of setback, and then each additional 10 feet of building height requires 20 more feet of setback until the maximum building height of the underlying zone is obtained.



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Transition Overlay-1

3. Transition Overlay-2 is 50 feet in depth adjoining rights-of-way across from R-4 or R-6 zoned property lines. From the right-of-way line, development requires 15 feet of Type II landscaping/building setback, limits building height to 35 feet for 10 more feet of setback, and then each additional 10 feet of building

height requires 10 more feet of setback until the maximum building height of the underlying zone is obtained **Transition Overlay-2**

D. **Site Access.** Direct commercial vehicular and service access to a parcel shall not be from Stone or Linden Avenues unless no other access is available or practical as determined by the City.

E. **Traffic Impacts.** All development in the town center shall conduct a traffic impact study per City guidelines. Any additional traffic that is projected to use non-arterial streets shall implement traffic mitigation measures which are approved by the City's Traffic Engineer. Such measures shall be developed through the City's Neighborhood Traffic Safety Program in collaboration with the abutting neighborhoods that are directly impacted by the development.

F. **Setbacks and Buffers.** Buildings in Zones TC-2 and TC-3 shall have a 20-foot wide, Type I landscape with an eight-foot solid fence or wall adjacent to Zone TC-4 and R-6 parcels in addition to any required open space.

G. **Tree Preservation.** Twenty percent of all healthy, significant trees for each parcel must be preserved in TC-4 and transition overlay portions of private property per SMC 20.50.290. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.92.050 Street frontage design standards.**

A. **Purpose.**

- Enhance the appeal of street frontages to encourage people to walk and gather.
- Establish frontage standards for different streets to:
  - Reinforce site and building design standards in each zone.
  - Provide safe and direct pedestrian access within the town center and from adjacent neighborhoods.
  - Minimize conflicts between pedestrians, bicyclists, and vehicular traffic and parking.

B. **Applicability.** The standards in this section apply only to the sidewalks and the amenity zone in the public rights-of-way. These standards shall meet the City's Engineering Development Guide design criteria. Where there is a conflict, the Director shall determine which applies.

C. **Design.**

1. In accordance with the Master Street Plan of the Transportation Master Plan, Storefront and Greenlink Street frontages, as depicted on Figure 20.92.030, shall have:

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Comment [p64]: In new Transition Areas

Comment [p65]: Section redundant of TMP and EDM or included in Site Design Section.

a. ~~Street frontage dimensions for the following streets are:~~

Comment [p66]: Since adopted into the TMP

i. ~~Midvale Ave. N.—eastside: 10-foot sidewalks and five-foot amenity zone.~~

~~Westside: 17-foot back-in parking (Seattle City Light) with 30-foot street cross-section.~~

ii. ~~N. 178th, N. 180th, N. 183rd Streets on both sides: eight-foot sidewalks and five-foot amenity zones with a 36-foot street cross-section.~~

iii. ~~Stone Ave. on both sides: eight-foot sidewalks and five-foot amenity zones with a 32-foot street cross-section.~~

iv. ~~Linden Ave. N.—eastside: eight-foot sidewalks and five-foot amenity zone.~~

~~Westside: five-foot sidewalks and five-foot amenity zone with a 38-foot street cross-section.~~

v. ~~Firlands Way on both sides: 10-foot sidewalk, five-foot amenity zone, and 17-foot back-in parking with 24-foot street cross-section.~~

vi. ~~All frontage dimensions shall include six-inch curbs and minimum six-inch separation between buildings and sidewalks.~~

vii. ~~All street sections include on-street, parallel parking except where back-in parking is designated.~~

viii. ~~The configuration and dimensions of street frontage improvements may be modified by the Director if such modifications will better implement the policy direction of the Town Center Subarea Plan.~~

b. ~~Storefront, Boulevard, and Greenlink Streets shall have street trees spaced on average 30 feet either in tree pits and grates, or an amenity zone. Breaks in the amenity zone and tree distribution may exist to allow for driveways, sight distancing, ADA access, utilities, crosswalks, bike racks, on-street parking, benches, and sitting walls.~~

c. ~~Each development on a Storefront Street shall provide a minimum eight feet of bench or sitting wall.~~

d. ~~Both sides of Storefront and Greenlink Streets shall have on-street parking. Midvale will have back-in parking on its west side and Firlands Way will have back-in parking on both sides.~~



e. Utility appurtenances such as signal boxes, hydrants, poles, or other obstructions shall not be placed in the public sidewalk.



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**Street frontage design**

**2. Rights-of-Way Lighting.**

a. One to two footcandles and between 10 feet and 15 feet in height for sidewalk areas. Lighting may be located within the public rights-of-way, on private property, or mounted on building facades.

b. Street light standards shall be a maximum 25-foot height for street light standards, designed using the Aurora Avenue model and color, modified to meet the 25-foot maximum height, and spaced to meet City illumination standards.

c. Lights shall be shielded to prevent direct light from entering adjoining property. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.5092.24060 Site Design standards.**

**A. Purpose.**

1. Promote and enhance public walking and gathering with attractive and connected development to:

- 2. Promote distinctive design features at high visibility street corners.
- 3. Provide safe routes for pedestrians and people with disabilities across parking lots, to building entries, and between buildings.
- 4. Promote economic development that is consistent with the function and purpose of permitted uses and reflects the vision for the town center subarea as expressed in the Comprehensive Plan.

**B. Overlapping Standards.**

Site design standards for on-site landscaping, sidewalks, walkways, public access easement, public places, and open space may be overlapped if their separate, minimum dimensions and functions are not diminished or compromised.

**C. Site Frontage.**

Development abutting NB, CB, AB TC-1, 2, and 3 shall meet the following standards. ~~Development abutting street frontages as designated within the town center per Figure 20.92.030 shall meet the following standards.~~

**1. Commercially Zoned Storefront Streets.**

- a. Buildings shall be placed at the property line or abutting planned sidewalks if on private property. However, buildings may be set back farther if public places, landscaping, displays are included or a utility easement is required between the sidewalk and the building;
- b. Minimum space dimension for building interiors that are ground-level and fronting on streets is 12-foot height and 20-foot depth and built to commercial building standards. These spaces can be used for any permitted land use.  
~~—Maximum front yard setback is 15 feet. Outdoor vehicle display areas are considered an extension of the building facade and if located within 15 feet of the front property line the front setback requirement is met.~~
- c. Minimum transparent window area is 60 percent of the ground floor facade placed between the heights of 30 inches and 10 feet above the ground for each front facade;
- d. The primary building entry shall be located on a street frontage and, if necessary, recessed to prevent door swings over sidewalks, or an open entry to an interior plaza or courtyard from which building entries are accessible;

**Comment [p67]:** Moved from other section.

**Comment [p68]:** Conflicts and redundant with a. above. We don't have a max. setback as long as plazas, landscaping or display fills in.

**Comment [p69]:** The City wants window space built. How they are treated will depend on the different uses behind them.

**Comment [p70]:** 10 feet uses full story and allows for some high privacy windows.

e. Minimum weather protection at least five feet in depth, 9-foot height clearance, and along at least 80 percent of the facade width where over pedestrian surfaces ~~facilities, including building entries~~. Awnings may project into public rights-of-way, subject to City approval;

f. Streets with on-street parking shall have sidewalks to back of curb and street trees in pits under grates or at least a 2-foot wide walkway between the back of curb and an amenity strip if space is available. Streets without on-street parking shall have landscaped amenity strips with street trees; and

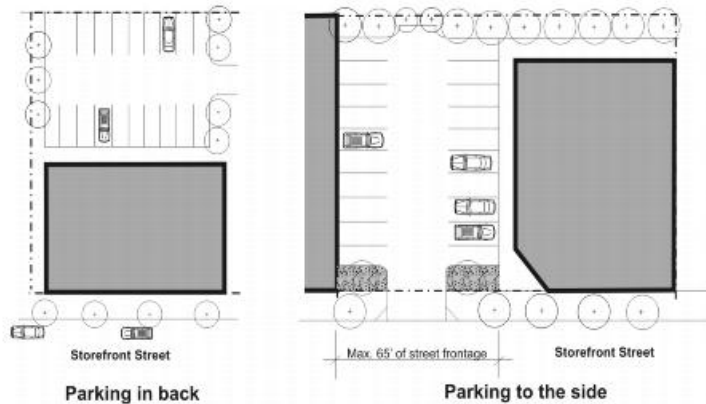
**Comment [p71]:** This is added to require a walk surface for people getting out of street parked cars and for streets with no on-street parking and that need the safety of an amenity strip between.

g. Surface parking along ~~Storefront~~ Street frontages in commercial zones shall not occupy more than ~~is not more than~~ 65 lineal feet of the site frontage. Parking lots are not allowed at street corners. No parking or vehicle circulation is allowed between the rights-of-way and the building front facade. See subsection 20.50.470(E)(2) of this section for parking lot landscape standards.

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**Storefront and boulevard buildings**



Parking lot locations along Storefront Streets

2 **Rights-of-Way Pedestrian Lighting.**

- a. Pedestrian lighting shall meet the standards for Aurora Avenue pedestrian lighting. One to two footcandles and between 10 feet and with 15 feet in height for sidewalk areas. Lighting may be located within the public rights-of-way, on private property, or mounted on building facades.
- b. Street light standards shall be a maximum 25-foot height for street light standards, modified to meet the 25-foot maximum height, and spaced to meet City illumination standards.
- c. Lights shall be shielded to prevent direct light from entering adjoining property.

**Comment [p72]:** Relocated from previous section.

2. **Greenlink Streets.**

- a. Minimum front yard setback is 15 feet. Porches and entry covers may project six feet into the front yard setbacks;
- b. Transparent window area is 15 percent of the entire facade;
- c. Building entries shall be visible and accessible from a streetfront sidewalk. An entrance may be located on the building side if visible;
- d. Minimum weather protection is five feet deep over building entries;

**Comment [p73]:** All of these are already addressed in general for all commercial streets.

e.— Landscaped front yards may be sloped or terraced with maximum three-foot-high retaining walls; and

f.— Surface parking is no more than 65 lineal feet of the site frontage and set back 10 feet from property line. ~~Parking lots are not allowed at street corners. No parking or vehicle circulation is allowed between the rights-of-way and the building front facade. See subsection (E)(2) of this section for parking lot landscape standards.~~

Comment [p74]: Redundant of C.1.g

3.— **Boulevard Streets.**

Comment [p75]: Blended with street section above.

a.— Minimum transparent window area is 60 percent of the ground floor facade placed between the heights of 30 inches and eight feet above the ground for each front facade;

b.— Minimum weather protection at least five feet in depth, along at least 80 percent of the facade width, including building entries; and

c.— Maximum front yard setback is 15 feet. Outdoor vehicle display areas are considered an extension of the building facade and if located within 15 feet of the front property line the front setback requirement is met.

d.— Surface parking along Boulevard Streets shall not be more than 50 percent of the site frontage. ~~Parking lots are not allowed at street corners. No parking or vehicle circulation is allowed between the rights-of-way and the building front facade, except as otherwise provided in SMC 20.92.020(B)(6). See subsection (E)(2) of this section for parking lot landscape standards.~~

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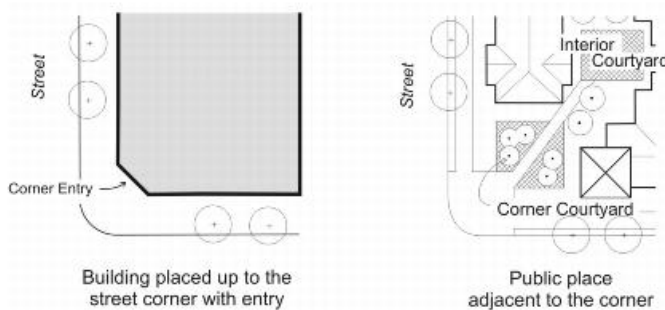
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**Landscaped yards**

**D. Corner Sites.**

1. All development proposals located on street corners ~~and Through-Connection sites~~ shall include at least one of the following three design treatments on both sides of the corner.
  - a. Locate a building within 15 feet of the street corner. All such buildings shall comply with building corner standards in subsection (C)(2) of this section;
  - b. Provide public places, ~~as set forth in subsection F of this section,~~ at the corner leading directly to building entries; or
  - c. Landscape 20 feet of depth of Type II landscaping for the length of the required building frontage.
  - d. Include a structure on the corner that provides weather protection or site entry. The structure may be used for signage (SMC 20.92.080).



**Street Corner Sitesdevelopments**

2. Corner buildings on ~~Boulevard and Storefront Streets~~ using the option in subsection (C)(1)(a) of this section shall provide at least one of the elements listed below for 40 lineal feet of both sides from the corner:
  - a. Twenty-foot beveled building corner with entry and 60 percent of the first floor in non-reflective transparent glass (included within the 80 lineal feet of corner treatment).
  - b. Distinctive facade (i.e., awnings, materials, offsets) and roofline design above the minimum standards for these items in other ~~code sections~~ of this code subsection ~~for town center.~~

c. Balconies for residential units on all floors above the ground floor.

d. ~~Other unique treatment as determined by the Director.~~

**Comment [p76]:** Redundant of ADR modifications.

3. ~~Corner sites with two different street types or connections shall meet the following provisions:~~

**Comment [p77]:** Different street types are blended and Through Connections are no longer a requirement.

a. ~~Corner buildings on Greenlink Streets and Through-Connections using the option in subsection (C)(1)(a) of this section shall minimally provide 10-foot beveled building corners.~~

b. ~~Corner buildings with a combination of Greenlink Streets or Through-Connections and Boulevard or Storefront Streets shall meet the applicable Boulevard or Storefront Street requirement on both sides of the corner.~~



**Building Corners**

**E. ~~Through-Connections and Site Walkways.~~**

**Comment [p78]:** Through Connections are a criteria for parking reductions and not a requirement.

1. ~~Developments shall include internal walkways that connect building entries, public places, and parking areas with the adjacent street sidewalks and Interurban Trail where adjacent. A public easement for pedestrian access through properties and City blocks between streets shall be provided for Through-Connections, as generally illustrated in the Street Types and Pedestrian Circulation Map (SMC 20.92.030).~~

**Comment [p79]:** Deleted section

~~Walkways and Through-Connections shall be connected, and may be combined as long as standards of both can be met. The east-west connection aligned with N. 180th may be a combination of vehicle access or street and a pedestrian Through-Connection. North-south connections can be used as alley access or~~

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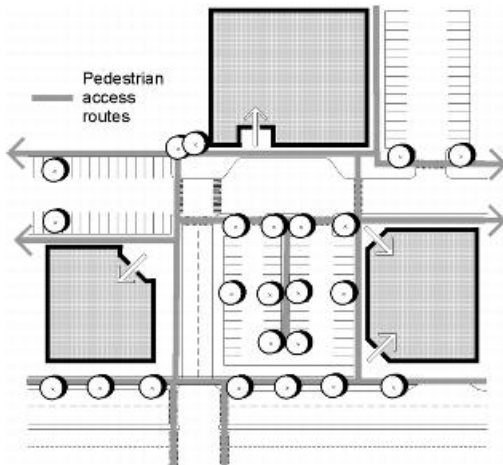
~~as a Storefront Street.~~

**Through-Connections**

- a. All buildings shall have visible, clear, and illuminated, 6-inch raised and at least an 8-foot wide walkways between the main building entrance and a public sidewalk. ~~The walkway shall be at least eight feet wide;~~
- b. Continuous pedestrian walkways shall be provided along the front of all to the entries of all businesses and the entries of multiple commercial buildings;
- c. ~~For sites abutting underdeveloped land, the Director may require walkways and Through-Connection stub-outs at property lines so that future, adjoining development can connect with the pedestrian system;~~

**Comment [p81]:** Redundant of a. above.

**Comment [p82]:** Through Connections moved as a criterion for parking reductions



**Well-connected Wwalkways network**

- c. Raised walkways at least eight feet wide-in width shall be provided for every three double-loaded aisles or every 200 feet of parking area. Walkway crossings shall be raised a minimum three inches above drive surfaces;



d. Walkways shall conform to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA);



**Parking Lot Walkway**

f. Internal walkways along the front facade of buildings 100 feet or more in length must meet Storefront or Boulevard Street standards set forth in subsection B of this section; and



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**Internal walkways adjacent to storefronts should be designed to look and function like public sidewalks, including walkway widths and amenity areas.**

e. Deciduous, street-rated trees from the Shoreline Engineering Design Manual shall be provided every 30 feet on average in grated tree pits if the walkway is eight feet wide or in planting beds if walkway is greater than eight feet wide. Pedestrian-scaled lighting shall be provided per subsection H.1.b.

**E. Vehicle Parking and Landscaping.**

**Comment [p84]:** Moved to Parking Chapter

1. **Minimum Off-Street Parking.** Parking shall be provided at the following rate:
  - a. Residential — 0.75 spaces/bedroom or studio, and up to 2.0 for three-bedroom-plus units.
  - b. Retail — one space/400 net square feet.
  - c. Civic/Office — one space/500 net square feet.

d. Reductions up to 25 percent may be approved by Director using combinations of the following criteria:

- i. On-street parking along the parcel's street frontage.
- ii. Shared parking agreement with adjoining parcels and land uses that do not have conflicting parking demand.
- iii. Commute trip reduction program per State law.
- iv. High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and hybrid or electric vehicle (EV) parking.
- v. Conduit for future electric vehicle charging spaces equivalent to the number of required handicapped parking spaces.
- vi. A light rail stop within one-half mile radius.
- vii. In the event that the Director approves reductions in the parking requirement, the basis for the determination shall be articulated in writing.
- viii. The Director may impose performance standards and conditions of approval on a project including a financial guarantee or participation in a future public or private parking facility within walking distance, a parking enforcement program, or other programs named above.

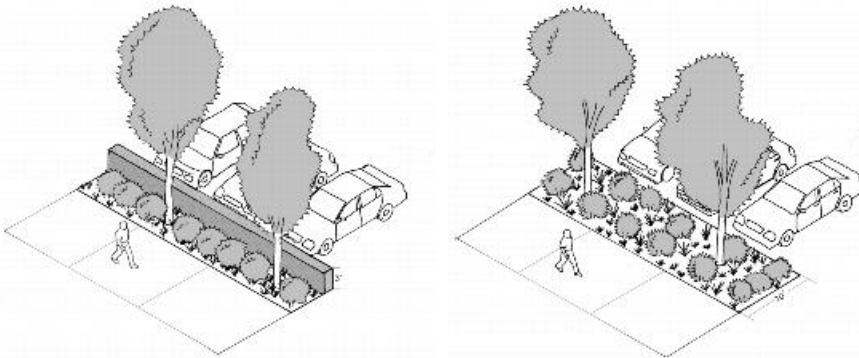
2. **Parking Lot Landscaping.** The following provisions shall supplement the landscaping standards set forth in Subchapter 7 of SMC 20.50.450. Where there is a conflict, the standards herein shall apply. All parking lots and loading areas shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Provide a five-foot-wide, Type II landscape that incorporates a continuous masonry wall between three and four feet in height. The landscape shall be between the public sidewalk or residential units and the wall (see SMC 20.50.460 for details); or
- b. Provide at least 10-foot-wide, Type II landscaping.
- c. Trees shall be placed interior to parking lots at a ratio of one every 10 parking spaces in curbed planters with a minimum dimension of five feet.
- d. All parking lots shall be separated from residential development by the required setback and planted with Type I landscaping.

Comment [p85]: Inserted in Landscape Chapter

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2a. Parking lot planting buffer with low wall

2b. 10-foot parking lot buffer with Type II landscaping

3. ~~Vehicle Display Areas Landscaping.~~ Landscape requirements for vehicle display areas as authorized in SMC ~~20.92.020(B)(6)~~ shall be determined by the Director through Administrative Design Review under SMC ~~20.30.297~~. Subject to the Director's discretion to reduce or vary the depth, landscaped areas shall be at least 10 feet deep relative to the front property line. Vehicle display areas shall be framed by appropriate landscape construction materials along the front property line. While allowing that the vehicles on display remain plainly visible from the public rights-of-way, these materials shall be configured to create a clear visual break between the hardscape in the public rights-of-way and the hardscape of the vehicle display area. Appropriate landscape construction materials shall include any combination of low (three feet or less in height) walls or earthen berms with ground cover, shrubs, trees, trellises, or arbors.

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F. Public Places.

1. Public places are required ~~on parcels greater than one-half acre with commercial or mixed use development~~ at a rate of 1,000 square feet per acre up to a maximum of 5,000 square feet.
2. Requirement may be divided into multiple public places with a minimum 400 square feet each.
3. Public places may be covered but not enclosed unless by 4. below. ~~This standard can also be used to meet the standards of walkways as long as the function and minimum dimensions of the public place are met.~~
4. Buildings border at least one side of the public place:

Comment [p86]: Redundant of provision at beginning of subsection.

- 5. Eighty percent of the area shall be with surfaces for people to stand or sit.
- 6. No dimension is less than 20 feet unless or if the public place is less than 400 square feet the minimum dimension is 5 feet. On parcels greater than five acres:
  - a. Buildings border at least two sides of the public place:
    - b. The public place shall be at least 5,000 square feet with no dimension less than 40 feet; and
    - c. Eighty percent of the area shall be with surfaces for people to stand or sit on.
- 3. On parcels between one-half and five acres:
  - a. The public place shall be at least 2,500 square feet with a minimum dimension of 20 feet; and
  - b. Eighty percent of the area shall have surfaces for people to sit and stand on.
- 7. The following design elements are required for public places:
  - a. Physically accessible and visible from the public sidewalks, walkways, or Through-Connections;
  - b. Pedestrian access to abutting buildings;
  - c. Pedestrian-scaled lighting (subsection (G) of this section);
  - d. Seating and landscaping with solar access at least a portion of the day; and

**Comment [p87]:** Too parallel allowance in 2. above

**Comment [p88]:** Reformatted, removal of redundant standards, and using uniform minimum dimension. Greater flexibility and proportionality to site size.

- e. Not located adjacent to dumpster or loading areas.



**Public Places**

**G. Multifamily Open Space.**

- 1. All multifamily development shall provide open space;
  - a. Provide 800 square feet per development or 50 square feet per unit of open space, whichever is greater;
  - b. Other than private balconies or patios, open space shall be accessible to all residents and include a minimum 20-foot dimension. These standards apply to all open spaces including parks, playgrounds, rooftop decks and ground-floor courtyards; and may also be used to meet the walkway standards as long as the function and minimum dimensions of the open space are met;

- c. Required landscaping can be used for open space if it does not prevent access or reduce the overall landscape standard. Open spaces shall not be placed adjacent to parking lots and service areas without screening; and
- d. Open space shall provide seating that has solar access at least a portion of the day.



**Multifamily Open Spaces**

**H. Outdoor Lighting.**

- 1. All publicly accessible areas on private property shall be illuminated as follows:
  - a. Minimum of one-half footcandle and maximum 25-foot pole height for vehicle areas;
  - b. One to two footcandles and maximum 15-foot pole height for pedestrian areas;
  - c. Maximum of four footcandles for building entries with the fixture placed below second floor; and
- 2. All private fixtures shall be full cut-off, dark sky rated and fully shielded to prevent direct light from entering neighboring property.
- 3. Mercury vapor luminaires are prohibited.

**I. Service Areas.**

- 1. All developments shall provide a designated location for trash, composting, recycling, storage and collection, and shipping containers. Such elements shall meet the following standards:

**Comment [p89]:** Would include shipping containers.

- a. Located to minimize visual, noise, odor, and physical impacts to pedestrians and residents;
- b. Paved with concrete and screened with materials or colors that match the building; and
- c. Located and configured so that the enclosure gate swing does not obstruct pedestrian or vehicle traffic nor require that a hauling truck project into any public rights-of-way.



**Trash/recycling closure with consistent use of materials and landscape screening.**

**2. Utility and Mechanical Equipment.**

- a. Equipment shall be located and designed to minimize its visibility to the public. Preferred locations are off alleys; service drives; within, atop, or under buildings; or other locations away from the street. Equipment shall not intrude into required pedestrian areas.



**Utilities consolidated and separated by landscaping elements.**

- b. All exterior mechanical equipment shall be screened from view by integration with the building's architecture through such elements as parapet walls, false roofs, roof wells,

clerestories, equipment rooms, materials and colors. Painting mechanical equipment as a means of screening is not permitted. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.92.50.250070 Building Design standards.**

**A. Purpose.**

- Emphasize quality building articulation, detailing, and durable materials.
- Reduce the apparent scale of buildings and add visual interest.
- Facilitate design that is responsive to the commercial and retail attributes of existing and permitted uses within the respective town center zone.

**B. Facade Articulation.**

1. All buildings ~~fronting facing Storefront Streets per Figure 20.92.030 streets other than State Routes~~ shall include one of the two articulation features set forth in subsections (B)(2)(a) and (b) of this section no more than every 40 lineal feet facing a street, parking lot, or public place. Building facades less than 60 feet wide are exempt from this standard.

Comment [p90]: Street category specific to TC



**Building Façade Storefront aArticulation**

2. All buildings ~~fronting along streets that are State Routes Boulevard Streets per Figure 20.92.030~~ shall include one of the two articulation features below no more than every 80 lineal feet facing a street, parking lot, or public place. Building facades less than 100 feet wide are exempt from this standard.



- a. For the height of the building, each facade shall be offset at least two feet in depth and four feet in width if combined with a change in siding materials. Otherwise, the facade offset shall be at least 10 feet deep and 15 feet wide.
  - b. Vertical piers at the ends of each facade section that project at least two inches from the facade and extend from the ground to the roofline.
3. All multifamily buildings or residential portion of a mixed-use building shall provide the following articulation features at least every 35 feet of facade facing a street, park, public place, or open space:
- a. Vertical building modulation 18 inches deep and four feet wide if combined with a change in color or building material. Otherwise, minimum depth of modulation is 10 feet and minimum width for each modulation is 15 feet. Balconies may be used to meet modulation; and
  - b. Distinctive ground or first floor facade, consistent articulation of middle floors, and a distinctive roofline or articulate on 35-foot intervals.



**Multifamily building articulation**



**Multifamily building articulation**

4. **Roofline Modulation.** Rooflines shall be modulated at least every 120 feet by emphasizing dormers, chimneys, stepped roofs, gables, or prominent cornices or walls. Rooftop

appurtenances are included as modulation. Modulation shall consist of a roofline elevation change of at least four feet every 50 feet of roofline.

- 5. **Maximum Facade.** For each 150 feet in length along the streetfront a building shall have a minimum 30-foot-wide section that is offset at least by 20 feet through all floors.



**Facade widths using a combination of facade modulation, articulation, and window design.**

- 6. **Windows.** Buildings shall recess or project individual windows above the ground floor at least two inches from the facade or use window trim at least four inches in width.



**Window trim design**

- 7. **Secondary Entry.** Weather protection at least three feet deep and four feet wide is required over each secondary entry.



**Covered secondary public access**

**8. Facade Materials.**

- a. Metal siding shall have visible corner moldings and trim and shall not extend lower than four feet above grade. Masonry, concrete, or other durable material shall be incorporated between the siding and the grade. Metal siding shall be factory finished, with a matte, non-reflective surface.



**Masonry or concrete near the ground and proper trimming around windows and corners.**

- b. A singular style, texture, or color of concrete block shall not comprise more than 50 percent of a facade facing a street or public space.



**The left image uses smooth gray blocks on the vertical columns and beige split-faced blocks above the awnings. The storefront in the right image uses gray split face and some lighter, square, smooth-faced blocks below the storefront windows.**

- c. Synthetic stucco must be trimmed and sheltered from weather by roof overhangs or other methods and is limited to no more than 50 percent of facades containing an entry and shall not extend below two feet above the grade.



**Concrete near the ground level and a variety of other surface materials on the facade.**

9. Prohibited Exterior Materials.

- a. ~~Mirrored glass, where used for more than 10 percent of the facade area.~~
- a. Chain-link fencing, unless screened from view and within limited areas approved by the Director under SMC [20.30.297](#). No razor, barbed, or cyclone material shall be allowed.
- b. Corrugated, fiberglass sheet products.
- c. Plywood siding.

Comment [p91]: Durable and can be OK – depends on the application.

~~C. Minimum space dimension for building interiors that are ground level and fronting on streets is 12-foot height and 20-foot depth. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).~~

**20.92.080 Sign design standards.**

Comment [p92]: Moved to Sign Chapter

A. Purpose.

- ~~Require signage that is both clear and of appropriate scale for the project.~~
- ~~Enhance the visual qualities of signage through the use of complementary sizes, materials, and methods of illumination.~~
- ~~Require signage that contributes to the character of Shoreline's town center commercial zones.~~

B. **Applicability.** The sign standards herein shall supplement the provisions of SMC [20.50.540](#). ~~Where there is a conflict, the provisions herein shall apply.~~

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C. **Permitted Illumination.**

1. ~~Channel lettering or individual backlit letters mounted on a wall, or individual letters placed on a raceway, where only light shines through the letters.~~
2. ~~Opaque cabinet signs where light only shines through letter openings.~~
3. ~~Shadow lighting, where letters are backlit, but light only shines through the edges of the letters.~~
4. ~~Neon signs.~~

## 5.—Externally lit signs.

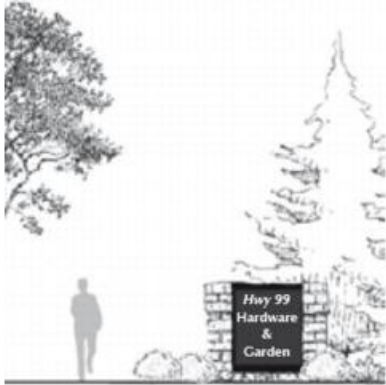


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## D.—Monument Signs.

- 1.— One sign is permitted per frontage, per property, regardless of the number of tenants. An additional monument sign is permitted on a property if the frontage length is greater than 250 feet and the signs are at least 150 feet apart.
- 2.— Use materials and architectural design elements that are consistent with the architecture of the buildings.
- 3.— Signs in Zone zones TC-3 when placed along Storefront Streets shall have a maximum height of six feet and a maximum area of 50 square feet per sign face.
- 4.— Signs in Zones zones TC-1 and TC-2 when placed along Boulevard Streets shall have a maximum height of 12 feet and a maximum area of 100 square feet per sign.
- 5.— Signs may be placed up to the front property line if sight distancing and public safety standards are met.
- 6.— Signs shall be set back from the side property lines at least 20 feet.



**Monument sign**

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**E. Building Signs.**

1. Each tenant or commercial establishment is allowed one building sign — wall, projecting, marquee, awning, or banner sign per facade that faces the adjacent streets or customer parking lot.
2. Building signs shall not cover windows, building trim, edges, or ornamentation.
3. Building signs may not extend above the parapet, soffit, the eave line, or on the roof of the building.
4. Each sign area shall not exceed 25 square feet for Zone zones TC-3 and 50 square feet for Zones zones TC-1 and TC-2.
5. The sign frame shall be concealed or integrated into the building's form, color, and material.



**Signs are centered on architectural features of the building**

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6. Projecting, banner, and marquee signs (above awnings) shall clear sidewalk by nine feet and not project beyond the awning extension or eight feet, whichever is less. These signs may project into public rights-of-way for storefront buildings, subject to City approval.



**Projecting sign**

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**F. Under-Awning Signs.**

1. Not extend within one foot of the awning outer edge and the building facade;
2. Minimum clearance of nine feet between the walkway and the bottom of the sign;
3. Not exceed two feet in height; and
4. One sign per business.



G. Window signs are exempt from permits but cannot exceed 25 percent of the window area.

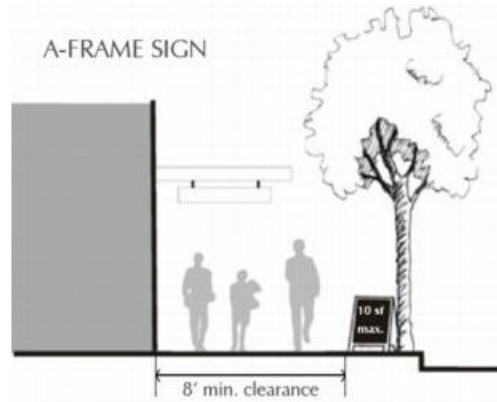


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**Under-awning signs**

H. **A-Frame or Standing Signs.**

1. One sign per business;
2. Must be directly in front of the business;
3. Cannot be located within the eight foot sidewalk clearance on designated Storefront Street and five feet on all other sidewalks and internal walkways;
4. Shall not be placed in landscaping, within two feet of the street curb where there is on-street parking, public walkways, or crosswalk ramps;
5. Shall not exceed six square feet per side; and



6. No lighting of signs is permitted.

**A-frame sign**

I. **Transition Overlay and Zone TC-4 Signs.** All signs in the transition overlay and Zone TC-4 shall meet residential sign standards of SMC 20.50.540(B).

J. **Prohibited Signs.**

- 1. Pole signs.
- 2. Billboards.
- 3. Electronic changing message or flashing signs.
- 4. Backlit awnings used as signs.
- 5. Other signs set forth in SMC 20.50.550. (Ord. 609 § 12 (Exh. B), 2011).

**20.50.220 Purpose.**

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards as follows:

- A. To encourage design of commercial, office, mixed-use, and institutional developments that will enhance the area with a greater sense of quality.
- B. To protect residential neighborhoods adjacent to commercial zones from intrusion in their privacy, character, and quality of life.
- C. To provide a pedestrian environment with amenities, visual interest, and safety features which encourage more people to use these areas. (Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(A), 2000).

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Comment [p94]: Delete entire existing Subchapter 4

## Subchapter 6. Parking, Access and Circulation

### 20.50.385 Thresholds – Required site improvements.

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. These provisions apply to all multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use construction and uses.

Full site improvements are required for parking, lighting, landscaping, walkways, storage space and service areas, and freestanding signs if a development proposal is:

- Completely new development;
- Expanding the square footage of an existing structure by 20 percent, as long as the original building footprint is a minimum size of 4,000 square feet; or
- The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.

Note: For thresholds related to off-site improvements, see Chapter SMC.

### 20.50.390 Minimum off-street parking requirements – Standards.

A. Off-street parking areas shall contain at a minimum the number of parking spaces stipulated in Tables 20.50.390A through 20.50.390D. All spaces shall be included in lease agreements.

**Table 20.50.390A – General Residential Parking Standards**

RESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
Single detached/townhouse:	2.0 per dwelling unit
Apartment:	
Studio units:	4.275 per dwelling unit
One-bedroom units:	4.575 per dwelling unit
Two-bedroom units:	1.58 per dwelling unit
Three-bedroom units:	2.0 per dwelling unit
Accessory dwelling units:	1.0 per dwelling unit
Mobile home park:	2.0 per dwelling unit

Comment [p95]: Redundant of 20.50

Comment [p96]: New standard to match Town Centers

**Table 20.50.390B – Special Residential Parking Standards**

RESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
Bed and breakfast guesthouse:	1 per guest room, plus 2 per facility
Community residential facilities:	1 per 2 units
Dormitory, including religious:	1 per 2 units
Hotel/motel, including organizational hotel/lodging:	1 per unit
Senior citizen assisted:	1 per 3 dwelling or sleeping units

**Table 20.50.390C – General Nonresidential Parking Standards**

NONRESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
General services uses:	1 per 300 square feet
Government/business services uses:	1 per 350 square feet
Manufacturing uses:	.9 per 1,000 square feet
Recreation/culture uses:	1 per 300 square feet
Regional uses:	(Director)
Retail trade uses:	1 per 340 square feet

Comment [p97]: New standard to match Town Centers

Note: Square footage in this subchapter refers to net usable area and excludes walls, corridors, lobbies, bathrooms, etc.

**Table 20.50.390D – Special Nonresidential Standards**

NONRESIDENTIAL USE	MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED
Bowling center:	2 per lane
Churches, synagogues, temples:	1 per 5 fixed seats, plus 1 per 50 square feet of gross floor area without fixed seats used for assembly purposes
Conference center:	1 per 3 fixed seats, plus 1 per 50 square feet used for assembly purposes without fixed seats, or 1 per bedroom, whichever results in the greater number of spaces
Construction and trade:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 1 per 3,000 square

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	feet of storage area
Courts:	3 per courtroom, plus 1 per 50 square feet of fixed-seat or assembly area
Daycare I:	2 per facility, above those required for the baseline of that residential area
Daycare II:	2 per facility, plus 1 for each 20 clients
Elementary schools:	1.5 per classroom
Fire facility:	(Director)
Food stores less than 15,000 square feet:	1 per 350 square feet
Funeral home/crematory:	1 per 50 square feet of chapel area
Gasoline service stations with grocery, no service bays:	1 per facility, plus 1 per 300 square feet of store
Gasoline service stations without grocery:	3 per facility, plus 1 per service bay
Golf course:	3 per hole, plus 1 per 300 square feet of clubhouse facilities
Golf driving range:	1 per tee
Heavy equipment repair:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.9 per 1,000 square feet of indoor repair area

**Table 20.50.390D – Special Nonresidential Standards (Continued)**

<b>NONRESIDENTIAL USE</b>	<b>MINIMUM SPACES REQUIRED</b>
High schools with stadium:	Greater of 1 per classroom plus 1 per 10 students, or 1 per 3 fixed seats in stadium
High schools without stadium:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 10 students
Home occupation:	In addition to required parking for the dwelling unit, 1 for any nonresident employed by the home occupation and 1 for patrons when services are rendered on-site.
Hospital:	1 per bed
Middle/junior high schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 50 students
Nursing and personal care facilities:	1 per 4 beds
Outdoor advertising services:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.9 per 1,000

	square feet of storage area
Outpatient and veterinary clinic offices:	1 per 300 square feet of office, labs, and examination rooms
Park/playfield:	(Director)
Police facility:	(Director)
Public agency archives:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet of storage area, plus 1 per 50 square feet of waiting/reviewing area
Public agency yard:	1 per 300 square feet of offices, plus 0.9 per 1,000 square feet of indoor storage or repair area
Restaurants:	1 per 75 square feet in dining or lounge area
Retail and mixed trade:	1 per 3400 square feet
Self-service storage:	1 per 3,500 square feet of storage area, plus 2 for any resident director's unit
Specialized instruction schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 2 students
Theater:	1 per 3 fixed seats
Vocational schools:	1 per classroom, plus 1 per 5 students
Warehousing and storage:	1 per 300 square feet of office, plus 0.5 per 1,000 square feet of storage area
Wholesale trade uses:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet
Winery/brewery:	0.9 per 1,000 square feet, plus 1 per 50 square feet of tasting area

d. Bicycle Rack – 1 space per 10,000 square foot of floor area.

**Comment [p98]:** No standards exist other than they should be included.

e. Reductions up to 25 percent may be approved by Director using combinations of the following criteria:

- i. On-street parking along the parcel's street frontage.
- ii. Shared parking agreement with adjoining parcels and land uses that do not have conflicting parking demand.
- iii. Commuter Trip reduction program per State law.
- iv. High-occupancy vehicle (HOV) and hybrid or electric vehicle (EV) parking.

**Comment [p99]:** CTR coordinator recommends deleted this because they are based on number of employees at a given business. Tenants/businesses in a location can change and they may not be subject to CTR in the future but the parking is inadequate.

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v. Conduit for future electric vehicle charging spaces equivalent to the number of required handicapped parking spaces.

vi. A transit stop within one-quarter-mile radius.

Comment [p100]: No light rail in commercial zones.

vii. A pedestrian public access easement that is 8 feet wide, safely lit and connects through a parcel between minimally two different rights-of-way. This easement may include other pedestrian facilities such as walkways and plazas.

Comment [p101]: Formally "Through Connections"

viii. In the event that the Director approves reductions in the parking requirement, the basis for the determination shall be articulated in writing.

ix. The Director may impose performance standards and conditions of approval on a project including a financial guarantee or participation in a future public or private parking facility within walking distance, a parking enforcement program, or other programs named above.

f. Reductions up to 50 percent may be approved by Director for the portion of housing providing Low-income Housing as defined by Housing and Urban Development.

### Subchapter 7. Landscaping

#### **20.50.455 Thresholds — Required site improvements.**

Comment [p102]: Redundant of 20.50

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. These provisions apply to all multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use construction and uses.

Full site improvements are required for parking, lighting, landscaping, walkways, storage space and service areas, and freestanding signs if a development proposal is:

- Completely new development;
- Expanding the square footage of an existing structure by 20 percent, as long as the original building footprint is a minimum size of 4,000 square feet; or
- The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.

Note: For thresholds related to off-site improvements, see Chapter 20.70 SMC (Ord. 581 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2010; Ord. 515 § 1, 2008; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002).

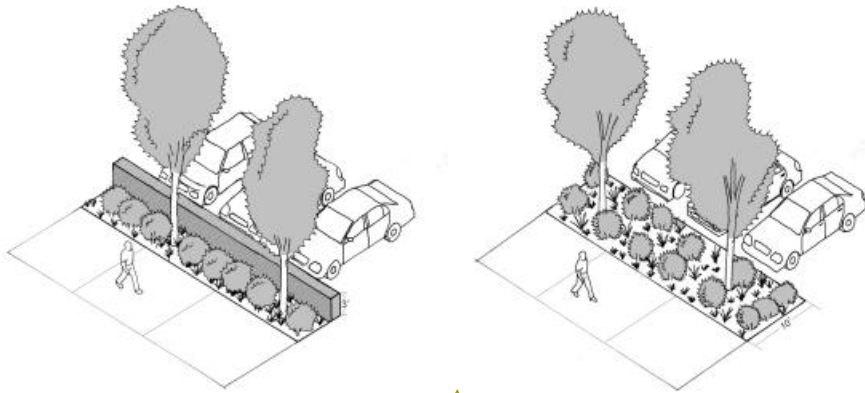
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**20.50.470 Street Frontage Landscaping—Standards.**

The following provisions shall supplement the landscaping standards set forth in Subchapter 7 of SMC 20.50.450. Where there is a conflict, the standards herein shall apply. All parking lots and loading areas shall meet the following requirements:

- A. Provide a five-foot wide, Type II landscape that incorporates a continuous masonry wall between three and four feet in height. The landscape shall be between the public sidewalk or residential units and the wall (see SMC 20.50.460 for details); or
- B. Provide at least 10-foot wide, Type II landscaping.
- C. Trees shall be placed interior to parking lots at a ratio of one every 10 parking spaces in curbed planters with a minimum dimension of five feet.
- D. All parking lots shall be separated from ground-level, residential development by the required setback and planted with Type I landscaping.



**2a. Parking lot planting buffer with low wall**

**2b. 10-foot parking lot buffer with Type II landscaping**

**E. Vehicle Display Areas Landscaping.** Shall be determined by the Director through Administrative Design Review under SMC 20.30.297. Subject to the Director's discretion to reduce or vary the depth, landscaped areas shall be at least 10 feet deep relative to the front property line. Vehicle display areas shall be framed by appropriate landscape construction materials along the front property line. While allowing that the vehicles on display remain plainly visible from the public rights-of-way, these materials shall be configured to create a clear visual

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Comment [p103]: A thru E transferred from TC standards

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break between the hardscape in the public rights-of-way and the hardscape of the vehicle display area. Appropriate landscape construction materials shall include any combination of low (three feet or less in height) walls or earthen berms with ground cover, shrubs, trees, trellises, or arbors.

~~A. A 10-foot width of Type II landscaping located on site along the front property line is required for all development including parking structures, surface parking areas, service areas, gas station islands, and similar paved surfaces. See SMC 20.50.470(D) for street frontage screening standards in the MUZ zone.~~

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Comment [p104]: New section above replaces this A.

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F. A 20-foot width of Type II landscaping located on site along the property line is required for nonresidential development including institutional and public facilities in residential zones.

~~GC. For buildings located consistent with the provisions of SMC 20.50.230,~~

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~~Exceptions to Table 20.50.230(1), the width of frontage landscaping between the building and the property line may be reduced in commercial zones if two-inch caliper street trees are provided. The maximum spacing shall be 40 feet on center. Institutional and public facilities may substitute 10 feet of the required 20 feet with street trees.~~

Comment [p105]: Street trees are now required in addition to frontage landscaping.

~~HD. All parking, outdoor storage, and equipment storage areas serving new development in the MUZ shall be screened from the public right-of-way. These uses shall be located behind buildings, within underground or structured parking, or behind a four-foot masonry wall with a 10-foot Type II landscape buffer between the wall and the property line. (Ord. 581 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2010; Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 7(B-2), 2000).~~

Comment [p106]: This is particular to MUZ. Screening and location are addressed in I.2.a and b

Comment [p107]: Wall treatment addressed above in 1.a.t

**20.50.500 Internal Landscaping for of surface pParking Aarea – Standards.**

Required parking area landscaping shall include landscape areas that are located in areas within or adjacent to parking areas. However, landscaping designed to meet perimeter landscaping requirements cannot also be used to meet parking lot landscaping requirements.

A. Multifamily developments with common parking areas shall provide planting areas in parking lots at the rate of 20 square feet per parking stall.

B. Commercial, office, industrial, or institutional developments shall provide landscaping at a rate of:

1. Twenty square feet per parking stall when 10 to 30 parking stalls are provided or;
2. Twenty-five square feet per parking stall when 31 or more parking stalls are provided.

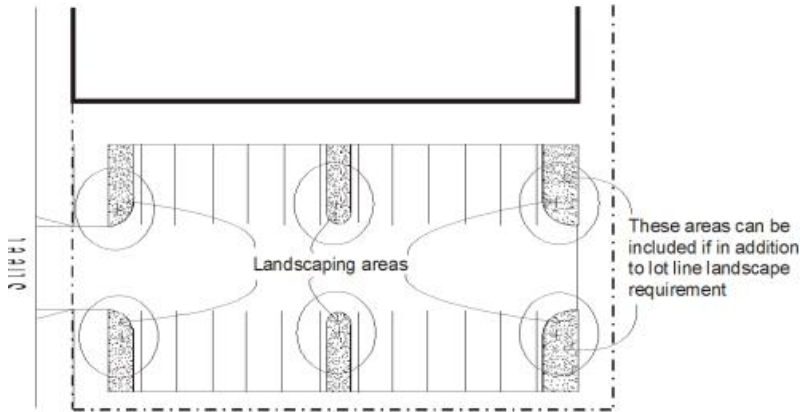


Figure 20.50.500(B): Example of parking area landscaping.

- C. Trees shall be provided and distributed throughout the parking area either on average uniformly, irregularly, or in groupings at a rate of one tree for every 10 parking stalls.
  - 1. ~~One tree for every five parking stalls for a commercial, office, or industrial development.~~
  - 2. ~~One tree for every 10 parking stalls for residential or institutional development.~~
- D. Permanent curbs or structural barriers shall be provided to protect shrub and trees from vehicle bumpers. Landscaping under vehicle overhang shall not be included in required landscape area calculations.
- E. Parking area landscaping shall consist of:
  - 1. At least 200 square feet with a narrow dimension of no less than eight feet.
  - 2. Shrubs planted from five-gallon containers or at 24 inches in height and spaced no more than four feet apart on center.
  - 3. Ground covers planted from minimally four-inch pots and spaced no more than 18 inches apart.
  - 4. Trees planted at least 1.5 inches caliper in size. (Ord. 238 Ch. V § 7(B-5), 2000).

Comment [p108]: One tree fro every 5 stalls is high in more intensely developed commercial zones.

Subchapter 8. Signs

Comment [p109]: Existing Sign Code with Commercial standards transferred from TC and some administrative adjustments.

**20.50.530 Purpose.**

The purposes of this subchapter are:

- A. To provide standards for the effective use of signs as a means of identification that enhances the aesthetics of business properties and, economic viability, ~~and safety of the commercial districts.~~
- B. To protect the public interest and safety by minimizing the possible adverse effects of signs on nearby properties and, traffic safety, ~~and aesthetic welfare~~ of the City.
- C. To establish regulations for the type, number, location, size, and lighting of signs which are complementary with the building use and compatible ~~harmonious~~ with their surroundings. (Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(A), 2000).

**20.50.532 Permit required.**

- A. Except as provided in this chapter, no temporary or permanent sign may be constructed, installed, posted, displayed or modified without first obtaining a sign permit approving the proposed sign's size, design, location, and display as provided for in this chapter.
- B. Normal and ordinary maintenance and repair, and changes to the graphics, symbols, or copy of a sign, without affecting the size, structural design or height may be exempt from obtaining a permit. Exempt changes to the graphics, symbols or copy of a sign must meet the standards for permitted illumination.
- C. Sign applications that propose to depart from the standards of this section must receive an Administrative Design Review approval for all signs on the property as a sign package per section 20.30.297

**20.50.535 Thresholds — Required site signage improvements.**

Full site improvements are required for signs if a development proposal is:

- ~~• Completely new development; or~~
- ~~• The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.~~

~~Any portion of the existing development signage that is proposed to be improved below the above threshold shall be consistent with this chapter (Ord. 581 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2010; Ord. 515 § 1, 2008; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002).~~

**20.50.540 Sign.**

**A. Sight Distance.**

No sign shall be located or designed to interfere with sight distance visibility required by the City of Shoreline for the safe movement of pedestrians, bicycles, and vehicles.

**B. Private Signs on City Right-of-Way.**

No signs shall be located partially or completely in a public right-of-way unless a Right-of-Way Site permit has been approved, except as allowed per Exception 20.50.550(B)(1) or 20.50.610 and consistent with SMC Chapter 12.15.

**Comment [jn110]:** Reorganized so that all general standards come first then standards for specific types of signs.

**Comment [jn111]:** Creates cross reference with ROW regulations.

**CB. Sign Copy Area Calculation.**

Calculation of signage area per sign face may be done using a combination of rectilinear and triangular shapes that will enclose each logical portion of the signage (such as words, phrases, logos and symbols), at intervals using full inches of not less than six inches. The sign area calculations of cabinet signs must include the whole cabinet if fully illuminated. Symbols that are a commercial message that directly call attention to and identify a business or service are considered sign copy. Sign area for signs that project out from a building or are perpendicular to street frontage are measured on one side even though both sides can have copy.

**Comment [jn112]:** Added based on AO 301063 and 000029-091801.

**DC. Building Addresses.**

Building addresses should be installed on all buildings consistent with 20.70.250(C) and will not be counted as sign copy area.

**Comment [jn113]:** Clarification added for existing standards in 20.50.540(E) and 20.50.610(A)

**ED. Materials and Design.**

Use of materials and architectural design elements that are consistent with the architecture of the buildings is required. All signs, except temporary signs, must be constructed of durable, maintainable materials. Signs that are made of materials that deteriorate quickly or that feature impermanent construction are not permitted for permanent signage. For example, plywood or plastic sheets without a sign face overlay or without a frame to protect exposed edges are not permitted for permanent signage.

**Comment [jn114]:** Standard from town center (20.92.080(D)(2)) added to existing (20.50.540(C)).

**Comment [p115]:** Impractical. Proposed new standards address design enough.

**FE. Permitted Illumination.**

Where illumination is permitted per Table 20.50.540(F) the following standards must be met:

**Comment [jn116]:** Standards from Town center (20.92.080(C)) added to existing standard for illumination.

1. Channel lettering or individual backlit letters mounted on a wall, or individual letters placed on a raceway, where only light shines through the copy letters.
2. Opaque cabinet signs where light only shines through copy letter openings.
3. Shadow lighting, where letters are backlit, but light only shines through the edges of the copy letters.
4. Neon signs.
5. Externally lit signs. All externally illuminated signs shall shield adjacent properties from direct lighting.
6. No commercial sign shall be illuminated after 11:00 p.m. unless the commercial enterprise is open for business and then may remain on only as long as the enterprise is open.



Individual backlit letters (left image), opaque signs where only the light shines through the letters (center image), and neon signs (right image).

(Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 352 § 1, 2004; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(B), 2000).

**F. Table.**

**Table 20.50.540F – Standards for Signs**

A property may use a combination of the four types of signs listed below.

	All Residential (R) Zones, Campus, PA3 and TC-4	NB, CB, and TC-3 (1)	AB, TC-1 and TC-2
<b>MONUMENT SIGNS:</b>			
Maximum Area Per Sign Face	4 sq. ft. (home-occupation, day care, adult family home, bed and breakfast) 25 sq. ft. (nonresidential use, residential subdivision or multifamily development) 32 sq. ft. (schools and parks)	50 sq. ft.	100 sq. ft.
Maximum Height	42 inches	6 feet	12 feet
Maximum Number Permitted	1 per street frontage	1 per street frontage Two per street frontage if the frontage is greater than 250 ft. and each sign is minimally 150 ft. apart from other signs on same property.	
Illumination	External only: Maximum 6 feet from the sign face	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)	
<b>BUILDING-MOUNTED SIGNS:</b>			
Maximum Sign Area	Same as for Monument Signs	25 sq. ft. (each tenant) Building Directory 10 sq. ft. Building Name Sign 25 sq. ft.	50 sq. ft. (each tenant) Building Directory 10 sq. ft. Building Name Sign 25 sq. ft.

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Maximum Height	Not to extend above the building parapet, soffit, or eave line of the roof.	
Number Permitted	1 per street frontage	1 per business per facade facing street frontage or parking lot.
Illumination	<del>External illumination only</del>	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)
<b>UNDER-AWNING SIGNS:</b>		
Maximum Sign Area	6 sq. ft. (Nonresidential uses, schools, residential subdivision, or multifamily development)	12 sq. ft.
Minimum Clearance from Grade	9 feet	
Maximum Height (ft.)	Not to extend above <u>or beyond</u> the awning, canopy, or other overhanging feature of a building under which the sign is suspended. -	
Number Permitted	1 per business	1 per business per facade facing street frontage or parking lot.
Illumination	Prohibited	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)
<b>DRIVEWAY ENTRANCE/EXIT:</b>		
Maximum Sign Area	4 sq. ft. Nonresidential uses, schools, residential subdivision or multifamily development	8 sq. ft.
Maximum Height	42 inches	48 inches
Number Permitted	1 per driveway	
Illumination	Prohibited	Permitted consistent with 20.50.540(H)

**Comment [jn117]:** Changed because projecting signs serve function of other types of building mounted signs except when located under awnings which are oriented towards pedestrians.

**Comment [jn118]:** These are quite small, especially if the size/height is not increased in commercial zones. These could be exempted from permit requirements as other cities do. Additional copy area proposed because A-frame signs are currently larger than what is allowed in commercial zones and some businesses are using multiple A-frame as driveway signs.

Exceptions to Table 20.50.540(F):

- (1) The monument sign standards for AB, TC-1, and TC-2 apply on properties zoned NB, CB, and TC-3 where the parcel has frontage on a State Route, including SR 99, 104, 522, and 523.
- (2) Signs mounted on fences or retaining wall may be substituted for building-mounted or monument signs so long as it meets the standards for that sign type and does not increase the total amount of allowable signage for the property.

**Comment [jn119]:** Proposed change that allows for larger monument signs on state routes regardless of commercial zone.

**Comment [jn120]:** Based on code interpretation AO 000106-032309.

**G. Window Signs.**

**Comment [jn121]:** Replaced by ADR process.

**Comment [jn122]:** Moved to Materials and Design section above.

Window signs are permitted to occupy maximum 25 percent of the total window area in zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3. Window signs are exempt from permit if non-illuminated and do not require a permit under the building code.

H. **A-frame Signs.**

A-frame, or sandwich board, signs are exempt from permit but allowed only in the NB, CB, AB, and TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3 zones subject to the following standards:

1. Maximum one sign per business;
2. Must be directly in front of the business with the businesses name and may be located on the City Right-of-Way where the property on which the business is located has street frontage;
3. Cannot be located within the required clearance for sidewalks and internal walkways as defined for the specific street classification or internal circulation requirements;
4. Shall not be placed in landscaping, within two feet of the street curb where there is on-street parking, public walkways, or crosswalk ramps;
5. Maximum two feet wide and three feet tall, not to exceed six square feet in area;
6. No lighting of these signs is permitted;
7. Must be located next to the curb edge of a sidewalk in such manner so as not to interfere with the opening of parking car door;
8. All signs shall be professionally manufactured, maintained in good repair, and no attachments to the signs are permitted;
7. All signs shall be removed from display when the business closes each day; and
8. A-frame/sandwich board signs are not considered structures or uses and are exempt from site permit or right-of-way site permit requirements.

**Comment [jn123]:** I want to add something that would require review of illuminated window signs or signs that need to be structurally reviewed. i.e. Fred Meyer or Wallgreens. Not sure if this is worded well.

**Comment [jn124]:** Moved from being an exception the portable sign prohibition with additions of clarification currently in AO 000099-080207. Additional standards added based on similar codes of other jurisdictions.

**20.50.550 Prohibited Signs.**

A. Spinning devices; flashing lights; searchlights; electronic changing message or reader board signs.

Exception 20.50.550(A)(1): Traditional barber pole signs allowed only in NB, CB, AB and TC-1, 2 and 3 zones.

Exception 20.50.550(A)(2): Electronic changing message or reader boards are permitted in CB and AB zones if they do not have moving messages or messages that change or animate at intervals less than 20 seconds, which will be considered blinking or flashing and are not allowed.

B. Portable signs, except A-frame signs as allowed by 20.50.540(H) above.

**Comment [jn125]:** Moved to Building Addresses section above.

**Comment [jn126]:** This is covered under A above. Proposal is that no setback required except as necessary for sig distance and safety.

**Comment [jn127]:** Moved to Permitted Illumination section above.

**Comment [jn128]:** Added for clarification.

**Comment [jn129]:** This is a current practice not documented in an AO or code, but originates from Council direction a number of years ago. 20 second timeframe is consistent with Edmonds, but hard to enforce.

~~C. Off-site identification and signs advertising products not sold on premises.~~

~~C.D. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards).~~

~~DE. Signs mounted on the roof.~~

~~EF. Pole signs.~~

~~EG. Backlit awnings used as signs.~~

~~GH. Pennants; swooper flags; feather flags; pole banners; inflatables; and signs mounted on vehicles. (Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 369 § 1, 2005; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(C), 2000).~~

**Comment [jn130]:** Exception was confusing and difficult to administer and has only been used in one instance. This type of flexibility could be addressed through ADR.

**Comment [jn131]:** Additions from Town Center standards (20.92.080(J)).

**20.50.560 Monument Signs.**

A. Design.

1. A solid, appearing-base is required under at least 75 percent of sign width from the ground to the base of the sign or the sign itself may start at grade.
2. Monument signs must be double-sided if the back is visible from the street.
3. Use materials and architectural design elements that are consistent with the architecture of the buildings.

**Comment [jn132]:** Sight distance and safety provisions under 20.50.540(A) would determine whether any setback is required. Distance from internal property lines is regularly waived and there doesn't seem to be a reason to require this setback.

~~B. Landscaping.~~

1. ~~Provide a perimeter strip of low shrubs or floral displays at least two feet wide around the base of the sign or a four-foot wide strip of lawn or an alternate landscaping scheme as approved. (Ord. 352 § 1, 2004; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(D-1), 2000).~~

**20.50.570 Building-Mounted Signs.**

A. Design.

1. Building signs shall not cover windows, building trim, ~~edges,~~ or ornamentation.
2. ~~The sign frame shall be concealed or integrated into the building's form, color, and material.~~

B. Clearance.

1. Projecting, awning, canopy, and marquee signs (above awnings) shall clear sidewalk by nine feet and not project beyond the awning extension or eight feet, whichever is less. These signs may project into public rights-of-way ~~for storefront buildings,~~ subject to City approval.

**Comment [jn133]:** Proposed to remove this type of sign. Pole signs now proposed as prohibited. Consideration of larger monument signs to accommodate multiple tenants could be proposed through Administrative Design review for departures.

**20.50.580 Under-Awning signs.**

A. Clearance.

1. These signs may project into public rights-of-way ~~for storefront buildings,~~ subject to City approval.
2. ~~Sign may not extend within one foot of the awning outer edge and the building facade.~~

**Comment [jn134]:** Deleted because not currently in Town Center standards and is awkward to administer. We may want to consider some form of multi-tenant bonus but I don't have a good example yet.

**20.50.590-590 Nonconforming Signs.**



A. Nonconforming signs shall not be altered in size, shape, height, location, or structural components without being brought to compliance with the requirements of this Code. Repair and maintenance are allowable, but may require a sign permit if structural components require repair or replacement.

**Comment [jn135]:** Clarification suggested to make this provision easier to administer.

B. Outdoor advertising signs (billboards) now in existence are declared nonconforming and may remain subject to the following restrictions:

1. Shall not be increased in size or elevation, nor shall be relocated to another location.

2. Shall be kept in good repair and maintained in a neat, clean, attractive, and safe condition. Grounds surrounding a billboard shall be kept free of debris, litter, and unsightly vegetation.

3. ~~Removal.~~ Any outdoor advertising sign not meeting this Code shall be removed within 30 days of the date when an order by the City to remove such sign is given. (Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(E), 2000).

**20.50.600 Temporary signs.**

**Comment [jn136]:** Currently, most businesses ignore our temporary sign regulations because of the excessive permit cost. This leaves code enforcement with little basis on which to enforce these provisions. There were also no guidance regarding size or number of temporary signs. This is meant to allow one free sign of 32 sf and if more are desired then a temporary use permit can be applied for. Proposed code is based on a variety of temporary sign codes in the region.

A. General Requirements. Certain temporary signs not exempted by SMC 20.50.540(G-H) or 20.50.610 shall be allowable under the conditions listed below. All signs shall be non-illuminated. Any of the signs or objects included in this section are illegal if they are not securely attached, create either a visual or a traffic hazard, or are not maintained in good condition. No temporary or special signs shall be posted or placed upon public property unless explicitly allowed or approved by the City through the applicable Right-of-way Way Permit. Except as otherwise described under this section, no permit is necessary for allowed temporary signs. Temporary signs are not allowed to continually advertise goods, services or events on a site.

B. Temporary On-Premises Business Signs. Temporary banners are permitted in zones NB, CB, AB, TC-1, TC-2, and TC-3 to announces sales or special events such as grand openings, or prior to the installation of permanent business signs. Such temporary business signs shall:

- 1. Be limited to not more than one sign per business;
- 2. Be limited to 32 square feet in area;
- 3. Not be displayed for a period to exceed a total of 60 calendar days effective from the date of installation and not more than four such 60 day periods are allowed in any 12-month period; and
- 4. Be removed immediately upon conclusion of the sale, event or installation of the permanent business signage.

C. Construction Signs. Banner or rigid signs (such as plywood or plastic) identifying the architects, engineers, contractors or other individuals or firms involved with the construction of a building ~~and~~ announce the character of the building or purpose for which the building is intended. Total signage area for both new construction and remodeling shall be a maximum of 32 square feet. Signs shall be installed only upon City approval of the ~~site~~ development permit, new construction or tenant

improvement permit and shall be removed within seven days of final inspection completion of construction or expiration of the building permit.

- D. Temporary signs in commercial zones not allowed under this section and which are not explicitly prohibited may be considered for approval under a Temporary Use Permit under 20.30.295 or as part of Administrative Design Review for a comprehensive signage plan for the site.

**20.50.610 Exempt signs.**

The following are exempt from the provisions of this chapter, except that all exempt signs must comply with 20.50.540(A) Sight Distance:

- A. Historic site markers or plaques, and gravestones.
- B. Signs required by law, including but not limited to:
  1. Official or legal notices issued and posted by any public agency or court; or
  2. Traffic directional or warning signs.
- C. Plaques, tablets or inscriptions indicating the name of a building, date of erection, or other commemorative information, which are an integral part of the building structure or are attached flat to the face of the building, are not illuminated, and do not exceed four square feet in surface area.
- D. Incidental signs, which shall not exceed two square feet in surface area; provided, that said size limitation shall not apply to signs providing directions, warnings or information when established and maintained by a public agency.
- E. State or Federal flags.
- F. Religious symbols.
- G. The flag of a commercial institution, provided no more than one flag is permitted per business premises; and further provided, the flag does not exceed 20 square feet in surface area.
- H. Neighborhood identification signs with approved placement and design by the City.
- I. Neighborhood and business block watch signs with approved placement of standardized signs acquired through the City of Shoreline Police Department.
- J. Plaques, signs or markers for landmark tree designation with approved placement and design by the City.
- L. Real estate signs not exceeding four (4) square feet and five (5) feet in height in residential zones and 24 square feet and seven (7) feet in height in commercial zones located on subject parcel(s), not on City Right-of-Way. A single fixed sign may be located on the property to be sold, rented or leased, and shall be removed within seven days from the completion of the sale, lease or rental transaction.

**Comment [jn137]:** Based on code for Kirkland. Don't know if it is compatible with the rest of our code enforcement regulations. May also want to consider reviewing enforcement provisions for permanent signs.

**Comment [jn138]:** Added exemptions that are applied in practice but are not explicitly stated in current code. Should parks signs be exempt as well? Campaign signs? **Haven't drafted parks language yet based on our last meeting.**

**Comment [jn139]:** This is in the proposed Permit Required section. Redundant to keep it here.

**Comment [jn140]:** No provisions currently existing for commercial real estate signs such as vacancy or for sale. Cost of temporary sign permit is excessive for this type of sign which does not usually require structural review.

- M. City-sponsored event signs up for no more than two weeks.
  - N. Gateway signs constructed in compliance with the Gateway Policy and Guideline Manual.
  - O. Parks signs constructed in compliance with the Parks Sign Design Guidelines and Installation Details as approved by the Parks Board and Planning & Community Development Director. Departures from these approved guidelines may be reviewed as departures through the Administrative Design Review process and may require a sign permit for installation.
  - O. One sign maximum for home occupations, day cares, adult family homes and bed and breakfasts which are located in residential (R) zones or TC-4 not exceeding four (4) square feet in area. It may be mounted on the residence, fence or freestanding on the property, but must be located on the subject property and not on the City Right-of-Way or adjacent parcels.
  - P. Garage sale signs not exceeding four square feet per sign face and not advertising for a period longer than 48 hours.
  - Q. City land-use public notification signs.
  - R. Menu signs of an appropriate scale used only in conjunction with drive-through windows, and which contains a price list of items for sale at that drive-through establishment. Menu signs cannot be used to advertise the business to passersby: text and logos must be of a size that can only be read by drive-through customers and that cannot be read from public property. A building permit may be required for menu signs based on the size of the structure proposed.
- (Ord. 319 § 1, 2003; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 8(G), 2000).

**Comment [jn141]:** Added to address parks signage issues.

**Comment [jn142]:** These signs are so small that most cost less than the cost of a sign permit to make and put extra cost burden on small home businesses.

**Comment [jn143]:** Are currently exempted as a matter of practice. These suggested changes are intended to formalize this policy.

## Chapter 20.70

### Engineering and Utilities Development Standards

#### Subchapter 4. Required Improvements

##### 20.70.320 Frontage Improvements

- A. Frontage Improvements shall be upgraded or installed pursuant to standards set forth in the Transportation Master Plan Street Classification Map, the Master Street Plan adopted in Chapter 12.10 SMC and the Engineering Development Manual for the specific street which is substandard to satisfy adequate public roadways required for subdivisions by Chapter 58.17 RCW and Chapter 20.30 SMC, Subchapter 7, and to mitigate direct impacts of land use approvals.
- B. Standard frontage improvements consist of curb, gutter, sidewalk, amenity zone and landscaping, drainage improvements and pavement overlays up to on-half of each right-of-way abutting a property as defined in the Master Street Plan. Additional improvements may be required to ensure safe movement of traffic, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit and non-motorized vehicles. The improvements can include transit bus shelters, bus pullouts, utility undergrounding, street lighting signage and channelization.
- C. Frontage improvements are required when:

1. Building construction valuation for a permit exceeds 50 percent of the current County assessed or an appraised valuation of all existing structure(s) on the parcel. This shall include all structures on other parcels if the building under permit review extends into other parcels; or
2. Building construction valuations of permits issued within a five-year period since March XX, 2013 accumulate to exceed 50 percent of the County assessed or an appraised value of the existing structure(s). The valuation is determined by the first permit issued within the 5-year period.
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3. Subdivisions; or
4. Development consisting of more than one dwelling unit on a single parcel.

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D. Exemptions to frontage improvements are limited to:

1. Subdivision, short plats, and binding site plans where all of the lots are fully developed.
2. Instances where the street will be improved as a whole through a Capital Improvement Project or Local Improvement District within 5 years of permit issuance. In such cases, a contribution may be made and calculated based on the improvements that would be required of the development. Contributed funds shall be directed to the City's capital project fund and shall be used for the capital project and offset future assessments on the property resulting from an LID. An LID "no-protest" commitment shall also be recorded. Right-of-Way dedication will also be required. Adequate interim levels of improvements for public safety shall be required.

E. All improvements required under this chapter shall be designed and constructed in accordance with the Engineering Development Manual. Deviation from the Engineering Development Manual may be considered through a deviation process as set forth in SMC 20.30.290.

F. Required improvements shall be installed by the applicant prior to final approval or occupancy.

G. For subdivisions the improvements shall be completed prior to the final plat approval. A bond or other surety may be allowed as provide for in SMC 20.30.440 in lieu of completion of all improvements.

~~B.—~~ Frontage improvements are required for:

1. ~~All new multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use construction;~~

2. ~~Remodeling or additions to multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use buildings or conversions to these uses that increase floor area by 20 percent or greater, as long as the original building footprint is a minimum of 4,000 square feet, or any alterations or repairs which exceed 50 percent of the value of the previously existing and structure;~~

~~B.—— The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for frontage improvements standards apply to an application for all multifamily and nonresidential construction. Standard frontage improvements consist of curb, gutter, sidewalk, amenity zone and landscaping, drainage improvements, and pavement overlay to one-half of each right-of-way abutting a property as~~

defined for the specific street classification. Additional improvements may be required to ensure safe movement of traffic, including pedestrians, bicycles, transit, and nonmotorized vehicles. The improvements can include transit bus shelters, bus pullouts, utility undergrounding, street lighting, signage, and channelization

## Existing Commercial / Mixed Use Development Standards – Deleted and Replaced

### ~~20.50.220 Purpose.~~

The purpose of this subchapter is to establish standards as follows:

- A. To encourage design of commercial, office, mixed-use, and institutional developments that will enhance the area with a greater sense of quality.
- B. To protect residential neighborhoods adjacent to commercial zones from intrusion in their privacy, character, and quality of life.
- C. To provide a pedestrian environment with amenities, visual interest, and safety features which encourage more people to use these areas. (Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(A), 2000).

### ~~20.50.225 Thresholds – Required site improvements.~~

The purpose of this section is to determine how and when the provisions for site improvement cited in the General Development Standards apply to development proposals. These provisions apply to all multifamily, nonresidential, and mixed-use construction and uses.

Full site improvements are required for parking, lighting, landscaping, walkways, storage space and service areas, and freestanding signs if a development proposal is:

- Completely new development;
- Expanding the square footage of an existing structure by 20 percent, as long as the original building footprint
- is a minimum size of 4,000 square feet; or
- The construction valuation is 50 percent of the existing site and building valuation.

Note: For thresholds related to off-site improvements, see Chapter 20.70 SMC. (Ord. 581 § 1 (Ex. 1), 2010; Ord. 515 § 1, 2008; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002).

### ~~20.50.230 Site planning – Setbacks and height – Standards.~~

~~Table 20.50.230 – Dimensions for Commercial Development in Commercial Zones~~

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Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parentheses and described below.

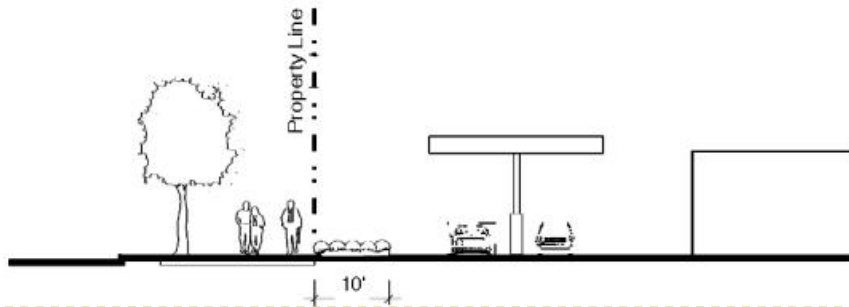
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Exceptions to Table 20.50.230:

(1) — Front yard setback may be reduced to zero feet if adequate street improvements are available or room for street improvements is available in the street right-of-way.

— **Front Yard (Street) Setback:** Residential developments (excluding mixed-use developments), parking structures, surface parking areas, service areas, gas station islands, and similar paved surfaces shall have a minimum 10-foot-wide, fully landscaped separation measured from the back of the sidewalk.

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Example of landscaped setback between the sidewalk and a gas station.

(2) — Underground parking may extend into any required setbacks, provided it is landscaped at the ground level.

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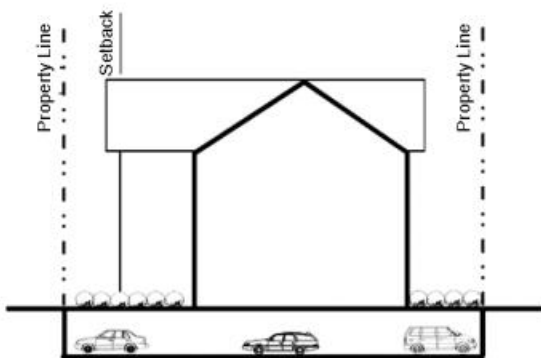
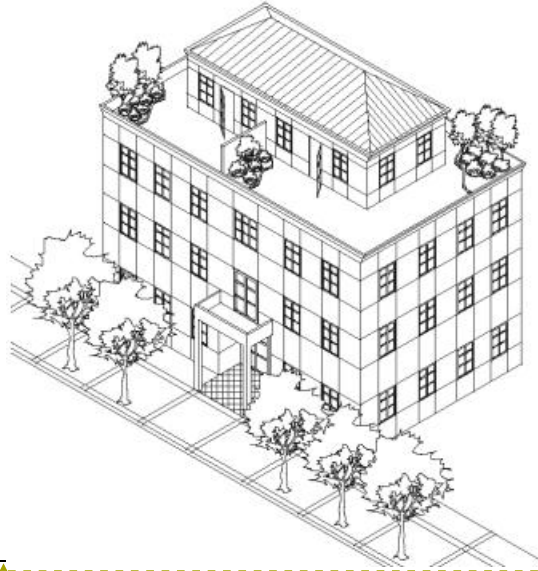


Diagram of multifamily structure with underground parking within a required setback.

(3) — Bonus for mixed-use development in NB and O zones: In order to provide flexibility in types of housing and to meet the policies of the Comprehensive Plan, the base height may be increased for mixed-use development to four stories or up to 50 feet, if the added story is stepped back from the third story walls at least eight feet, and subject to the following requirement:

Residential dwelling units shall occupy a minimum of 25 percent to a maximum of 90 percent of the total



floor area of the building.

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Example of bonus floor for mixed-use development.

(4) — See SMC Table 20.50.020(2), Exception (2), for transition area requirements for CB or I development abutting R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones or across the street rights-of-way from R-4, R-6, or R-8 zones.

(5) — See SMC 20.50.021 for transition area requirements for MUZ development.

(6) — Except as further restricted by SMC Table 20.50.020(2), Exception (2), the following structures may be erected above the height limits in all zones:

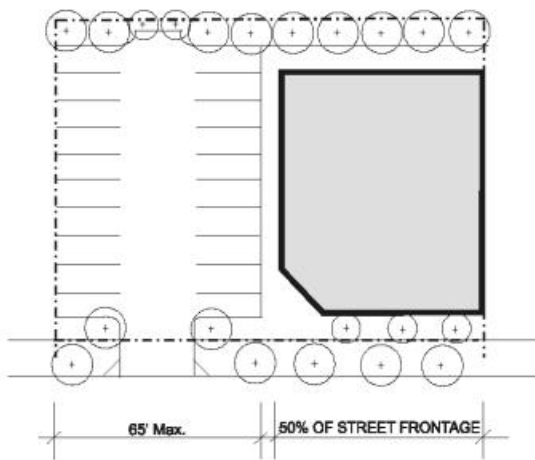
a. — Roof structures housing or screening elevators, stairways, tanks, ventilating fans, or similar equipment required for building operation and maintenance, fire or parapet walls, skylights, flagpoles, chimneys, utility lines, towers, and poles; provided, that no structure shall be erected more than 15 feet above the height limit of the district, whether such structure is attached or freestanding;

b.—Steeple, crosses, and spires when integrated as an architectural element of a building may be erected up to 18 feet above the base height of the district;

c.—Base height for high schools in all zoning districts except R-4 is 50 feet. Base height may be exceeded by gymnasiums to 55 feet and for theater fly spaces to 72 feet. (Ord. 560 § 4 (Exh. A), 2009; Ord. 536 § 1, 2009; Ord. 531 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2009; Ord. 500 § 1, 2008; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(B-1), 2000).

**20.50.240 Site planning – Street frontage – Standards.**

A.—At least 50 percent of the commercial, office, institutional, or mixed-use development street frontage shall be occupied by buildings. No more than 65 linear feet of street frontage shall be occupied by parking lot.



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Figure 20.50.240(A): Example of parking width restriction and street frontage requirement.

Exception 20.50.240(A)(1): In order to form an outdoor plaza or courtyard with a clear walkway connecting the sidewalk to the building entry, the 50 percent building street frontage may be reduced.



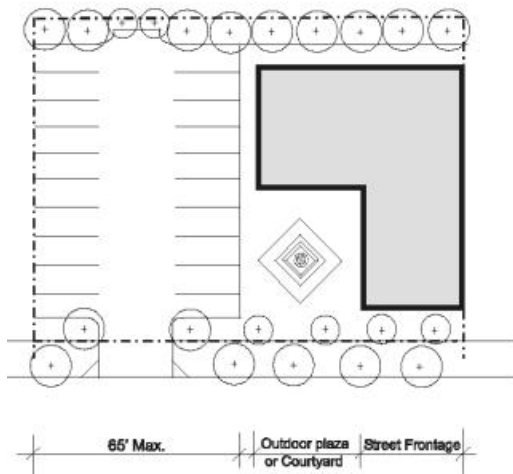
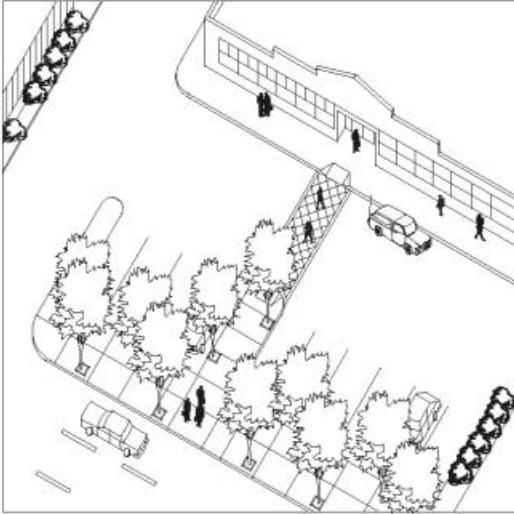


Figure Exception to 20.50.240(A)(1): Example of reduction of the building frontage in order to create an outdoor plaza.

Exception 20.50.240(A)(2): In case of a building that is exclusively either drive-through service, gas station, vehicle repair, vehicle dealership, warehouse or storage, pedestrian access may be created by connecting design elements to the street. Such alternative shall provide pedestrian access through parking areas to building entrances and to adjoining pedestrian ways that are visible and direct, and minimize crossing of traffic lanes. Such pedestrian accesses through parking shall provide the following elements:

1. Vertical plantings, such as trees or shrubs;
2. Texture, pattern, or color to differentiate and maximize the visibility of the pedestrian path;
3. Emphasis on the building entrance by landscaping and/or lighting, and avoiding location of parking spaces directly in front of the entrance.
4. The pedestrian walkway or path shall be raised three to six inches above grade in a tapered manner similar to a speed table.

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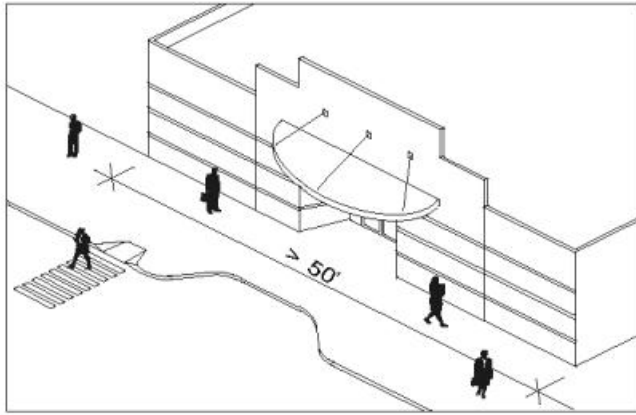


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Figure Exception to 20.50.240(A)(2): Example of design elements to connect the building frontage to a street across a parking area.

Exception 20.50.240(A)(3): Properties that have less than 80 feet of street frontage and no other access other than through the street frontage are exempt from the requirements for 50 percent building frontage; however, the building facade shall front on the street.

B.—Facades longer than 50 feet (measured horizontally along the facade) shall incorporate relief to perceived building mass through such features as wall projections or recesses, projecting windows, entrances, or other visual relief. The doorways on buildings abutting or within three feet of the sidewalk shall be recessed in order to avoid conflicts with pedestrians.

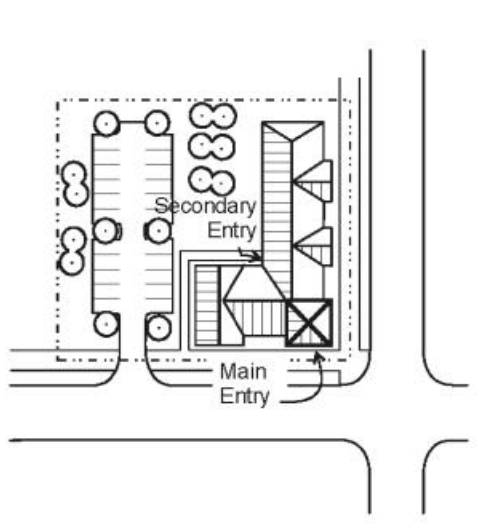


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Figure 20.50.240(B): Recessed building entrance provides a relief to a facade.

Exception to 20.50.240(B): Walls that are only visible from service areas and not from abutting properties or public street. (Example: loading dock area which is in back of the building, separated by landscaping from adjacent property.)

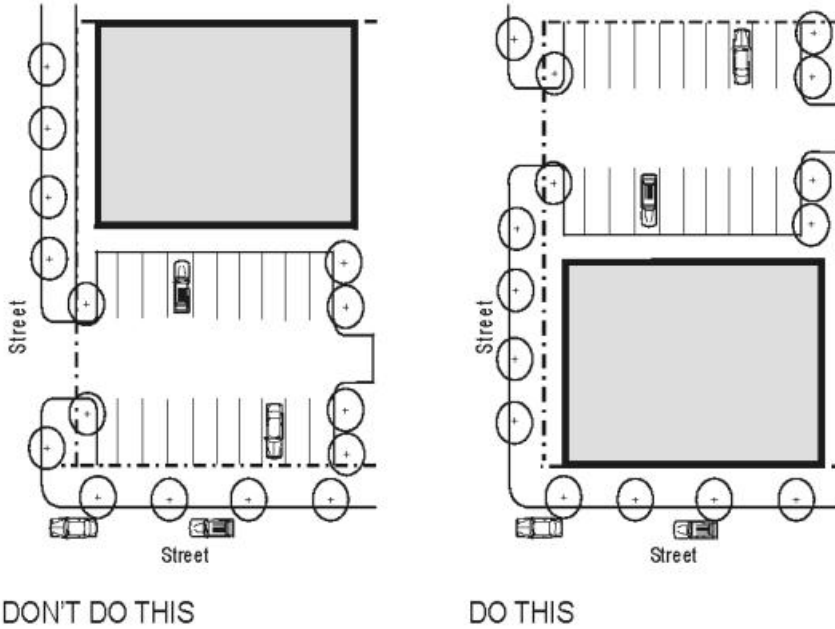
C. Orientation of entrances to a connecting sidewalk: At least one main entrance of any commercial or mixed-use building shall face directly onto a sidewalk along a street. Entrances shall be physically and visually inviting. They should be emphasized with special landscaping, paving, recessed from the facade surface, or lighting.



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Figure 20.50.240(C): The main building entrance shall face a street.

D.— Parking lots shall not be located on a corner facing an intersection.

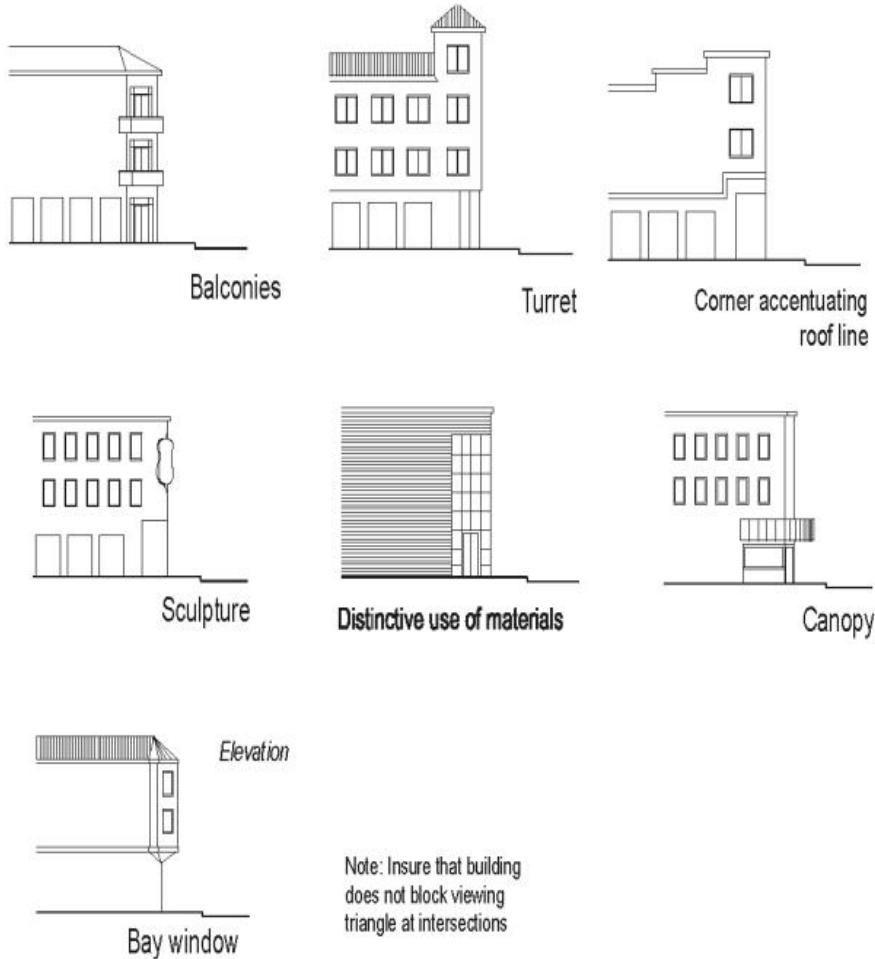


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Figure 20.50.240(D): Parking shall not be located on a street corner.

E.— New buildings located within 15 feet of the property line at the intersection of two public streets shall accentuate the building corner facing the intersection by including architectural treatment that emphasizes

the corner, such as:



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Figure 20.50.240(E): Examples of architectural treatment of corners.

(Ord. 515 § 1, 2008; Ord. 299 § 1, 2002; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(B-2), 2000).

**20.50.250 Pedestrian and bicycle circulation – Standards.**

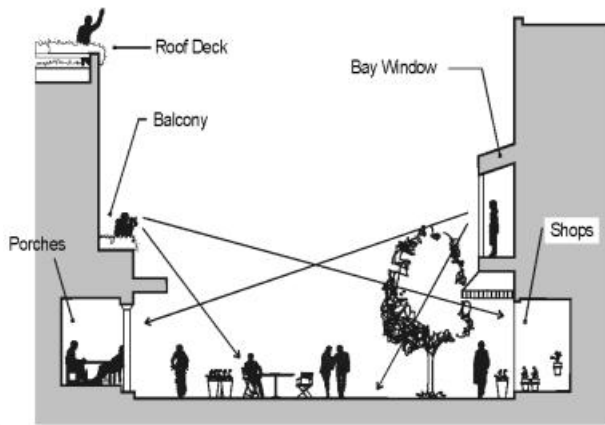
A.—Pedestrian and bicycle access shall be incorporated to and through all developments where the total site area exceeds 28,000 square feet (half a City block).

B.— Minimize curb cuts for vehicle access that will disrupt pedestrian and/or bicycle flow, and provide shared driveway for access where possible.

C.— Include bicycle racks into all commercial, office, institutional, and mixed-use developments.

D.— Avoid site configurations with entrapment areas such as dead-end pathways where a pedestrian could be trapped by an aggressor.

E.— Ensure that the site and buildings provide site lines that allow observation of outdoor spaces by building occupants. Site buildings so that windows, balconies and entries overlook pedestrian routes and parking areas and allow for informal surveillance of these areas, where possible.



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Figure 20.50.250(E): Example of how building facades and the outdoor space complement each other. (The building facade has balconies, bay windows, decks, etc.)

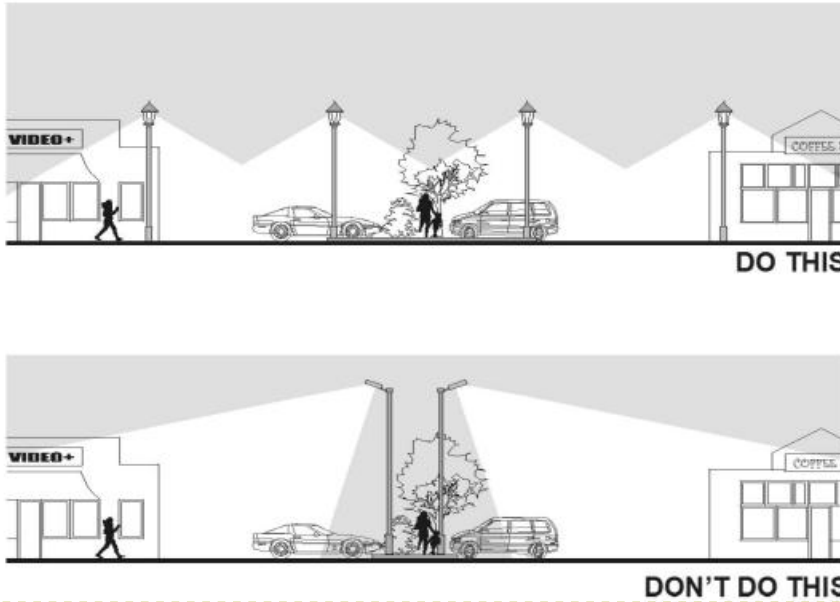
F.— Please see SMC 20.50.430 for additional standards relating to pedestrian access and circulation. (Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(B-3), 2000).

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**20.50.260 Lighting — Standards.**

A.— Accent structures and provide security and visibility through placement and design of lighting.

B.— Parking area light post height shall not exceed 25 feet.



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Figure 20.50.260: Locate lighting so it does not have a negative effect on adjacent properties.

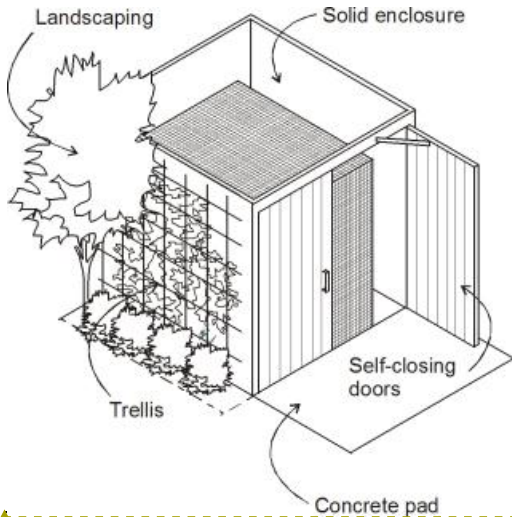
C.— All building entrances should be well lit to provide inviting access and safety. Building-mounted lights and display window lights should contribute to lighting of pedestrian walkways.

D.— Lighting shall be provided for safety of traffic and pedestrian circulation on the site, as required by the Engineering Development Manual provisions. It shall be designed to minimize glare on abutting properties and adjacent streets. The Director shall have the authority to waive the requirement to provide lighting.

E.— Outdoor lighting shall be shielded and downlit from residential land uses. (Ord. 631 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2012; Ord. 469 § 1, 2007; Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(B-2), 2000).

**20.50.270 Service areas and mechanical equipment— Standards.**

A.— All on-site service areas, loading zones, outdoor storage areas, garbage collection, recycling areas, and similar activities shall be located in an area not visible from the public street or fully screened by landscaping.



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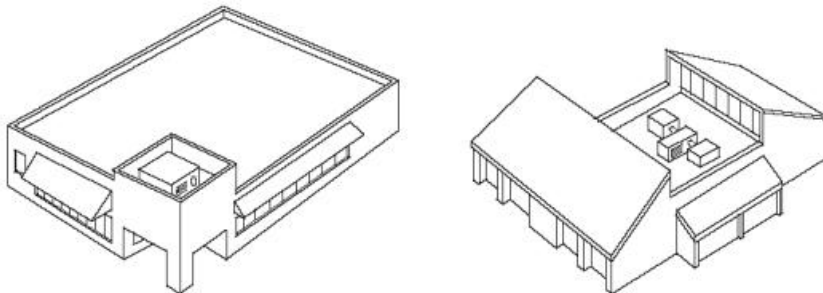
Figure 20.50.270(A): Example of outdoor storage screening.

B. Utility vaults, ground mounted mechanical units, trash receptacles, satellite dishes, and other similar structures shall be screened from adjacent streets and public view. This does not include pedestrian oriented waste receptacles along walkways.

C. Fences designed for privacy, security, and/or screening shall be made of material that is compatible with the building design. For example, repeat of the building material on fence columns and/or stringers.

D. Fences for screening and security adjacent to sidewalk may be used only in combination with trellis, landscaping, or other design alternatives to separate such fence from pedestrian environment.

E. Mechanical units, utility equipment, elevator equipment, and telecommunication equipment located on the roof shall be grouped together, incorporated into the roof design, and/or thoroughly screened.



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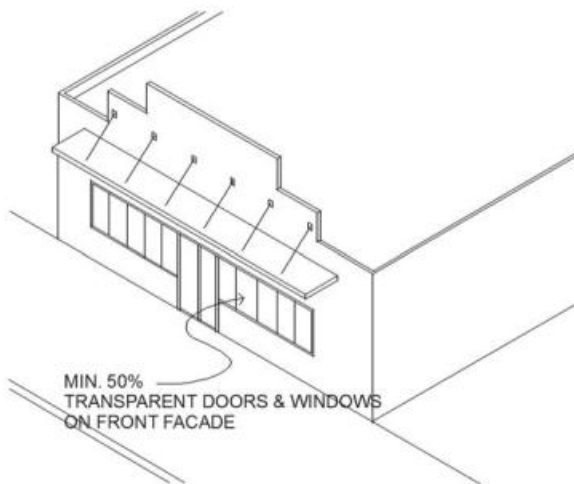
Figure 20.50.270(E): Example of mechanical equipment incorporated into the roof design.

(Ord. 238 Ch. V § 4(B-5), 2000).

**20.50.280 Building design—Features—Standards.**

A.—Building design shall reinforce the building's location adjacent to street edge and public space.

B.—All new buildings and additions increasing the square footage by 50 percent, except residential structures, must have a minimum of 50 percent of the first floor facing the street treated with transparent windows or doors.

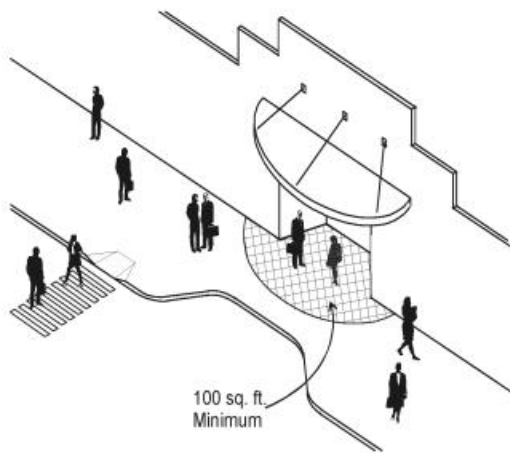


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**Figure 20.50.280(B): Transparent storefronts create a more pedestrian-friendly facade.**

C.—All buildings shall employ at least three of the following features on or along the street facade:

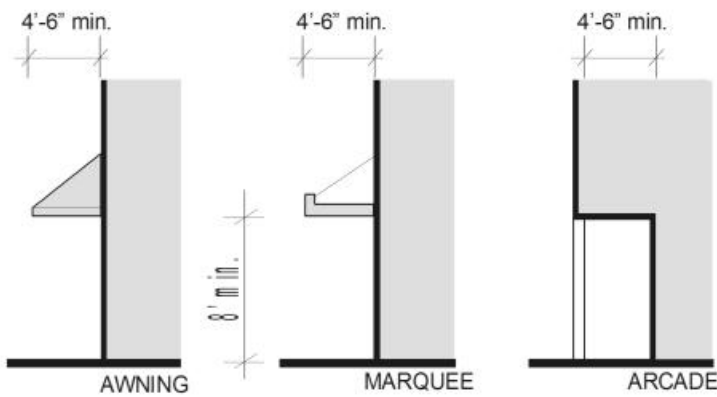
- 1.—At least 100 square feet of outdoor, sheltered building entry which is adjacent or connected to and faces the public sidewalk.



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Figure 20.50.280(C)(1): Example of sheltered building entry.

2.—Awning, marquee, or arcade at least four feet and six inches deep, over the full length of sidewalk or walkway adjacent to the building, and minimum eight feet above the walkway level.

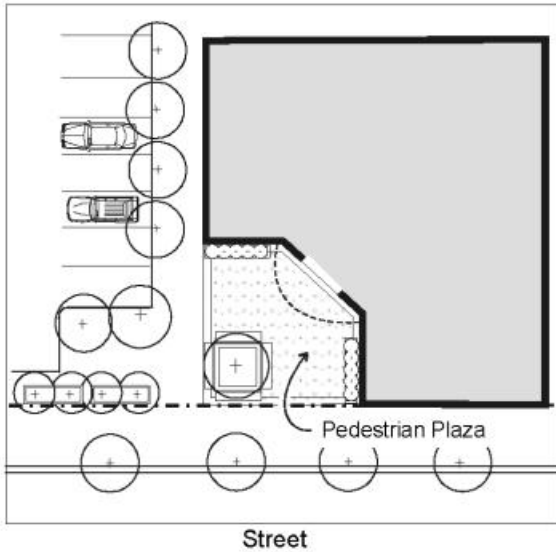


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Figure 20.50.280(C)(2): Examples of awning, marquee, and arcade.

3.—Increase required frontage landscaping by 30 percent.

4. Five hundred square feet of pedestrian plaza with landscaping and benches that are visible and adjacent or connected to public property.

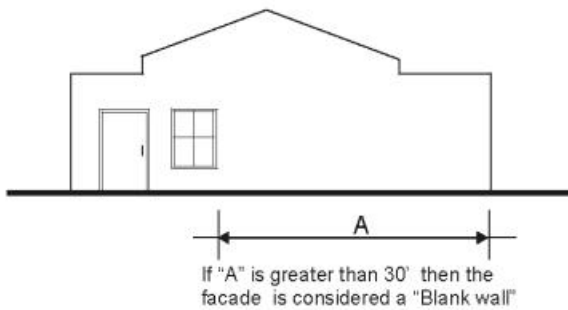


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Figure 20.50.280(C)(4): Example of a pedestrian plaza connection between the street and the building.

5. Any other pedestrian amenity such as a fountain, decorative clock, art work integrated with the street. Such amenity shall be located to provide for public use or view but not hinder pedestrian traffic.

D. All "blank" walls within 40 feet of the street shall be treated. A "blank" wall is any portion of a street fronting wall without windows or doors that is at least 30 feet in length.

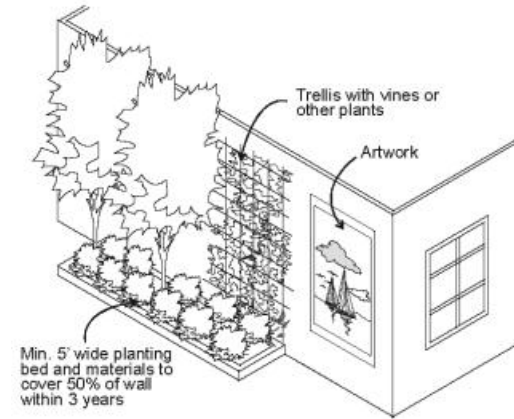


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Figure 20.50.280(D): Example of a blank wall that must be modified or otherwise altered under the provisions of this subsection.

E. The “blank” wall shall be articulated in one or more of the following ways:

1. Installing a vertical trellis in front of the wall with climbing vines or planting materials.
2. Providing a landscaped planting bed at and five feet wide in front of the wall with plant materials that can obscure at least 50 percent of the wall's surface within three years.
3. Providing texture or artwork (mosaic, mural, sculpture, relief, etc.) over the blank wall surface.
4. Other equivalent method that provides for enhancement of the wall.



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Figure 20.50.280(E): Examples

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Chapter 20.90  
North City Business District

Sections:

20.90.010 Purpose.

Comment [p144]: Merged into new Chapters 20.30, 20.40, 20.50 and CB zoning.

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Comment [p145]: Whole chapter deleted. Rational and comparison in comments below.

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15th Avenue NE looking North



NE 177th Street at 15th Avenue NE looking East



NE 177th Street at 15th Avenue NE looking East



NE 177th Street at 15th Avenue NE looking West

A. The purpose of this chapter is to establish standards for the North City Business District (NCBD) zone. These standards will implement the vision contained in the Comprehensive Plan: North City Subarea and modify and/or supplement the development standards specified in Chapter 20.50 SMC. In the event of a conflict between standards, the standards of this chapter shall prevail. The standards are intended to address the following objectives:

- 1. Visually narrow roadway and calm traffic through streetscape improvements.

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~~2. Bring buildings up to the street. Create a sense of urban enclosure by placing parking behind buildings.~~

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~~3. Create a pedestrian shopping district with wider, more continuous sidewalks. Buffer pedestrian zone with on-street parking and street trees. Provide more opportunities for pedestrians to cross.~~

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~~4. Provide mid-block access to parking. Combine curb cuts.~~

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~~5. Create opportunities for shared parking behind buildings. Reduce duplication of parking requirements.~~

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~~6. Encourage redevelopment of the area while preserving the privacy and safety of the abutting existing neighborhoods.~~

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~~B. Set forth a procedure designating certain land use actions within the boundaries of the geographic area described in the North City Business District Subarea Plan as North City Business District zone as "planned actions" consistent with RCW 43.21.031, WAC 197-11-164 to 197-11-172, and SMC 20.30.640.~~

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~~C. Streamline and expedite land use permit review process for projects that qualify as "planned actions" within the North City Business District. Qualified "planned action" projects shall not require a SEPA threshold determination and shall be reviewed as ministerial decisions by applying the provisions of the Development Code.~~

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Comment [p146]: Same Commercial Design Standards (CDS)

~~D. Combine environmental analysis with land use planning.~~

~~E. Ensure that land use actions designated as "planned actions" are appropriately mitigated and conditioned by the provisions of this chapter and all of the City's development regulations. (Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).~~

20.90.020 North City Business District Zone and permitted uses.

A. In order to implement the vision of the Comprehensive Plan: North City Subarea, there is hereby established the North City Business District (NCBD) zone as shown on Map 1 and on the official zoning map.

B. To meet the land use objective of the North City Subarea Plan for creation of a walkable main street, specific focus areas have been established (see Map 2).

Focus Areas

1. Main Street 1

The purpose of Main Street 1 is to create a focused commercial core with residential or office uses located on the upper stories. Commercial uses are required at the street level fronting on 15th Avenue N.E. The minimum depth of street level commercial uses shall be 20 feet from the frontage line of the structure on 15th Avenue N.E.

2. Main Street 2

Comment [p147]: Combine Main Street 1 and 2. The difference is one allows residential on the street level and the other requires commercial uses on ground level. There is no rationale why there are different standards on the same street.

~~—The purpose of Main Street 2 is to provide a mix of retail, office, and residential uses. A mix of housing types including townhouses, condominiums, apartments and commercial uses are permitted at the street level.~~

~~C. Land located within the North City Business District zone is subject to regulations of this chapter and Chapter SMC. In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this chapter and Chapter 20.50 SMC, the provisions of this chapter apply.~~

~~D. Permitted uses for the North City Business District zone are specified in Chapter 20.40 SMC.~~

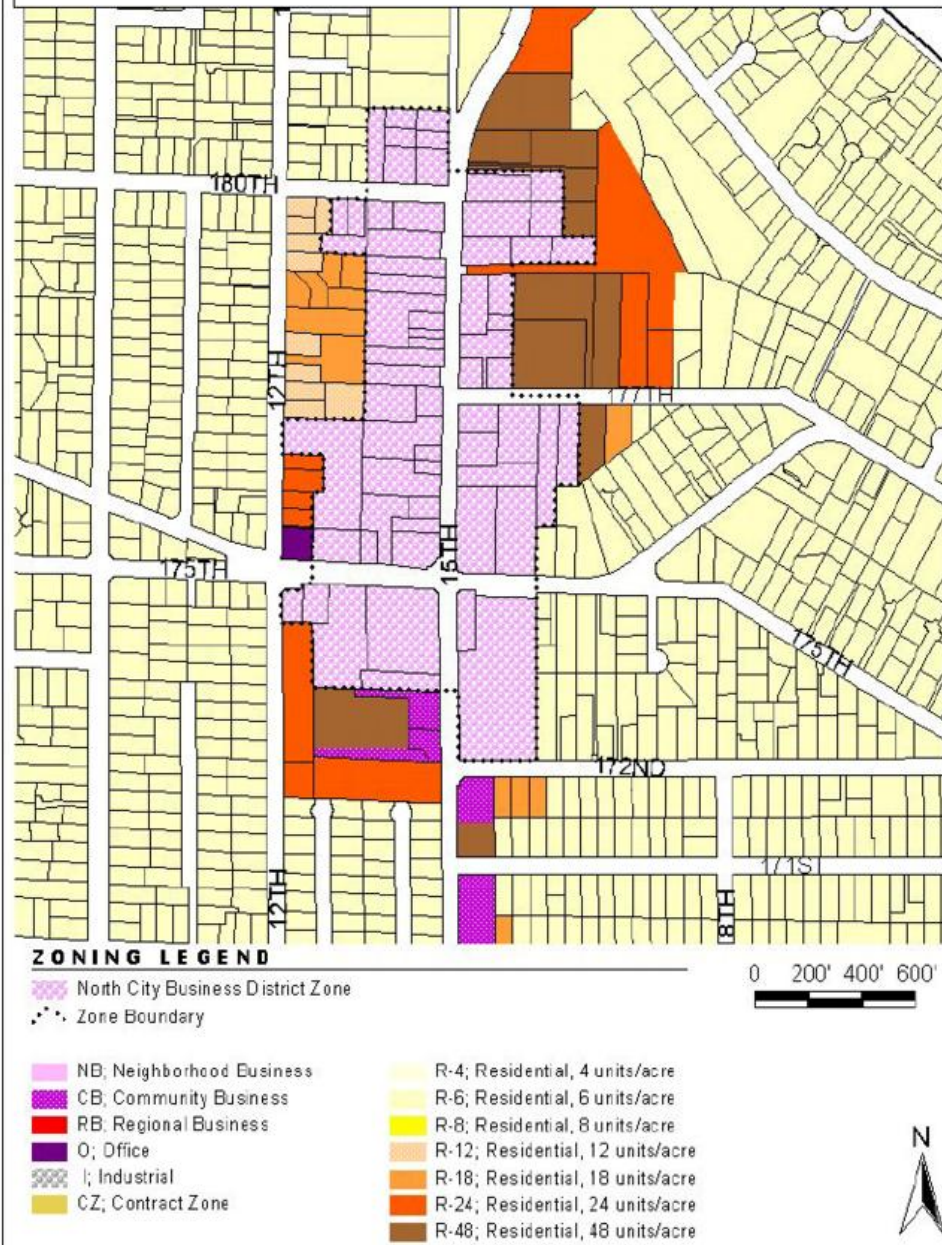
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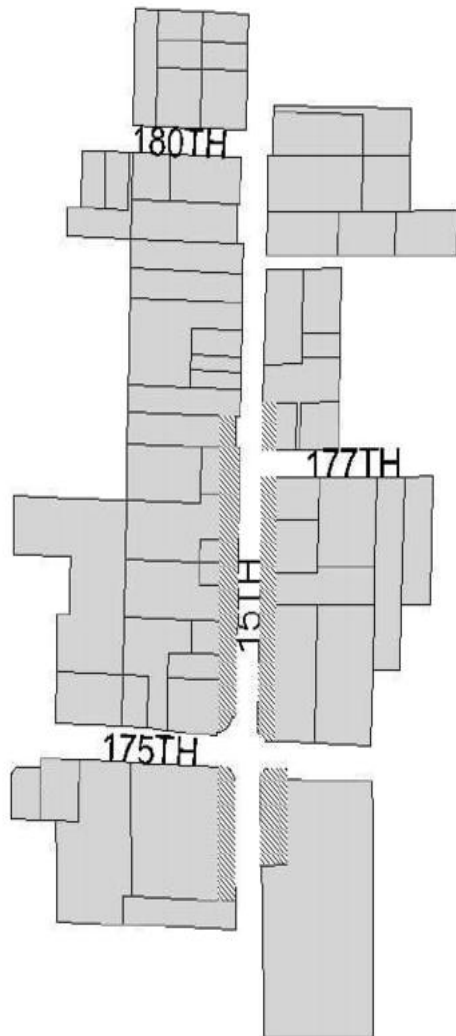
Map 1: North City Business District (NCBD) Zoning





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Map 2: North City Business District (NCBD)



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-  Main Street 1
-  Main Street 2

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(Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

20.90.025 Review and approval of planned action projects:

A.— The purpose of this section is to streamline and expedite the development permit review for projects that qualify as planned actions and to ensure that development within the North City Business District complies with the design objectives and standards established in this chapter.

B.— Development proposals within the North City Business District are designated to be planned actions ~~if:~~

Comment [p149]: Type A Planned Action is replaced by Type A ADR process with the same purpose of prereviewing conceptual designs.

1.— The development proposal is located within the North City Business District zone; and

2.— The significant environmental impacts of the proposal had been adequately addressed in the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (hereafter “SEIS”) prepared for the North City Subarea Plan; and

3.— The development proposal implements the North City Subarea Plan; and

4.— The project is not an essential public facility as defined in RCW 36.70A.200; and

5.— The thresholds for total development analyzed in the SEIS would not be exceeded.

C.— Development permit applications for a planned action shall be subject to a three-step ministerial review and decision-making process by the Director. The intent of this process is to ensure that the development will be consistent with the North City Subarea Plan, development standards, and the SEIS.

—Step 1. Pre-submittal Concept Review. Applicant presents schematic sketches and general outline of the proposal. This is an opportunity to discuss the design principles that apply to the development proposal. Major problems can be identified before the formal application is made.

—Step 2. Application Submittal for a Planned Action. Exterior building facades, site plan, landscaping, parking plans, and planned action environmental checklist are required to be submitted for development proposals that wish to qualify as a planned action. The Director shall specify the submittal requirements on a submittal checklist for the planned action development available from the Department. Within the 28 days after the submittal, the Director may administratively approve, approve with conditions, or deny in writing the planned action development. The proposed project shall require additional environmental review and mitigation in addition to that set forth in this chapter if significant adverse environmental impacts were not adequately addressed in the SEIS.

—Where the Director determines that an application for development permit does qualify as a planned action, the project permit application shall be processed under the administrative procedures set forth in the SMC ~~20.30.040, Ministerial Decisions—Type A. Where the Director determines that the application does not qualify as a planned action, it may be processed under appropriate provisions of Chapter 20.30 SMC.~~

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~~—Step 3. Building Permit. A building permit is processed as a Type A action.~~

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D.— There is no administrative appeal of the administrative determination to approve, conditionally approve, or deny an application for a planned action.

E.— Application for a planned action development permit shall not require the issuance of a threshold determination under SEPA, as provided by RCW 43.21C.031, WAC 197-11-172(2)(a) and Chapter ~~20.30 SMC~~. ~~A planned action approval shall be based upon the environmental analysis contained in the SEIS. The SEIS, mitigation included in this chapter, together with other City codes, ordinances, and standards, shall provide the framework for the decision by the City to impose conditions on a planned action project. Other environmental documents and studies listed in the SEIS may also be used to assist in analyzing impacts and determining appropriate mitigation conditions.~~

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**F.— Planned action development proposals shall implement the following measures:**

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- 1.— Use of shared parking facilities where possible.
- 2.— Prepare a parking management plan to ensure efficient and economic use of parking. The parking management plan shall include at a minimum a program for sharing residential and nonresidential spaces, encourage use of transit and other forms of transportation, and provide incentives for commute trip reduction.
- 3.— Include in the project design facilities that support bicycle use; provide bike racks, covered and secured bike storage areas for riders employed on site.
- 4.— Provide public alley rights-of-way through designated areas identified in Figure 20.90.080.
- 5.— In order to enhance security throughout the project, the following will be included as part of the site design of any proposed development:
  - a.— Pathway, buildings, and parking structure lighting shall be designed to enhance security.
  - b.— During the site plan review, the City's Police Department will be provided with the opportunity to review and comment on the development plans.
  - c.— Landscape areas will be designed so as not to conceal potential criminal activity around buildings and parking areas.
- G.— Restricting pedestrian and vehicular access between adjoining parking lots shall be prohibited. (Ord. 352 § 1, 2004; Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

Comment [p152]: Can't enforce or perhaps require.

~~20.90.030 Density.~~

~~Calculation.— The density in terms of total number of dwelling units shall be calculated on project basis in conformance with the standards of this chapter and all applicable sections of the Development Code. There is no maximum or minimum density required. (Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).~~

~~20.90.040 Dimensional standards.~~

Table 20.90.040 — North City Business District Site Development **Standards**

Comment [p153]: Melded in with new dimensional standards.

Standards	Main Street 1	Main Street 2
Maximum front (street setback)	0 ft. (3) (4)	10 ft. (1) (3) (4)

Minimum side and rear yard setback from nonresidential zones	0 ft. (5)	0 ft. (5)
Minimum side and rear yard setback from residential zones	15 ft.	15 ft.
Base height	60 ft.	60 ft.
Upper floor setback (transition line) for all portions of a building along street and edges along adjacent residential zones	10 ft. (2) (4)	10 ft. (2) (4)
Maximum hardscape area	85%	85%

Comment [p154]: 20' for CDS

Comment [p155]: Transition line not used in CDS

—Note: Exceptions to the numerical standards in this table are noted in parenthesis and described below.

Exceptions to Table 20.90.040:

(1) Residential development (excluding mixed use) shall have a minimum 10-foot wide, fully landscaped front yard measured from the back of the sidewalk.

Comment [p156]: Doesn't work if first floor will have potential commercial spaces.

(2) Buildings located at corners should serve as gateways to the neighborhood, distinguishable from the rest of the buildings. Sixty-foot height shall be allowed without upper floor setbacks on corners. This shall only be done when a corner emphasis is desired. After 50-foot distance from a corner, building shall comply with upper level setbacks as specified in Table 20.90.040.

Comment [p157]: Redundant

(3) Corner buildings shall be set back by two feet from the street frontage line.

Comment [p158]: Redundant

(4) Unenclosed balconies on sides of the building that are above the 35-foot transition line setback shall be permitted to encroach into the 10-foot setback.

Comment [p159]: Not relevant without setback

(5) Side and rear setbacks for buildings are not required, unless an adjacent building existing at the time of development has windows facing the side or rear. Then any new building shall provide minimum setback of five feet.

Comment [p160]: Might be useful

(Ord. 531 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2009; Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

20.90.050 Existing structures.

A. All structures that existed prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter shall be considered conforming. A structure that existed prior to the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter, and which is damaged or partially destroyed as a result of a catastrophic loss, may be reconstructed to its previous configuration.

Comment [p161]: Redundant of 20.30.280

B. Structures that are enlarged, intensified, increased or altered in excess of 50 percent of the value of the existing structure shall comply with the development standards. The value of the structure shall be deemed to be the value at the time a development application is submitted, excluding the value of tenant improvements. (Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

Comment [p162]: New threshold consistent with rest of code.

20.90.060 Street frontage standards.

A. Residential uses shall be allowed at ground level in Main Street 2, subject to the following:

**Comment [p163]:** Redundant of CDS

1. Residential buildings must be set back from back of sidewalk 10 feet (front yard setback).

2. The first floor of residential buildings shall be one-hour fire rating construction and 12-foot in height from finished floor to finished ceiling.

**Comment [p164]:** Commercial building standards

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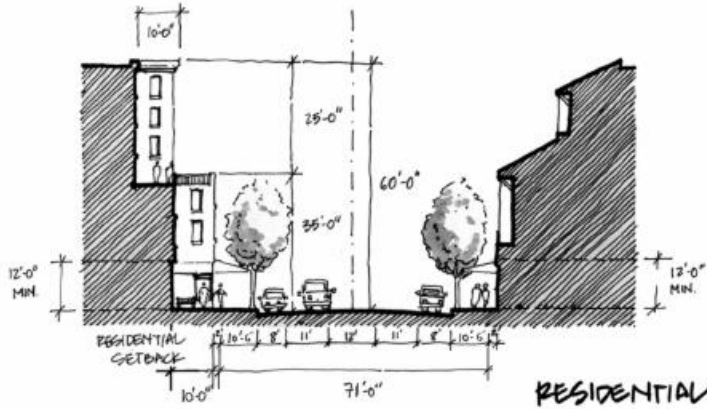


Figure 20.90.060(A): Residential street frontage standards.

B. Building facades shall occupy 100 percent of the street frontage in the North City Business District zone. This street frontage requirement may be reduced to 80 percent if the development creates plazas or courtyards and/or allows for alley access to parking in the rear with a separate pedestrian walkway.

**Comment [p165]:** In flexible for parking and proposals that don't have enough building to cover 100%.

C. All buildings shall have their principal building pedestrian entrance on the street frontage line. The entrance doors shall be recessed from the facade by a minimum of three feet.

**Comment [p166]:** Redundant of CDS

D. Surface parking lots, loading docks and service areas shall not be permitted along the frontage line on 15th Avenue N.E.

**Comment [p167]:** Redundant except parking lots

E. Encroachments into Sidewalk.

1. Special features may project up to six feet into the sidewalk, providing that they are a minimum seven feet above the sidewalk and providing that they do not interfere with trees, utilities, transit shelters or other street furnishings. Examples include blade signs and awnings.

**Comment [p168]:** Only signs and awnings allowed over sidewalks – nothing in required sidewalks.

2. Street furniture and similar encroachments are allowed to occupy two feet of the sidewalk providing that they do not interfere with trees, utilities, transit shelters or other street furnishings. Examples include

bay windows, planters, trash receptacles, tables, and benches.

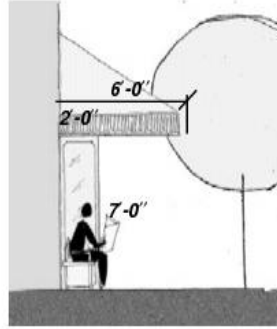


Figure 20.90.060(E): Examples of encroachments into the sidewalk.

(Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

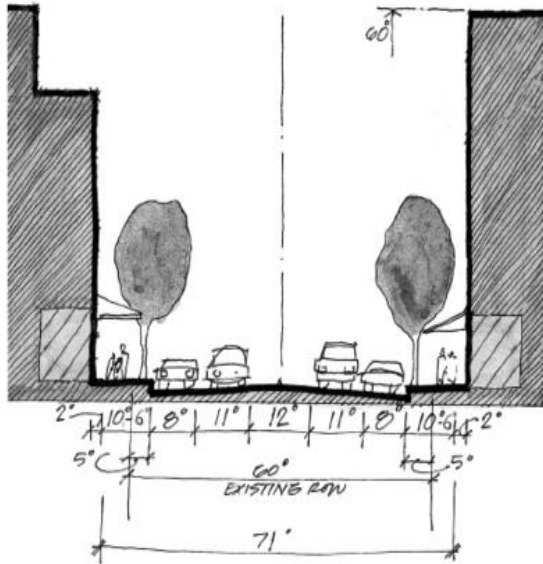
20.90.070 Street corner standards.

A.— Buildings located at corners shall serve as gateways to the neighborhood distinguishable from the rest of the buildings. Sixty-foot height shall be allowed without upper floor setbacks on corners. After 50-foot distance from a corner, building shall comply with upper level setbacks as specified in SMC 20.90.060(A)(1).

B.— Corner buildings shall be set back by two feet from the street frontage line for a linear distance of 50 feet measured from a corner along the street frontage. After 50-foot distance from a corner, this two-foot setback from the street frontage line may be eliminated. Buildings on corner lots shall be oriented to the corner. Corner entries and/or architectural treatment shall be used to emphasize the corner location.

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-primary frontage within 50' of corner, 60' height limitation

CORNER

Figure 20.90.070: Corner buildings shall be set back by two feet.



SW-corner of 15th Avenue NE and NE 180th Street.

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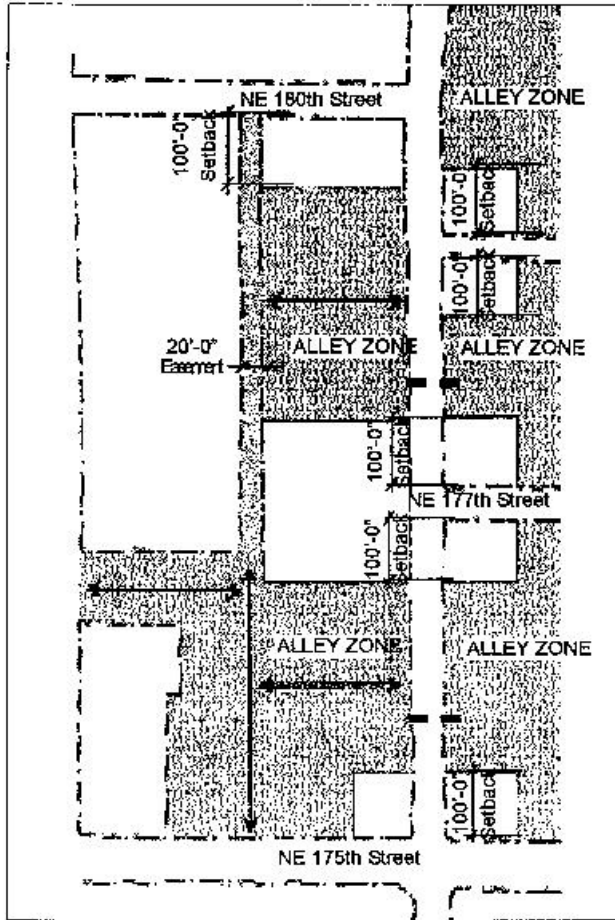
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


SE corner of 15th Avenue NE and NE 177th Street.

Figures 20.90.070: Examples of corner treatment.

(Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

20.90.080 Parking, access, and circulation.



-  Area where access lanes are permitted
-  Required 20' alley easement
-  Indicates required connection, location flexible within alley zone
-  Midblock pedestrian crossings must be at least 50'-0" from an alley curb cut or a street

A. — Alleys. A system of alleys and access lanes should provide easy access to buildings and parking lots located in the rear of the properties behind the buildings facing 15th Avenue N.E. This alley system is a secondary circulation system that helps avoid too many curb cuts on 15th Avenue N.E. Curb cuts would disrupt the desired pedestrian main street character.

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Comment [p172]: Alleys moved to NC Special subsection.

—In Figure 20.90.080 only a portion of the alley system is specifically located to allow for maximum flexibility for an alley system within the alley zone.

—This system prohibits alleys or access lanes within 100 feet from an intersection and 50 feet from a pedestrian crosswalk.

—Also this alley system should provide pedestrian linkages through midblocks and between properties. Lighting shall be provided for pedestrian safety.

B. Parking Location. All surface parking lots shall be located behind buildings.

Comment [p173]: Inflexible

C. Required Parking Spaces.

Comment [p174]: Similar but less parking standards in CDS + 25% reduction

Residential: Minimum one space for studio unit, 1.3 spaces for one-bedroom unit, and 1.6 spaces for two-or more bedroom unit.

Commercial: Minimum one space per 500 square feet gross floor area.

D. Parking Access. The number of parking lot entrances, driveways, and curb cuts shall be minimized.

E. All applicable standards of Chapter 20.50, Subchapter 6 (Sections 20.50.380 through 20.50.440) shall apply. (Ord. 555 § 1 (Exh. 1), 2009; Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

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Figure 20.90.080: Schematic design of circulation, access, alleys, and parking along 15th Ave. N.E.

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20.90.090 Signs.

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A. Table of Dimensional Standards.

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	Freestanding Signs (Only monument signs permitted)	Building-Mounted Signs	Projecting Signs (Blade)	Entrance and Exit Signs
Maximum Sign Area	25 sq. ft.	25 sq. ft.	12 sq. ft.	4 sq. ft.
Maximum Height	42 inches	Not to extend above the building parapet, eave line or the roof of the building or above the window sill of the second floor, whichever is less.		42 inches
Maximum Number Permitted	1 per street frontage	1 per each business		1 per street frontage

Comment [p175]: Redundant of CDS

Comment [p176]: Only clearance limit size in CDS

Comment [p177]: Not regulated in CDS

Comment [p178]: 50 SF in CDS

Comment [p179]: 6 feet in CDS

Comment [p180]: Same except OK above second floor sill in CDS

Comment [p181]: Redundant of CDS

B.— Prohibited signs (see SMC 20.50.550).

C.— Window signs are permitted to occupy a maximum 25 percent of the total window area.

Comment [p182]: Not regulated in CDS

D.— Street numbers shall be installed on all buildings and will not be counted towards the permitted sign area.

E.— Site-specific standards, nonconforming temporary and exempt signs (see SMC 20.50.560 through 20.50.610). (Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

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**20.90.100 Landscaping.**

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All applicable standards of SMC 20.50.450 through 20.50.520 shall apply. (Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

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**20.90.110 Lighting.**

Comment [p183]: A,B,C,F too vague to administer

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A.— Lighting should use minimum wattage metal halide or color corrected sodium light sources which give more “natural” light. Non-color corrected low pressure sodium and mercury vapor light sources are prohibited.

B.— All building entrances should be well lit to provide inviting access and safety.

C.— Building-mounted lights and display window lights should contribute to lighting of walkways in pedestrian areas.

D.— Parking area light fixtures should be designed to confine emitted light to the parking area. Post height should not exceed 16 feet.

Comment [p184]: 25' in CDS

E.— Back lit or internally lit vinyl awnings are prohibited.

Comment [p185]: Same as CDS

F.— Neon lighting may be used as a lighting element; provided, that the tubes are an integral part of the building design. (Ord. 469 § 1, 2007; Ord. 281 § 7, 2001).

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Comment [p186]: Merged into new Chapters 20.30, 20.40, 20.50 and CB zoning.

Chapter 20.91  
Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2\*

Table 20.91.030B — Dimensional Standards

Standards	Planned Area 2
Setback for Building Base	7.5' adjacent to residential zones, 0' abutting the public right of way.
Setback/Stepbacks from Property Line for Buildings	Buildings must be at least 20' from property lines at 35' building height abutting all R-6 zones. Above 35', building to setback ratio will be 2:1.
	Buildings must be at least 10' from all property lines above the 4th story abutting 5th Ave. NE, NE 165th Street and all other MF zones.

Comment [p187]: 20' adj. SF and flexibility from 0' from sidewalk in CDS

Comment [p188]: Same as CDS Transition Areas

Comment [p189]: No upper story setback in CDS

	Buildings on NE 163rd, across from R-6 zoning, may be 35' high at the property line; above 35' the building to setback ratio will be 2:1.
Building Height, Minimum	2 stories
Building Height, Maximum	Planned Area 2a: Up to 6 stories or 65' if public bonus features are provided <sup>1</sup> Planned Area 2b, 2c, and 2d: NB standards apply
Maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR)	For six stories: Up to 4.75 For five stories: Up to 3.875 For four stories: Up to 3.0
Density	Unit total shall be limited by FAR and the following absolute maximum: a. Planned Area 2a: Limited to a density of 110 units per acre. b. Planned Area 2b, 2c, and 2d: Limited to a density of 24 units per acre.

Comment [p190]: CDS requires 1:1 across street in TA

Comment [p191]: 60 feet in CDS

Comment [p192]: These areas are CB in CDS

Comment [p193]: FAR outdated and unneeded

Comment [p194]: Density outdated and unneeded

<sup>1</sup>See SMC 20.91.060 for building height incentives.

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2. Impervious Area. Impervious area is 100 percent.

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Comment [p195]: 85% in CDS

3. Additional Height Provisions:

Comment [p196]: 10 foot ht. in CDS

a. Mechanical penthouses, stair/elevator overruns and antennas (not including WTFs) may be excluded from building height calculation, provided they are no more than 15 feet above the roof deck and satisfy the criteria in SMC 20.91.050(B)(2)(g).

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b. ~~Wireless telecommunication facilities ("WTF") may be excluded from building height calculation, provided they are no more than 15 feet above the roof deck, are entirely shrouded and satisfy the criteria in SMC 20.91.050(B)(2)(g).~~

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c. ~~Roof elements such as pitched roofs, gables and dormers may be excluded from building height calculations.~~

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Comment [p197]: Not in CDS - vague how large these features can be.

d. Features providing environmental sustainability such as solar panels, wind turbines, and associated equipment are excluded from height standards, provided they are no more than 10 feet above the roof deck. (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).

Comment [p198]: Same as CDS

20.91.040 Administrative Design Review.

Comment [p199]: ADR process in CDS

A. Applicability. Administrative Design Review will be required for developments in Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 that are 1.5 acres or more and that meet one of the thresholds in SMC 20.50.125.

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B. ~~Standards for Approval. When Administrative Design Review is required, the applicant will demonstrate that plans satisfy the criteria in SMC 20.30.297.~~

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**C. Design Departures.** A permit applicant wishing to modify any of the standards in this chapter may apply for a design departure under SMC 20.30.297. A design departure will be approved if it is consistent with the intent of each subsection and it meets or exceeds the standard design objective. (Ord. 609 § 11, 2011; Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).

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**20.01.050 Design standards.**

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**A. Developments in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 that are less than 1.5 acres will apply the design standards for NB zones.**

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**B.** Developments in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 that are 1.5 acres or more will apply the following design standards:

**1. Site Design.**

**a. Accommodation of Street Level Commercial.**

i. Intent: To provide commercial services to the residents of the Ridgecrest Neighborhood by requiring first floors adjacent to the street be constructed to accommodate commercial services.

ii. Buildings fronting 5th Avenue NE and NE 165th Street within 100 feet of 5th Avenue NE are required to build to the specifications for ground level commercial. Ground level commercial may include live/work units that satisfy the criteria in subsection (B)(2)(j) of this section. There may be noncommercial occupation of the ground level.

Comment [p201]: Redundant in CDSc

iii. Commercial uses will occupy a minimum of 50 percent of the available street frontage on 5th Avenue NE and 20 percent of the available street frontage on NE 165th Street within 100 feet of 5th Avenue NE.

Comment [p202]: Commercial flexibility in CDS

**b. Facades — 5th Avenue NE, NE 165th Street.**

i. Intent: To create frontage which encourages pedestrian use, promotes a sense of security by providing “eyes on the street” and creates visual connections between activities inside and outside of buildings.

ii. Facades fronting on 5th Avenue NE and NE 165th will include a minimum of 50 percent of the facade area two feet to 12 feet above grade, comprised of windows with clear nonreflective glass allowing visual penetration of at least two feet into the building if used for commercial uses.

Comment [p203]: 60% in CDS

**c. Buffering.**

Comment [p204]: TA in CDS

i. Intent: To soften the visual impact of multi-use buildings adjacent to single-family homes.

ii. Decorative features such as plantings and/or trellises are to cover at least 50 percent of the building base on the side at the time of construction.

iii. Stamped and painted concrete (decorative treatments to the building base) will be used on building facades not covered by plantings to provide a visual relief to single-family residences.

iv. Mature trees and shrubs will be used on portions of the property abutting the right-of-way to soften the appearance of the building.

v. Retaining existing vegetation is encouraged to create a visual buffer to existing single-family



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residential.

d. Driveway Access.

i. Intent: To ensure development reduces potential automobile conflicts on adjacent residential properties. Design ingress and egress points in a manner to reduce automobile impacts to adjacent residential uses.

ii. Limit egress to NE 165th and 5th Avenue NE.

Comment [p205]: Redundant of CDS

e. Transit Stops.

i. Intent: To ensure development of sites adjacent to transit stops is designed to support, complement and accommodate the stop and promote use of the stop.

ii. Development on parcels that front locations on 5th Avenue NE designated for a public transportation stop will be designed and furnished to accommodate the intent in a manner approved by the director. Weather protection will be included in the design.

f. Entry Courtyard.

Comment [p206]: CDS requires open space and public places that are accessible and visible from public sidewalks.

i. Intent: To provide a distinctive, safe and readily identifiable main pedestrian entry for the complex with a public right-of-way frontage.

ii. Entry courtyards will:

(A) Abut and be visibly prominent from a public sidewalk by including at least two of the following design elements:

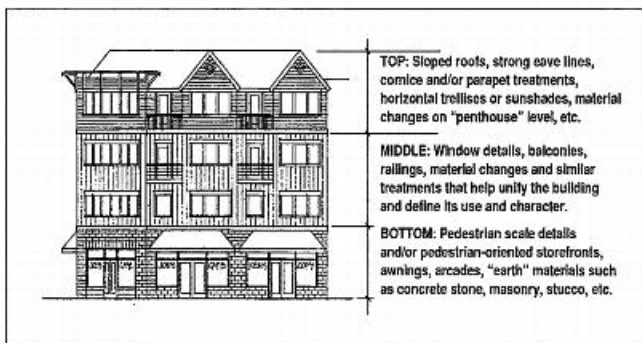
Comment [p207]: Too prescriptive to a design style and doesn't lead to better design and w/o how much of these features are required.

- Recess;
- Overhang;

- Portico/porch;
- Stone, masonry or patterned tile paving in entry;

- Ornamental building name or address;

- Landscape pots or boxes;
  - Fixed seating;
  - Articulation;
  - Overhangs;
  - Masonry strips and cornice lines; and
  - Earth materials such as stone, masonry, or decorative concrete.
- ii. Buildings will distinguish a top by emphasizing a distinct profile or outline with a:
- Parapet;
  - Cornice, upper level setback;
  - Pitched roofline;
  - Strong eave lines;
  - Horizontal trellises; and
  - Different facade material than that used predominantly in the middle.
- iii. Buildings with more than two stories above elevation of the nearest public sidewalk will also distinguish a middle through:
- Material and/or color changes that differ from the base and top;
  - Windows details, treatments and patterns;
  - Balconies or alcoves; and
  - Decks and/or railings.
- iv. The base will be the first story above grade. The middle will be stories between the base and top and the top is the highest story.
- v. All applications for new construction are required to submit detailed building elevations.



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e. Street Frontage Standards:



i. Intent: To provide pedestrian relief from the elements, provide special enclosure and add design interest on 5th Avenue NE and 165th Street NE.

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ii. Buildings occupying the corner of 5th Avenue NE and NE 165th Street will be designed to encourage pedestrian activity.

iii. Buildings located at corners will serve as gateways to the neighborhood distinguishable from the rest of the buildings. Corner entries and/or architectural treatment will be used to emphasize the corner location.

Comment [p209]: Corner buildings addressed in CDS

iv. Buildings will occupy at least 75 percent of the street front.

Comment [p210]: Inflexible

v. Buildings will have their principal entrance on the street frontage line.

f. NE 165th and 5th Ave NE Building Corner Treatment.

Comment [p211]: Corner buildings addressed in CDS

i. Intent: To provide visual interest, mitigate building bulk, provide for pedestrian amenities and outside meeting areas, and add to pedestrian vitality at the corner of 5th Avenue NE and 165th Street NE.

Comment [p212]: Vague and already addressed in CDS

ii. Buildings occupying the corner of 5th Avenue NE and NE 165th Street will be designed to encourage pedestrian activity and pedestrian amenities. Pedestrian amenities include weather protection, substantial sitting areas, courtyard type flooring and lighting.

iii. Buildings located at corners will serve as gateways to the neighborhood distinguishable from the rest of the buildings. Corner entries and/or architectural treatment will be used to emphasize the corner location.

iv. Examples of design requirements can be found in the PA2 administrative design guidelines.

g. Buildings Fronting on NE 163rd Street.

Comment [p213]: Vague and inflexible

i. Intent: To provide additional visual relief from more intense development across from R-6 zones.

ii. If building is separated by a local street, building facades across from R-6 zones will incorporate townhouse design elements.

iii. Buildings located across from R-6 zones will be used for residential living units.

iv. Townhouse design elements are bay windows, stoops, stairways up to entry doors from public sidewalks, porches, patios, balconies, railings, sloped roofs, cornices, and other elements that meet the

intent of this section as approved by the director.



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h.—Service Areas and Mechanical Equipment

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i.—Intent: To screen rooftop mechanical and communications equipment from the ground level and from other structures. On-site service areas, loading zones, garbage collection, recycling areas, and similar activities will be located in an area that minimizes unpleasant views from adjacent residential and commercial uses.

ii.—Utility vaults, ground-mounted mechanical units, satellite dishes, and other similar structures will be screened on all sides from adjacent streets and public view. This does not include pedestrian-oriented trash receptacles along walkways.

iii.—Fences designed for privacy, security, and/or screening will be made of material that is compatible with the building design.

iv.—Fences for screening and security purposes that are adjacent to the public right-of-way may be used only in combination with a trellis, landscaping, or other design alternatives to separate such fences from the pedestrian environment.

v. Mechanical units, utility equipment, elevator equipment, and wireless telecommunication equipment (except for the antennas) located on the roof will be:

— Incorporated into the roof design; and  
— Thoroughly screened, including from above when not in conflict with International Building Code or equipment specifications, by an extended parapet wall or other roof forms that are integrated with the architecture of the building. Environmental features do not have to be screened.

vi. A recycling area, as approved by the director, will be built consistent with the standards to be adopted by the city.

i. ~~Parking Structures.~~

Comment [p215]: Above ground level facing R-4 to 8 may be needed for CDS. CDS requires commercial space (not uses) on ground floor.

i. Intent: To reduce the visual impact of above-ground parking structures.

ii. ~~Parking structures at ground level will be fully enclosed except for vehicle entrances.~~

iii. ~~Parking levels above ground level will have openings totaling no more than 65 percent of the facade area. All openings will be screened with garden walls (structures designed to support vegetation growing across the opening); vegetation designed to grow on the facade and over the openings, louvers, expanded metal panels, decorative metal grills, opaque glass, or other devices approved by the director that meet the intent of this section.~~

Comment [p216]:

j. ~~Live/Work Units.~~

Comment [p217]: Allowed in CDS

i. Intent: To accommodate retail/office space and living units fronting on public right-of-way. Live/work units provide flexibility to business owners who want to live where they work.

ii. ~~Ground floor units facing a public sidewalk are required to be plumbed, wired, and built to be adapted for commercial use. (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).~~

~~20.01.060 Height incentives.~~

Comment [p218]: Full height granted without incentives in CDS

The following height incentives will only apply to developments in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2a:

A. Intent: To require installation of features that benefit the public by creating a more inviting and livable community.

B. Building height may be modified based on the following criteria:

1. The building may increase to four stories if approximately 80 percent of the building base fronting 5th Avenue NE is developed with nonresidential uses and/or live/work units.

2. The building may increase to five stories if the standards in subsections (B)(1) and (C)(1) through (6) of this section are provided.

3. The building height may increase to six stories if the standards in subsections (B)(1) and (C)(1) through (6) of this section are provided, and 20 percent of the total numbers of units are affordable housing, as defined in RCW 84.14.010.

C. Height Incentive Requirements.

1. Active Recreation Area.

a. Intent: To provide recreational opportunities for residents in an area of the city that has little public park space in support of high-density development.

b. Will not be used for parking or storage.

c. May be located out-of-doors, on top of, or within a structure.

d. Will include an area of at least 600 contiguous square feet with a minimum dimension of 20 feet.

2. Art, Public.

a. Intent: To add stimulating and aesthetically pleasing elements to the built environment.

b. Must be displayed near the main pedestrian entrance to a building and be visible and accessible from a public sidewalk or within a public plaza.

c. The scale of the artwork will be appropriate for the space occupied and large enough to be appreciated in full from at least 10 feet away.

3. Indoor Meeting Space.

a. Intent: To provide space for nonprofit organizations to contribute to “third place” energy to complement commercial, residential and pedestrian synergy.

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b. Users may include community associations, neighborhood groups, after-school programs, nonprofit meeting space, and other programs that benefit the community at large.

4. Fountain or Other Water Element.

a. Intent: To add stimulating and aesthetically pleasing elements to the built environment.

b. Will be located outside of the building.

c. The sum of the dimensions of the smallest possible cube surrounding the water when in motion will be at least 30 feet.

d. Will be publicly visible and accessible from the main pedestrian entrance to a building or along a perimeter sidewalk or pedestrian connection.

e. Water will be maintained in a clean and noncontaminated condition.

f. Water will be in motion during daylight hours.

5. Plaza, Public.

Comment [p219]: Vague but addressed in CDS

a. Intent: To provide for public gathering places supportive of a pedestrian-friendly environment.

- b. Will be accessible to the public.
- c. Will be readily accessible from a public sidewalk.
- d. Some portion will provide protection from adverse wind and rain.
- e. Will be signed to identify the enclosed plaza is available for public use.
- f. Will include permanent and substantial sitting areas for at least five people.
- g. Will be coordinated with or connected to the site's primary pedestrian entrance.
- h. Will be at least 2,000 square feet in area (1,600 square feet in contiguous area with a minimum dimension of 20 feet).
- i. Will be enclosed on at least two sides by a structure or by landscaping which creates a wall effect.
- j. Will provide opportunities for penetration of sunlight.
- k. Will be lighted at night.
- l. The property owner must grant the public a permanent easement ensuring public access over the plaza during normal business hours. The owner must record the easement with the county.

**6. Sustainability Features.**

- a. Intent: To ensure that new construction incorporates new and innovative building techniques to reduce demand on energy and stormwater systems.
- b. Development will be Built Green, as amended, or other sustainability standards approved by the director that meet the sustainability intent of the King County Built Green program at a minimum of the three-star standard.
- c. Low-impact development techniques will be incorporated for all new development within PA2. Some combination of the following low-impact development techniques will be employed: Rain gardens, permeable pavement, rainwater harvesting, vegetated roof, road design that promotes walking and bicycling, bike racks, increased access to and connection between public transportation modes and use of native non-invasive plant species. (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).

**20.01.070 Parking.**

- A. Intent: To provide adequate parking for a mix of uses on and around the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2. The parking management plan will make reasonable provisions to accommodate parking demand generated by on-site uses.
- B. All development proposals in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 require a parking management plan.
- C. The parking management plan will address parking impacts, ways to reduce parking demand and incentives for alternative transportation such as bike racks, bike lockers, and a minimum number of transit

Comment [p220]: Moved to Special standards in CDS

Comment [p221]: Addressed in CDS

passes available for residents. As part of the parking management plan, Metro bus passes will be made available to 50 percent of the units for the first two years of project occupancy.

D. Parking spaces may be shared when:

- 1. Different uses share a common parking facility;
- 2. The uses have peak parking demand periods that do not overlap more than two hours; and
- 3. Shared parking areas will be appropriately designated and signed.

E. Minimum parking spaces required for residential uses are one space for studio units, 1.3 spaces for one-bedroom units and 1.6 spaces for two-bedroom units.

F. Provisions will be made for a car-sharing program (like Flexcar), as approved by the director, and include a car on-site as well as car-sharing only parking spaces.

G. Parking areas in developments 1.5 acres or more will conform to the all of the parking design standards under SMC ~~20.50.410 through 20.50.420.~~

~~H. On-site surface parking lots will be screened from public right-of-way and adjacent residential land uses. Screening can consist of locating parking behind buildings or by opaque landscaping.~~

~~I. At least 80 percent of the required parking spaces will be located on-site. If the developer can secure parking through an agreement acceptable by the director, 10 percent of the required parking spaces must be located within Planned Area 2 and the balance of the required parking must be within 1,000 feet of the development. Building occupancy will be restricted if, at any time, parking spaces off-site are lost and not replaced by other agreements. A notice will be recorded to the title of any property stating these requirements.~~

~~J. All residents of Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 shall be offered parking, to be included in the apartment or condominium unit cost, either on-site or in designated locations.~~

~~K. Bike racks, lockers, and/or secured parking areas for bikes shall be provided. Some secured spaces for bicycle parking should be in an area accessible only to residents of the building. Some spaces for bicycles shall also be provided at street level. (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).~~

**20.91.080 Signs.**

Development proposals in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2 that are 1.5 acres or more require submittal and approval of a master sign plan through the administrative design review process set forth in SMC ~~20.91.040, (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).~~

**20.91.090 Outside lighting.**

A. Intent: To create a walkable human scale neighborhood environment by providing adequate and appropriate lighting for pedestrians.

B. The standards for outdoor lighting apply to all development proposals in the Ridgecrest Commercial Planned Area 2.

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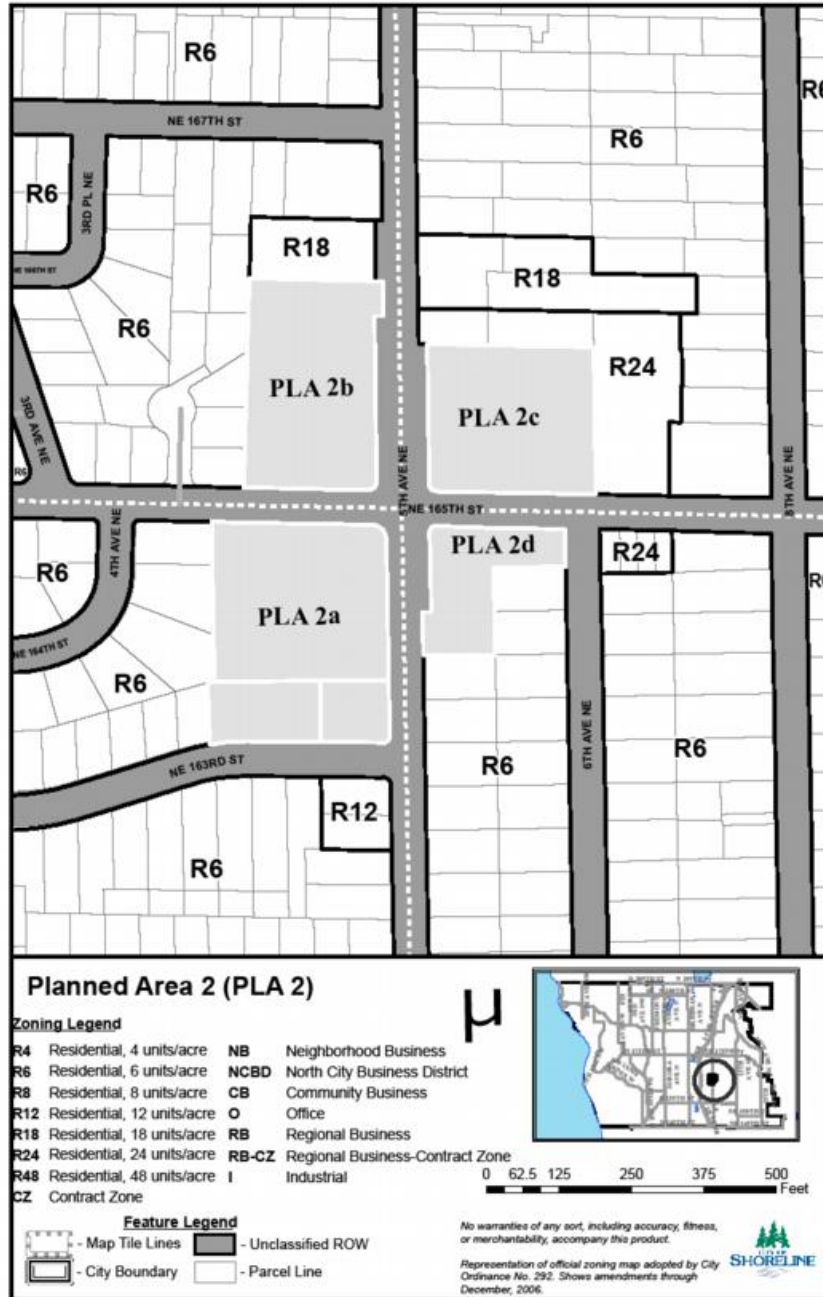
C. The outdoor lighting will:

1. Accent structures or provide security and visibility;
2. Be shielded to confine emitted light to within the site; and
3. Be located so it does not have a negative effect on adjacent properties or rights-of-way.

D. All building entrances will be well lit to provide inviting access and safety. Building-mounted lights and display window lights will contribute to lighting of pedestrian walkways and gathering areas.

E. Lamp height will not exceed 15 feet for on-site pedestrian lighting.

F. Outside lighting will be minimum wattage metal halide or color corrected sodium light sources which emit "natural" light. Non-color corrected low-pressure sodium and mercury vapor light sources are prohibited. (Ord. 492 § 1, 2008).



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**Integrate ~~Delete entire Chapter 20.92~~**

**Comment [p225]:** Basis for and melded into new Commercial Design Standard Subchapter 4