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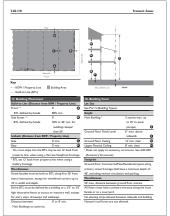


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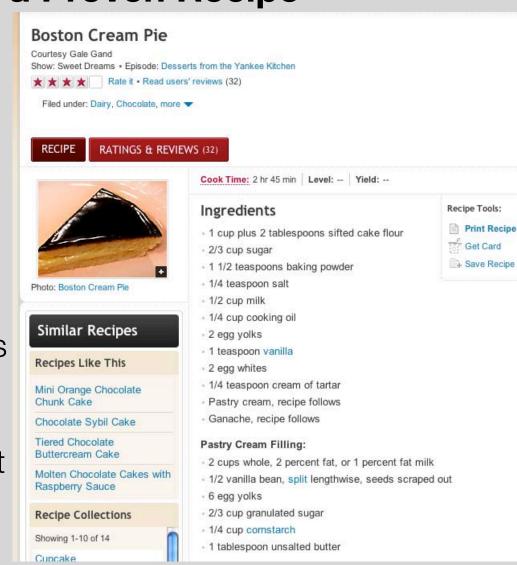
#### **Zoning-Creating Polaroids for a Digital Camera Generation**



# Using an FBC Table of Contents for the Entire Code

#### FBC Components: Like a Proven Recipe

- Regulating Plan
- 2. Building Form Standards
- 3. Frontage Types
- 4. Thoroughfare Types
- 5. Civic Space Types
- 6. Building Types
- 7. Architectural Standards
- 8. Landscape Standards
- 9. Green Building Standards
- 10. Alternative Energy
- 11. Urban Agriculture
- 12. Stormwater management
- 13. Etc.

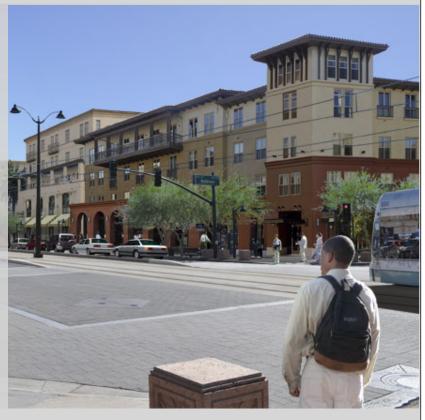






#### More Typical Approach: FBC is Exception

- 1. Introductory Provisions
- 2. Base Zones
- 3. Overlay Zones
- 4. Development Regulations
- 5. Signage Regulations
- 6. Form-Based Code Regulations
- 7. Administration



#### Code Defaults to Walkable Urbanism

- 1. Preamble
- Part 1: Introduction
- Part 2: General to All
  - a. Site Planning and General Subdivision (Design-based)
  - b.TND & TOD Site Planning Standards
- 4. Part 3: Specific to Zones (Building Form-Standards)
  - a. Chapter 3.02 Transect Zones
  - Chapter 3.03 Non-Transect Zones
- 5. Part 4: General to Zones (Frontage Type Standards)
- 6. Part 5: Building Types Standards





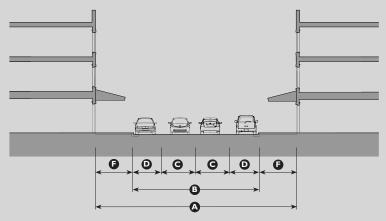
#### Form-Based Code Framework with Conventional Fit In

- 7. Part 6: Specific to Uses
  - a. Chapter 6.02 Applicable to All Zones
  - b. Chapter 6.03 Applicable to Non-Transect Zones Only
- 8. Part 7: Thoroughfare Types
- 9. Part 8I: Civic Space Types
- 10. Part 9: Permitting & Approvals
- 11. Part 10: Subdivision
- 12. Part 11: Definitions



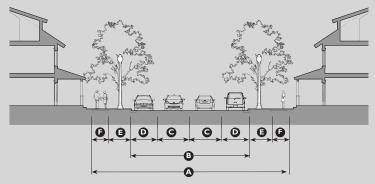


#### **Thoroughfares Remained in Zoning Code!**



7.01.060 Neighborhood Main Street				
Application				
Movement Type	Slow			
Design Speed	20 mph			
Pedestrian Crossing Time	6 seconds (w/ bulb-out	s)		
	10 seconds (w/o bulb-			
	outs)			
Transect Zones	T4MS			
	T4MS-O			
Overall Widths				
Right-of-Way (ROW) Width	60'	A		
Pavement Width	36'	<b>B</b>		
Lanes				
Traffic Lanes	2 @ 10' (2-way travel)	9		
Bicycle Lanes	None			
Parking Lanes	2 @ 8' parallel	0		
Medians	None			

Edges				
Drainage Collection Type	Curb and gutter			
Planter Type	4' x 4' tree grates			
Lighting Type	Low, pedestrian oriented			
	lighting			
Walkway Type	12' sidewalk			
Where gallery frontage is used, street trees are not				
required or allowed.				
Intersection				
Intersection Curb Radius	15' max. (bulb-outs			
	I5' max. (bulb-outs recommended)			
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Curb Radius	recommended)			
Curb Radius  Distance Between	recommended) 400' max.			
Curb Radius  Distance Between Intersections	recommended) 400' max.			



7.01.050 Neighborhood Street Planter Strip				
Application				
Movement Type	Slow			
Design Speed	20 mph			
Pedestrian Crossing Time	6 seconds (w/ bulb-outs	5)		
	10 seconds (w/o bulb-			
	outs)			
Transect Zones	T4N-O			
	T4N			
	T3N			
Overall Widths				
Right-of-Way (ROW) Width	56-60'	A		
Pavement Width	36'	8		
Lanes				
Traffic Lanes	2 @ 10' (2-way travel)	9		
Bicycle Lanes	None			
Parking Lanes	2 @ 8' parallel	0		
Medians	None			

Edges		
Drainage Collection Type	Curb and gutter	
Planter Type	5'-7' continuous	G
Lighting Type	Low, pedestrian	
	oriented lighting	
Walkway Type	5' sidewalk	G
Intersection		
Curb Radius	15' max. (bulb-outs	
	recommended)	
Miscellaneous Requirem	ents	

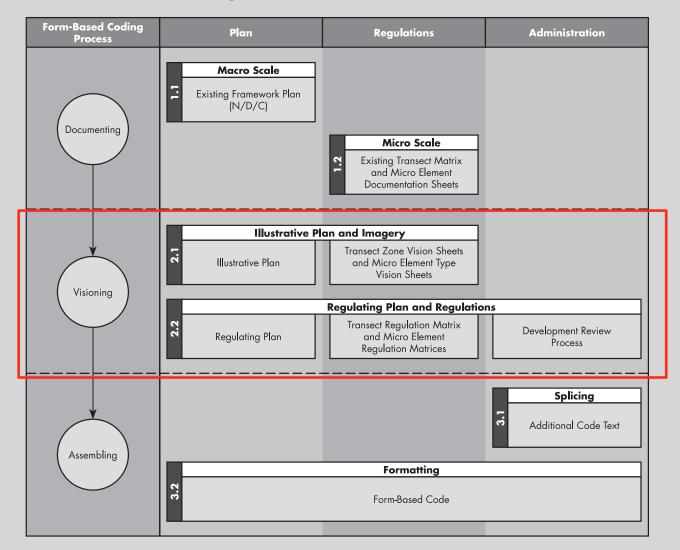
Transformations to existing streets shall match the designations set forth in the General Plan.





# Effectively Integrating the Charrette Process Into a Citywide Code Update

#### **How Does Visioning Fit Into the Process?**







### **Use Macro-Scale Analysis to Select FBC Focus Areas**

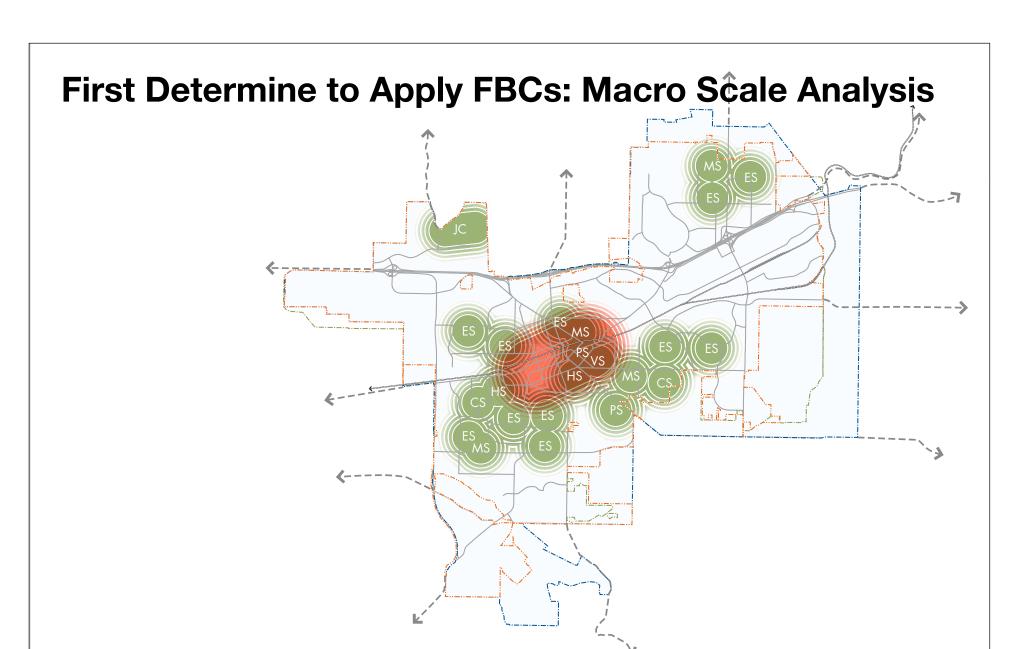






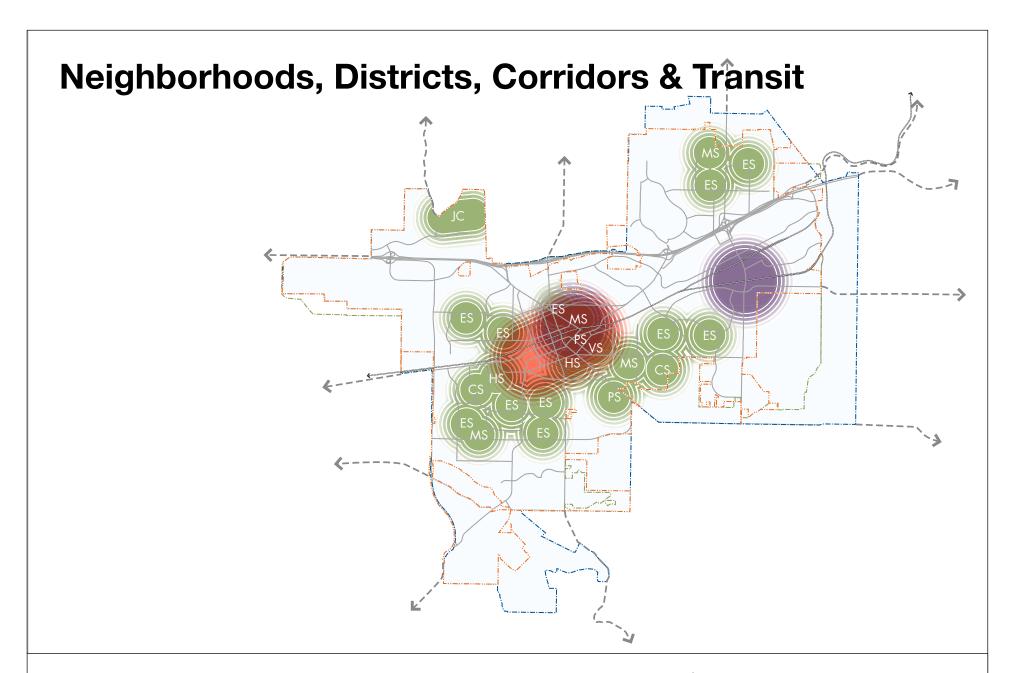






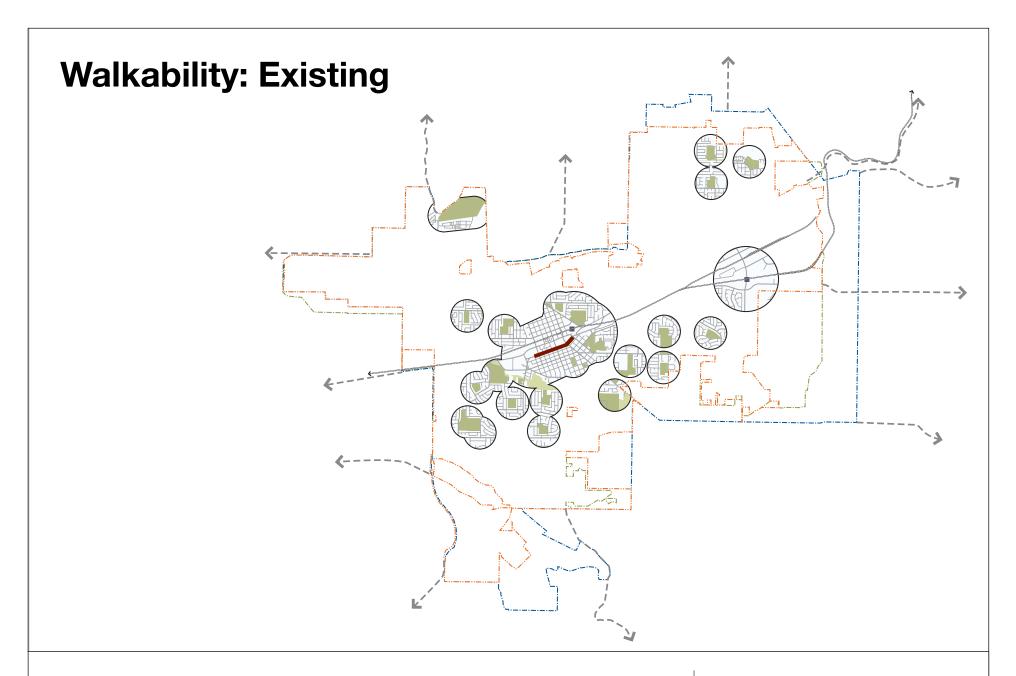






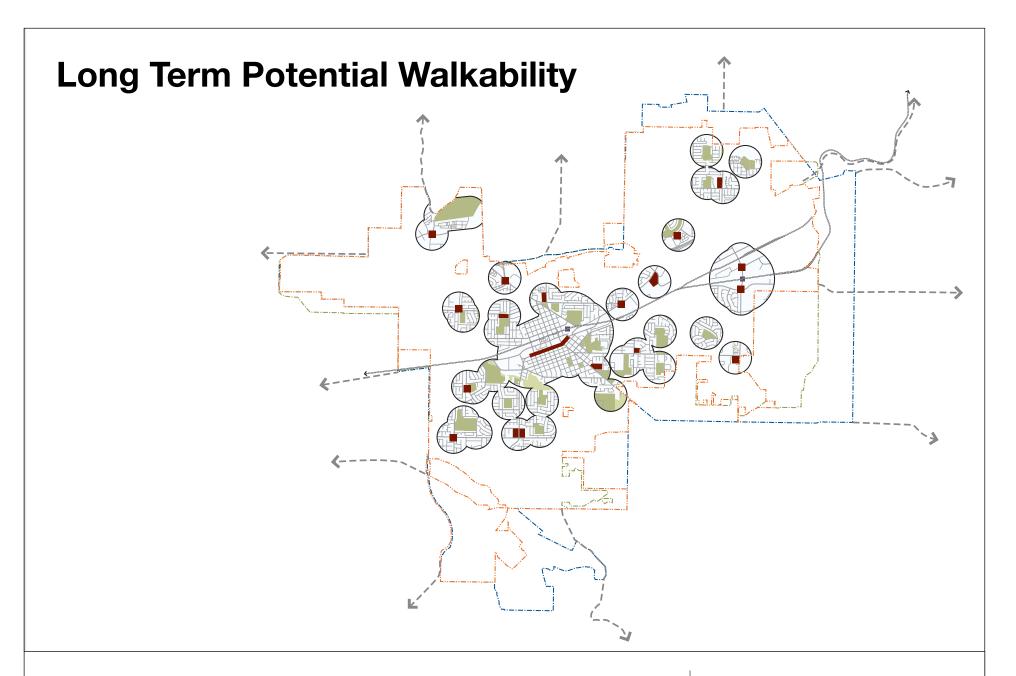
















### Use Charrette to Illustrate Potential FBC Build Out Scenarios











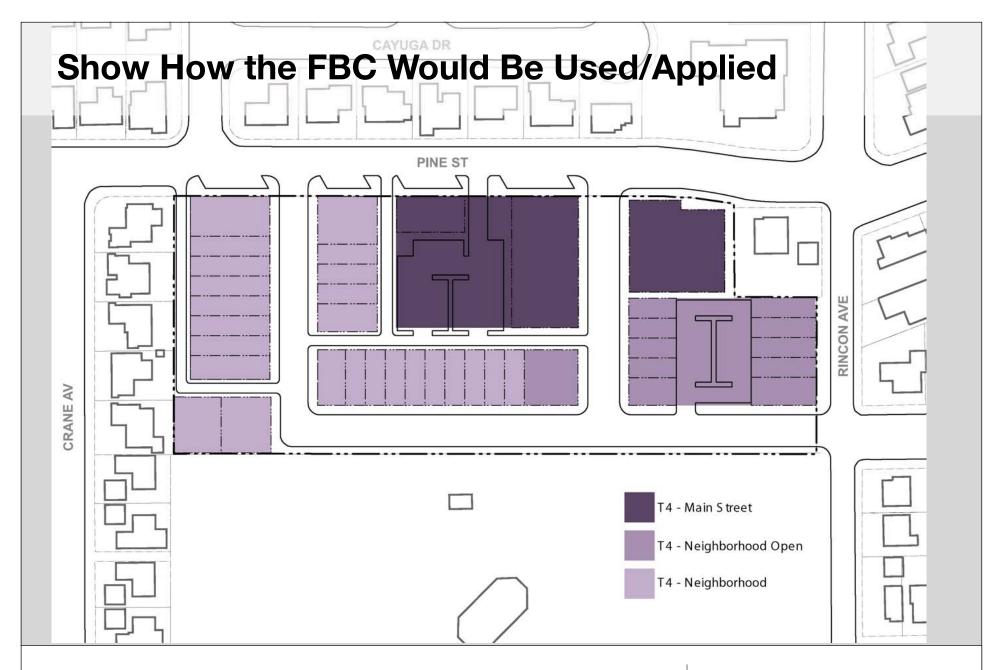
#### **Small-Scale Transformation: Strip Mall to Main Street**









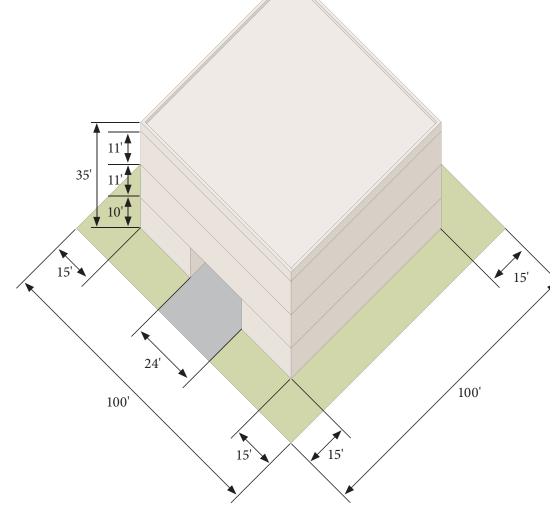






Assess and Illustrate What the Current Code Allows... Then Show How to Fix It With an FBC

#### **Understand Existing Regulations and Why They're Not Working**



#### **Constraining Factors**

- Limiting factor 1: Parking requirement (1.75 spaces/du, except 1.5 spaces/du where 80 percent of the units are less than 800 square feet each in size and contain no more than one bedroom)
- Limiting factor 2: Density cap established in General Plan: total buildable area is multiplied by GP allowed density to establish max # units (Sec 3-05-080)

Regulations contributing to poor design

- 1. Regulations encourage "lifted" buildings by allowing additional 3rd floor if the ground floor is devoted only to parking
- 2. Regulations encourage lot aggregation because 50' wide lots cannot accommodate parking requirement for multifamily units
- 3. Lack of FAR allows potentially large single buildings (e.g. 14,980 sf total area on a 100x150 typical lot)
- 4. Parking requirement discourages construction of small units
- 5. Two-family lots: max of 400 sf can be paved for parking within the front yard setback (Sec 3-20-050B)





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#### **RL-5-0: Existing Condition**





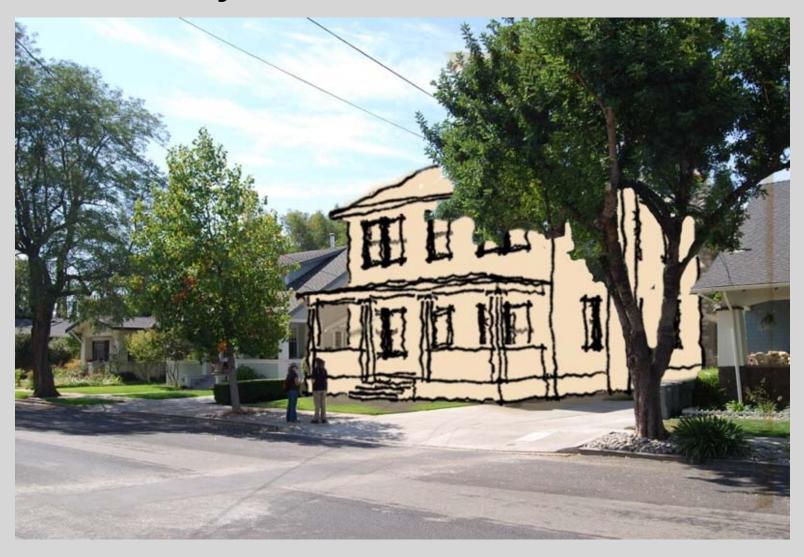
#### **RL-5-0: Allowed by Current Zoning**







#### T3-N: Allowed by Form-Based Code







### Doing a Hybrid Code Correctly

### Two Completely Different Types of Places: Do Not Try to Regulate the Same Way!

Form-Based Zones/ Transect

Walkable Urban Places

Lower parking requirements (More walking, access to transit)

Public realm = Public space

Blended density (variety of types)

Mixed use environments

Uses more flexible based on operational characteristics

Conventional
Use-Based Zoning

Drivable Suburban Places

Higher parking requirements (Less walking and access to transit)

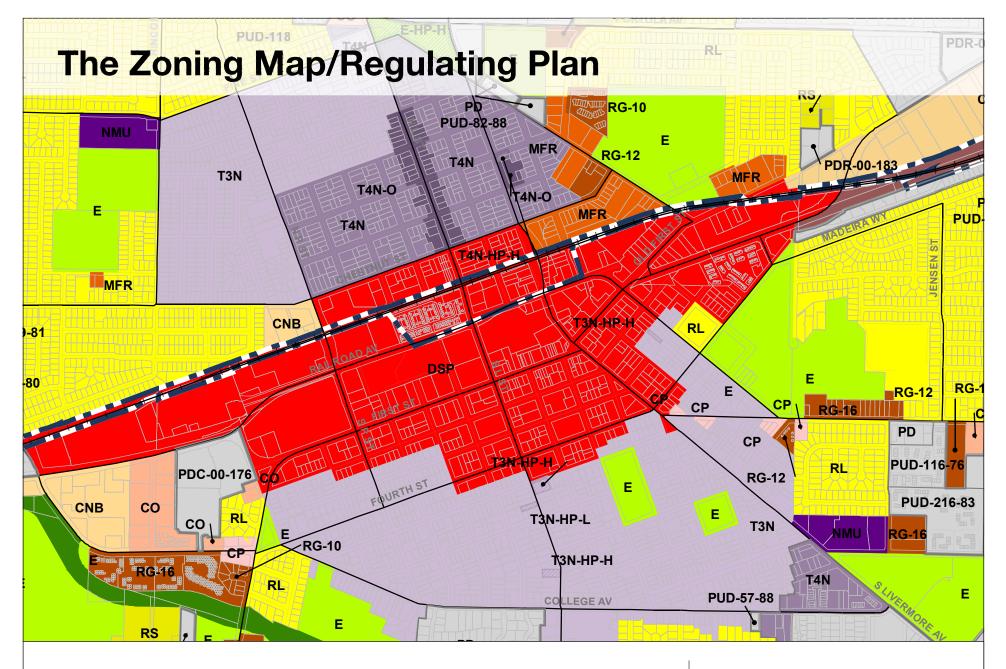
Larger public and private open space required due to isolation

"Podded" densities and uses

Specific Uses allowed







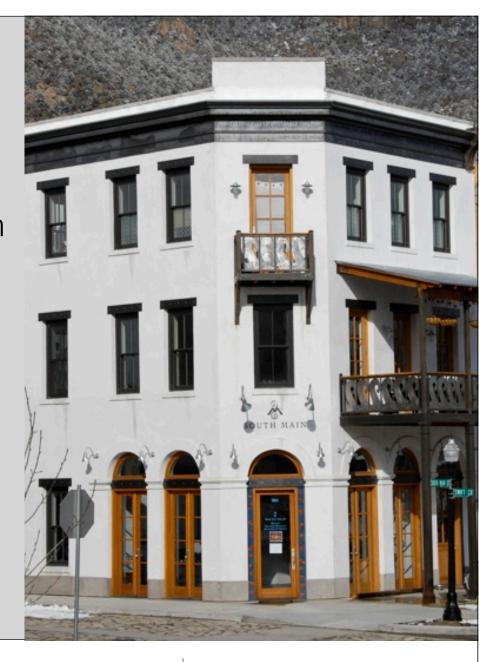




# What a Form-Based Code Is Not

#### What an FBC is Not:

- 1. Simply adding Mixed Use zones to an otherwise conventional code
- 2. Adding another layer of form and character standards to a conventional code
- 3. Not site planning guidelines
- 4. Not architectural guidelines







#### **Conclusion: Time to Get Rid of Your Polaroid!**





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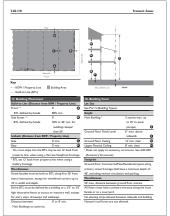


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