



**CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
October 25, 2023**

**WORK SESSION
CitySpace, 100 5th St NE**

J. Lloyd Snook, III, Mayor
Juandiego Wade, Vice Mayor
Michael K. Payne, Councilor
Brian R. Pinkston, Councilor
Leah Puryear, Councilor
Kyna Thomas, Clerk

6:00 PM City Council Work Session

I. Call to Order/Roll Call

II. Presentation of Work Session Topic – "Planning Commission recommendations to City Council on updates to Development Code and Zoning Map"

James Freas, Director of Neighborhood Development Services

III. Council Discussion

IV. Adjournment

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The meeting notice was published simultaneously to the public and the governing body on 9/20/23.

**RESOLUTION
OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION:**

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO AMEND AND REORDAIN A NEW CHAPTER 34 AND TO
REPEAL CHAPTER 29 OF THE CHARLOTTESVILLE CITY CODE AND TO ADOPT A NEW
OFFICIAL ZONING MAP FOR THE CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE**

WHEREAS, City staff began the Cville Plans Together process in January 2020, which resulted in a new Comprehensive Plan adopted by City Council in November 2021. Among other matters, the Comprehensive Plan recommended adoption of a new zoning ordinance and map, and work on the new Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map began in January 2022; and

WHEREAS, the City's consultant recommended reorganization of the City's zoning and development regulations into a Development Code to replace the current Zoning Ordinance Chapter 34 and current Subdivision Ordinance Chapter 29 with a new Chapter 34 containing both sets of land use regulations; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2023, the City Council initiated the proposed City of Charlottesville Development Code and new Zoning Map and directed the Planning Commission to conduct a public hearing and provide recommendations to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing on the proposed Development Code and new Zoning Map was held by the Planning Commission on September 14, 2023, after providing notice as required by law; and

WHEREAS, following conclusion of the public hearing, the Planning Commission determined that additional deliberation was required and continued its deliberation to a work session on September 19, 2023, and then to a work session on September 26, 2023, and then to a work session on October 4, 2023 and then to a work session on October 10, 2023. At the conclusion of each session, the Commission determined that they needed additional time to deliberate; and

WHEREAS, following further deliberation at the meeting continued on October 18, 2023, the Planning Commission determined that it was ready to make recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has determined that certain revisions/changes should be made to the initiated Development Code and new Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission finds that public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practice require the proposed Development Code and the new Zoning Map with the changes recommended by the Planning Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Charlottesville Planning Commission does hereby recommend City Council approval of the proposed City of Charlottesville Development Code and new Zoning Map, respectively, and repeal of Chapter 29 of the Charlottesville City Code with the

changes outlined in Attachment A - Development Code Updates October 13, 2023, Attachment B - Zoning Map Updates October 13, 2023 and Attachment C - Updates recommended by Planning Commission at October 18, 2023 work session;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Planning Commission shall transmit this Resolution and the Planning Commission's recommendations to the Charlottesville City Council.

Adopted by the Planning Commission, this 18th day of October 2023.

Attest:



Secretary, Charlottesville Planning Commission

The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Charlottesville Development Code with the following modifications:

Article 2. ZONING DISTRICTS

1. Sec. 2.2.1. Summary of Districts

[New language related to the new RN-A district presented on page 23]

2. Sec. 2.2.4.A.

2. DENSITY

Dwellings per lot (max)

Base 8

Bonus:

Existing Structure Preservation 10

Bonus:

Affordable Dwelling Unit 12

3. Sec. 2.2.4.A.

4. BUILDING SETBACKS

Primary street lot line (min/max) 10'/20' or Existing Range

4. Sec. 2.2.2.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units 2.5/~~32~~ 35'

More than 21 units 3/~~35~~ 40'

Side wall height (max)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units ~~25~~ 28'

More than 21 units ~~35~~ 40'

5. Sec. 2.2.2.B.

2. MASSING

Building width (max)

Primary street 60'

~~Up to 60' wide lot~~ 40'

~~More than 60' wide lot~~ 60'

6. Sec. 2.2.2.B.

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%

Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

7. Sec. 2.2.3. RN-A Residential Core Neighborhood A [New Section]

[New section would be inserted at this location and following sections renumbered.
New language is presented on page 23.]

8. Sec. 2.2.3.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units 2.5/~~32~~ 35'

More than 21 units 3/~~35~~ 40'

Side wall height (max)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units ~~25~~ 28'

More than 21 units ~~35~~ 40'

9. Sec. 2.2.3.B.

2. MASSING

Building width (max)

Primary street 60'

~~Up to 60' wide lot~~ ~~40'~~

~~More than 60' wide lot~~ ~~60'~~

10. Sec. 2.2.3.B.

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%
Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

11. Sec. 2.2.4.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

Base ~~3~~ 3.5 / ~~35~~ 40'

Bonus:

Affordable Dwelling Unit 4 / 52'

12. Sec. 2.2.4.B.

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%

Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

13. Sec. 2.4.4.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)		
Base	8 / 114'	
Bonus	10 <u>11</u> / 142 <u>156</u> '	

14. Sec. 2.5.4.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)		
Base	8 / 114'	
Bonus	10 <u>11</u> / 142 <u>156</u> '	

15. Sec. 2.5.5.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)		
Base	10 / 142'	
Bonus	12 <u>13</u> / 170 <u>184</u> '	

16. Sec. 2.5.6.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)	10 / 142' or BAR Review
<u>Base</u>	<u>10 / 142'</u>
<u>Bonus</u>	<u>13 / 184'</u>
Street step-back	
Stories without step-back (max) — 3	
Step-back depth (min) — See Map	

17. Sec. 2.6.3.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)		
Base	8 / 114'	
Bonus	10 <u>11</u> / 142 <u>156</u> '	

18. Sec. 2.8.5.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)	2 <u>2.5</u> / 30 <u>35</u> '
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6. FENCES AND WALLS

Front yard height (max)	0 <u>4</u> '
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19. Sec. 2.9.2.B. Established Architectural Design Control Districts

The following areas have been determined by City Council to be of unique architectural or historic value, and are hereby designated as Architectural Design Control (ADC) Districts, the limits of which are shown on the City's zoning map. City Council has designated only certain buildings within these district as "contributing structures." Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines for each district:

1. Downtown Architectural Design Control District (DADC)

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be "contributing structures," except that, with respect to certain properties added to this district on or after January 17, 2006, City Council has designated only certain buildings as "contributing structures," as specifically identified on a map included within the design guidelines for this district.~~

2. North Downtown Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be "contributing structures," except that, with respect to certain properties added to this district on or after January 17, 2006, City Council has designated only certain buildings as "contributing structures," as specifically identified on a map included within the design guidelines for this district.~~

3. Ridge Street Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be "contributing structures."~~

4. West Main Street Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as "contributing structures." Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

5. Wertland Street Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed to be "contributing structures."~~

6. Corner Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

7. Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Neighborhood Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

8. Rugby Road, University Circle, Venable Neighborhood Architectural Design Control

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

20. Sec. 2.9.2.C.

1. City Council may, by ordinance, from time to time, designate additional properties and areas for inclusion within an ADC District; or remove properties from a ADC District. Any such action will be undertaken following the rules and procedures applicable to the adoption of amendments to the City's Development Code and official zoning map.

3. Before an area is designated as an Architectural Design Control District, each structure will be determined to be either "contributing" or "non-contributing." Thereafter, at least once every 15 years, this determination will be reconfirmed.

21. Sec. 2.9.6 Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District [new section]

[language presented on page 27 of this document]

22. Sec. 2.10.5.E.2. Unlimited Encroachments

b. Covered structures located entirely below grade. Examples include footings, cellars, basements, storm water storage, and cisterns;

23. Sec. 2.10.6.A.2. Applicability

d. For through lots ~~in Residential (R-) All Zoning Districts~~, the Administrator may waive or vary the build-to width requirement for one of the street lot lines. The Administrator will consider the following standards when making the decision to waive or vary the requirement for one street lot line:

24. Sec. 2.10.6.A.5. Exceptions

b. ~~Heritage~~ Tree Preservation Allowance
Where the preservation of a ~~designated heritage~~ tree of 15" diameter breast height (dbh) or greater prevents a building from meeting the build-to width requirement, a reduced build-to width may be allowed by the Administrator.

25. Sec. 2.10.9.A.4.b.i.

b) The top of the structural roof deck, for a building with a roof having a pitch of 4:12 or less; and

26. Sec. 2.10.9.A.5. Exceptions

		District Height (max)	
		Up to 42'	More Than 42'
Architectural Elements	<i>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</i>		
Encroachment (max)		3 10'	10'
Setback from roof edge (min)		0'	0'
Vertical Circulation	<i>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</i>		
Encroachment (max)		10 14'	10 14'
Setback from roof edge (min)		5'	5'
Unenclosed Structures	<i>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</i>		
Encroachment (max)		8 10'	8 10'
Setback from roof edge (min)		5'	5'

27. Sec. 2.10.9. Height

~~C. Street Step-Back~~

~~Step-like recesses in the upper story massing of a building along street lot lines.~~

~~1. Intent~~

~~To reduce the perceived bulk and mass of a building along facades facing streets, and ensuring building height along the street is appropriate to neighboring context, while allowing for additional building height.~~

~~2. Applicability~~

~~a. Street step-back requirements apply to lots fronting on streets designated on the Downtown Step-Back Map in Appendix ___.~~

~~b. When required by the Downtown Step-Back Map, street step-back requirements apply to all buildings or structures that face a street lot line.~~

~~3. Standards~~

~~The following standards apply for a minimum of 85% of the building width:~~

~~a. All stories above the maximum stories without step-back requirement must step back from the street facing facade by at least the minimum step-back depth required by the Downtown Step-Back Map.~~

~~b. No building or structure may extend into the minimum step-back depth, unless listed as an exception below.~~

~~c. Buildings with a height up to the maximum stories without step-back are not required to provide a street step-back.~~

~~4. Measurement~~

~~a. Stories without Step-Back~~

~~Stories without step-back is measured according to Sec. 2.10.9.A. Building Height.~~

~~b. Step-Back Depth~~

~~The minimum step-back depth is measured as a horizontal distance from the exterior of the uppermost story without a step back to the exterior of the stepped back stories.~~

~~5. Exceptions~~

~~a. The following are allowed to horizontally encroach beyond the required street step back as listed below:~~

		Horizontal Encroachment (max)
Architectural Elements	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2'
Roof Projections	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2.5'
Unenclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	5'
Enclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2.5'
Mechanical and Electrical Equipment	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2. 1.5	

~~b. The following are allowed to vertically encroach beyond the required street step back as listed below:~~

		Vertical Encroachment (max)	Setback from Roof Edge (min)
Architectural Elements	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	3'	0'
Safety Barriers	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	6'	0'
Vertical Circulation	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	10'	5'
Unenclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	8'	5'
Mechanical and Electrical Equipment	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	5'	3'
Flatwork	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	2.5'	1'
Vegetation	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	unlimited	1'

28. Sec. 2.10.10.B.2. Applicability

~~d. Single unit residential buildings do not have to meet active depth requirements.~~

29. Sec. 2.10.12.B.3.b. Ground Story Façade Blank Wall Treatments

PUBLIC ART

A noncommercial image attached to the blank wall and is sufficiently different from the building facade to meet the intent of this section. Murals must be reviewed by the Administrator to confirm any mural or art display is not considered a sign.

30. Sec. 2.10.12.B.3.c. Blank Foundation Wall Treatments

PLANTER

~~Permanent structure containing plants and their growing medium located between a foundation wall with no window or door openings and the public realm.~~

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

Treatment area (min % of blank foundation wall area)	75%
Planting area depth (min)	2.5'
Height above sidewalk (min)	4'
Foundation wall reveal (max)	2'

31. Sec. 2.10.13.A.2. Applicability

d. Single unit residential buildings do not have to provide street-facing entries.

32. Sec. 2.10.13.B.3.c

PORCH

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) 2' / 6'~~

RAISED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) 2' / 6'~~

RECESSED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) 2' / 6'~~

COVERED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) 2' / 6'~~

FORECOURT

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) 2' / 6'~~

33. Sec. 2.10.14. Fences and Walls

For requirements see ~~2.10.14. 4.8.1~~ Fences and Walls.

Article 3. USE REGULATIONS

34. Sec. 3.2.2. Permitted Use Table

Update the links in the Use Standards column to link to the Use Standards section – 3.4.x. – on pages 3-4 through 3-7.

Day care center (12+ persons) - allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

Homestay – allow as Use permitted by right and Use standards apply (P*) in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

General outdoor entertainment and recreation – allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

Remote parking – allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required and Use standards apply in the Residential Mixed Use (RX-) districts rather than Use Permitted by right and Use standards apply.

35. Sec. 3.4.4.A.2.

c. There must be at least one residential unit on each lot with a commercial use. This requirement may be waived by Special Use Permit.

d. Commercial uses otherwise allowed by Special Use Permit in the Residential B (R-B) and Residential C (R-C) districts are allowed by-right on corner lots in the Residential B (R-B) and Residential C (R-C) districts, subject to the above standards.

36. Sec. 3.5.2.B. Drive-Through

3. A dining room or walk-up window must also be provided with any drive-through facility and must be available to customers at all times the drive-through is operating.

37. Sec. 3.5.2. Specific Standards

E. Homestay

1. Allows for an individual who owns a dwelling and uses it as their permanent residence to hire out, as lodging:

- a. Such dwelling, or any portion thereof, or
- b. A lawful accessory dwelling.

2. Homestays must comply with the standards of Sec. 3.5.2.D., Home Occupation, subsections 1, 2, 4 through 12, 14, and 15.

3. No more than 6 adult overnight guests are allowed, per lot, per day.

4. Homestays may not have an exterior sign.

5. An individual who applies for an accessory use permit to authorize the operation of a homestay must present proof of:

- a. Such individual's ownership of, and permanent residence at, the property that is the subject of the application. Acceptable proof of permanent residence

includes: applicant's driver's license, voter registration card or U.S. passport, showing the address of the property, or other document(s) which the Zoning Administrator determines provide equivalent proof of permanent residence by the applicant at the property that is the subject of the application.

b. Contact information for a responsible party. If the owner is not the responsible party who will be available during the time of service, then the responsible party must be identified and must sign the application form.

6. Food cannot be prepared for or served to guests of the homestay by the owner or the owner's agent(s) or contractor(s).

7. Every homestay must have working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers, and all such equipment must be accessible to overnight guests of the homestay at all times. Every homestay must comply with requirements of the applicable version of the Virginia Uniform Building Code, as determined by the City's Building Code Official.

8. By their application for an accessory use permit for a homestay, an applicant authorizes City inspectors to enter the subject property, upon reasonable advance written notice to the applicant, at least 1 time during the calendar year for which the permit is valid, to verify that the homestay is being operated in accordance with the regulations set forth within this section.

9. Each accessory use permit for a homestay will be valid from January 1 (or such other date during a calendar year on which such permit is issued) through December 31 of the calendar year in which the permit is issued. During this period of validity, the owner of the homestay must occupy the dwelling as their residence for more than 184 days.

10. A accessory use permit for a homestay may be revoked by the Zoning Administrator:

a. In the event that 3 or more substantiated complaints are received by the City within a calendar year, or;

b. For failure to maintain compliance with any of the regulations set forth within this section.

A property owner whose accessory use permit has been revoked pursuant to this paragraph is not eligible to receive any new accessory use permit for a homestay, for the remaining portion of the calendar year in which the permit is revoked, and for the entire succeeding calendar year.

38. Sec. 3.5.2.E. Outdoor Dining

1. Outdoor dining cannot encroach upon any street, sidewalk or parking areas. Outdoor dining cannot impair the ability of pedestrians ~~or cyclists~~ to use the sidewalk. There must be a minimum ADA compliant width of clear distance of sidewalk at all times.

39. Sec. 3.5.2.F. Outdoor Display

4. Outdoor display cannot encroach upon any street or sidewalk. Outdoor display cannot impair the ability of pedestrians ~~or cyclists~~ to use the sidewalk. There must be a minimum ADA compliant width of clear distance of sidewalk at all times.

40. Sec. 3.6.2.C. Amusement Enterprises (Circuses, Carnivals, etc.)

~~5. Must provide parking for persons expected to attend the event, no fewer than one space per 4 persons of the capacity of the site, as determined by the Administrator.~~

Article 4. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

41. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.a. Term of Affordability

i. For-rent Affordable dwelling units must be income-restricted for a minimum of 99 years. Deed restrictions for affordable dwelling units must be recorded in the Charlottesville Land Records.

ii. For-Sale affordable dwelling units must be sold to a qualifying purchaser who earns 60% of the area median income or below. The dwelling unit must include a deed restriction granting the City of Charlottesville or a qualifying non-profit organization a right of first refusal to purchase the home upon its first resale in accordance with the requirements of the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

iii. When a project demonstrates the affordability goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan and the intent of this Section are met, the Administrator may accept modifications to these requirements consistent with the guidance of the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

42. Sec. 4.2.2.C.b. Determining the Affordable Rent or For Sale Unit Cost

i. Rental units are to be priced to be affordable to a household having a gross annual income at the required household income limit expressed in terms of the percent of AMI. Monthly housing costs, inclusive of rent, utilities, one parking space (where provided), and any other amenity cost, must not exceed 30% of the applicable household income limit. If utilities are separately metered, the maximum allowable rent will be reduced to reflect the tenant's payment of utilities. Maximum affordable rents based on Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards are provided in the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

ii. For sale units are to be priced to be affordable to a household having a gross annual income at the required household income limit expressed in terms of the percent of AMI. The monthly housing costs, inclusive of mortgage principal and interest, private mortgage insurance, property taxes, condominium or homeowner's association fees, hazard insurance, and one parking space (where provided) must not exceed 30% of the applicable household income limit.

43. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. Equivalency of Units

ii. Affordable dwelling units must include the same interior features as the other units in the same building, but appliances and finishes need not be the same make, model, or style, so long as they are new and of good quality.

44. Sec. 4.2.2.C.3. Affordable Dwelling Unit Bonus

a. Bonus in Residential Districts

In Residential A (R-A), Residential B (R-B), and Residential C (R-C) zoning districts, a project must provide 100% of all bonus units to households at or below 60% AMI. When a project demonstrates the affordability goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan and the intent of this Section are met, the Administrator may accept modifications to the equivalency requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. and the concurrency requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.d. Projects in the Residential A (R-A) are exempt from the requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. and of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.d.

b. Bonus in All Other Districts

In any zoning district other than Residential A (R-A), Residential B (R-B), and Residential C (R-C), a project must provide 10% of all residential units to households at or below 50% AMI or provide an in-lieu fee according to the formula described in the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual. To qualify for the bonus height, a project must have a minimum of 40% residential floor area.

45. Sec. 4.3.2.A. Applicability

3. The Administrator may increase maximum block length standards to 1,200 feet (with a corresponding increase in the maximum allowed block perimeter as necessary) for portions of the site that abut and are located within 600 feet of obstructions to the street network that are permanent and accessible. Accessible obstructions include public school campuses, public park land, waterways, stream buffers, cemeteries, and other similar obstructions.

46. Sec. 4.3.2.B.1. Block Perimeter and Length

a. A block must be bound by public or private streets on all sides. The Administrator may allow one side of a block to abut public park land or similar publicly accessible spaces.

47. Sec. 4.3.2.C.3. Pedestrian Passageways

c. The degree of pedestrian passageway variance from an access point on a primary street is measured from the farthest edges of the pedestrian passageway.

48. Sec. 4.4.5.C. Greenscape Zone

6. The greenscape zone must be designed to preserve existing trees to the greatest extent feasible.

49. Sec. 4.5.1.C.2. Pedestrian Connection Types

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TYPE 1

ACCESS STANDARDS

Pedestrian Accessway type	Direct
Pedestrian accessway spacing (max)	See District Entrance Standards
Distance from street intersection (max)	See District Entrance Standards

50. Sec. 4.5.1.C.3.a.i. Linked

e) Where a retaining wall, open drainage, or similar obstacle interrupts a required accessway, the connection must be designed to facilitate passage through or over the obstacle. If the connection is not ADA compliant, a separate, compliant accessway must be provided unless the Administrator determines that a separate compliant accessway is not feasible.

51. Sec. 4.5.3.D.1.a.

ii. Spacing between driveways on abutting parcels should be such that driveways are not immediately adjacent to one another.

iii. For driveways serving parking lots or structures with 6 or more spaces, minimum spacing between driveways must be no less than 100 feet, unless otherwise permitted by the Administrator.

52. Sec. 4.7.1.B. Applicability

3. Transitions are not required when a project in the higher intensity district meets the height, building setback, and use requirements of the abutting lower intensity district.

53. Sec. 4.7.1.D. Measurement

4. Street Step-Back

~~See 2.10.9. Height for measuring street step-backs.~~

a. Stories without Step-Back

Stories without step-back is measured according to Sec. 2.10.9.A. Building Height.

b. Step-Back Depth

The minimum step-back depth is measured as a horizontal distance from the exterior of the uppermost story without a step-back to the exterior of the stepped back stories.

5. Exceptions

a. The following are allowed to horizontally encroach beyond the required step-back as listed below:

		<u>Horizontal Encroachment (max)</u>
<u>Architectural Elements</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2'</u>
<u>Roof Projections</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>
<u>Unenclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Enclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>
<u>Mechanical and Electrical Equipment</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>1.5'</u>

b. The following are allowed to vertically encroach beyond the required step-back as listed below:

		<u>Vertical Encroachment (max)</u>	<u>Setback from Roof Edge (min)</u>
<u>Architectural Elements</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>0'</u>
<u>Safety Barriers</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>6'</u>	<u>0'</u>
<u>Vertical Circulation</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Unenclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>8'</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Mechanical and Electrical Equipment</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>5'</u>	<u>3'</u>
<u>Flatwork</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>	<u>1'</u>
<u>Vegetation</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>unlimited</u>	<u>1'</u>

54. Sec. 4.8.1.C.1. Material

~~d. Chain link fences are not allowed in front or side street yards except in the following districts: Industrial Flex (IX-), Campus (CM), and Civic (CV). When allowed, chain link fences must be vinyl coated.~~

55. Sec. 4.8.1.D.1. Front and Side Street Yards

c. When a wall or fence is located within 3 feet of the exterior face of a retaining wall and the retaining wall is 2 feet in height or greater, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the retaining wall except that where the fence or wall serves as a guardrail, a minimum height of 42 inches is allowed.

56. Sec. 4.8.1.D.2. Side and Rear Yards

b. When a wall or fence is located within 3 feet of the exterior face of a retaining wall and the retaining wall is 2 feet in height or greater, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the retaining wall except that where the fence or wall serves as a guardrail, a minimum height of 42 inches is allowed.

57. Sec. 4.8.1.D.2. Side and Rear Yards

c. Fences and walls that are located in the rear or side yard abutting an alley are measured from the surface of the adjacent alley, vertically to the topmost point of the wall or fence. Where the fence or wall is elevated more than 2 feet above the surface of the alley, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the slope.

58. Sec. 4.8.1.D.3. Opacity

b. The total area of the fence or wall is measured as the smallest regular shape containing all elements of the fence or wall, excluding the top portions of finials or posts.

59. Sec. 4.9.1. Tree Preservation and Replacement

A. Intent

To facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive, ~~and~~ harmonious, sustainable, and resilient community and to protect and maintain the environmental quality in the City by providing standards for the preservation of trees as a part of the land development process, including the protection of specimen trees while providing for reasonable use of land, in support of a healthy urban ecological system.

60. Sec. 4.9.2.C.1. General

d. Plant materials must be able to survive on natural rainfall once established with no loss of health, ~~or an irrigation system must be provided.~~

61. Sec. 4.9.2.C.3. Trees

b. Only trees having a mature height of less than 20 feet may be installed under overhead utility lines, except with the approval of the Administrator.

62. Sec. 4.11.6.A.

2. Large temporary signs are not permitted in Residential (R-), ~~ADC~~-Districts ~~or~~ ~~IPPs~~.

63. Sec. 4.11.9.D.2. General Standards

~~a. An awning sign must be placed on the face of the valance of the awning that are parallel to the building face.~~

64. Sec. 4.11.9.H.2. General Standards

~~d. All wall signs for a single building must be coordinated as to color and lettering.~~

65. Sec. 4.11.9.M.2. General Standards

~~a. A suspended pole sign must be located in a landscaped bed.~~

66. Sec. 4.11.11. Illumination

~~E. Internally lit signs are not allowed in ADC Districts.~~

67. Sec. 4.12.2.C. Exemptions

4. Security lighting controlled by sensors, generating a maximum of 6,000 lumens per fixture, and which provides illumination for 15 minutes or less. In Residential districts (R-) security lighting must generate a no more than 3,000 lumens per fixture.

68. Sec. 4.12.3.B. Design and Installation

2. Light sources must ~~be yellow and not white~~ use a color temperature of no more than 3,000K, with a Color Rendering Index (CRI) value of 80 or higher.

3. Lighting must not trespass onto adjacent properties, sidewalks, or rights-of-way and the footcandles at the property line must be no more than .5.

69. Sec. 4.12.3.C.4.

a. Non-cutoff (unshielded) fixtures may be used when the maximum initial lumens generated by each fixture ~~is are~~ less than ~~3,000~~ 1,600 lumens.

70. Sec. 4.12.3.F. Building Lighting

3. Only lighting used to accent architectural features, landscapes, or art may be directed upward, provided that the fixture is located, aimed, or shielded to minimize light spill into the night sky. Such lighting must have a maximum of 1,600 lumens.

Article 5. ADMINISTRATION

71. Sec. 5.1.5.C.1. General

a. In order to administer the provisions of the Architectural Design Control Districts and the Individually Protected Properties the Board of Architecture Review (BAR) must:

72. Sec. 5.1.5.C.1.b

ii. Develop and recommend to the City Council for Council's approval design guidelines for the City's HC Districts, consistent with the purposes and standards set forth within Div. 2.9. Overlay Districts. The BAR must develop the design guidelines after seeking input from business and property owners in the various districts. Guidelines developed

~~by the BAR will become effective upon approval by City Council and thereafter Design guidelines~~ will have the status of interpretive regulations. The BAR must undertake a comprehensive review and update the design guidelines at least once every 5 years.

73. Sec. 5.2.6.A.2. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

.e. Structural changes to a building or structure which do not require issuance of a building permit under the Uniform Statewide Building Code except for the following, which must be reviewed by the BAR: replacement, if not in-kind, of roof coverings and installation or replacement, if not in-kind, of siding on any buildings or structures, and replacement of windows and doors on any buildings or structures.

74. Sec. 5.2.7.A.1. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

~~d. Applications for signs that require a permit, associated with a new construction project.~~

e. Any replacement of windows and doors, not in-kind replacement of roof coverings, and installation or not in-kind replacement of siding, on any buildings or structures.

75. Sec. 5.2.7.A.2. Historic Conservation District

a. Construction ~~erection, alteration, or demolition~~ of ~~certain~~ buildings, structures, or improvements, ~~of new buildings and structures~~ that require a building permit, and are visible from any abutting street (hidden from view by vegetation or a fence is still considered visible for the purposes of this section).

b. Additions or alterations to existing buildings or structures that are:

76. Sec. 5.2.7.C.2. Board of Architectural Review Decision

~~c. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property~~
The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may require conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to ensure that any new construction or addition would be compatible with the scale and character of the Architectural Design Control District, Individually Protected Property, or Historic Conservation District. Prior to attaching conditions to an approval, due consideration will be given to the cost of compliance with the proposed conditions as well as the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Conditions may require a reduction in height or massing, consistent with the City's design guidelines.

~~The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may make such requirements for, and conditions of~~

~~approval as are necessary or desirable to protect the safety of adjacent buildings, structures, or properties, and of any persons present thereon; and, in the case of a partial removal, encapsulation or demolition:~~

- ~~i. To protect the structural integrity of the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit,~~
~~or~~
- ~~ii. To protect historic or architecturally significant features on the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit.~~

d. Historic Conservation District Demolition

~~The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may require conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to ensure that any new construction or addition would be compatible with the scale and character of the Historic Conservation District. Prior to attaching conditions to an approval, due consideration will be given to the cost of compliance with the proposed conditions.~~

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- i. To protect the structural integrity of the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit,
or
- ii. To protect historic or architecturally significant features on the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit.

77. Sec. 5.2.7.D. Criteria for Review and Decision

1. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

Review of the proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of a building or structure is limited to exterior architectural features, including signs, and the following features and factors:

- a. Whether the material, texture, color, height, scale, mass, and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable District;
- b. The harmony of the proposed change in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances, windows, awnings, exterior stairs, and signs;
- c. The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation set forth within the Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R. §67.7(b)), as may be relevant;
- d. The effect of the proposed change on the adjacent building or structures;

- e. The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls, and walks;
- f. Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation, or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures;
- g. When reviewing any proposed sign as part of an application under consideration, the standards set forth within Div. 4.11. Signs will be applied; and
- h. Any applicable provisions of the City's design guidelines.

2. Historic Conservation District

Review of the proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of a building or structure is limited to exterior architectural features, including signs, and the following features and factors:

- a. Whether the form, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable conservation district;
- b. The harmony of the proposed changes in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances and windows;
- c. The impact of the proposed change on the essential architectural form and integrity of the existing building;
- d. The effect of the proposed change on the adjacent building or structures;
- e. Any applicable provisions of the city's conservation district design guidelines.

78. Sec. 5.2.8.C.2. Entrance Corridor Review Board Decision

- a. The Entrance Corridor Review Board will ~~to~~ decide on a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Corridor Review when:

79. Sec. 5.2.9.D.1.b. Planning Commission Decision

- i. The Planning Commission will ~~take~~ take action on a Development Plan when:

80. Sec. 5.2.15. Special Exception Permit [New section]

5.2.15. Special Exception Permit

A. Applicability

1. The City Council may grant a modification of any physical dimensional standard of this Development Code by Special Exception Permit.

2. A Special Exception Permit may be granted for physical dimensional standards described in the following sections:

- a. Div. 2.10

b. Div. 4.3

c. Div. 4.5

d. Div. 4.7

e. Div. 4.8

2. A Special Exception Permit cannot be granted to the following standards:

a. Dwelling units per lot;

b. Building height in stories; or

c. Development bonuses.

B. Application Requirements

1. Pre-Application Conference

Before submitting an application for a Special Exception Permit, an applicant must schedule a pre-application conference with the Administrator to discuss the procedures, standards, and regulations required for approval. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Administrator.

2. Submitting an Application

Following the pre-application conference, an applicant may start the application process. To begin, a complete application form, required plans, and review fees must be filed the Administrator. Other general submittal requirements for all applications are listed in 5.2.1. Common Review Procedures.

C. Review and Decision Process

1. Administrative Review

a. The Administrator will review the application for a Special Exception Permit. Other City staff will be involved in the review on an as-needed basis, depending on the type of request.

b. The Administrator will provide a staff report and recommendation to Planning Commission.

c. When the property is within an ADC District, HC District, or an Individually Protected Property, the Administrator will refer the application to the BAR for review as to whether the proposed exception will have an adverse impact on the district, and for recommendation as to reasonable conditions which, if imposed, would mitigate any such impacts. The BAR must submit a written report of its findings in support of its recommendation to City Council.

2. Planning Commission Review

a. The Planning Commission will review and make recommendations to City Council in accordance with the review criteria. If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Special Exception Permit, the Commission may set forth any reasonable conditions which they recommend apply to the approval if granted.

4. City Council Decision

a. If the City Council grants a Special Exception Permit, the Council may set forth any reasonable conditions which apply to the approval granted.

D. Criteria for Review and Decision

In considering an application for a Special Exception Permit, the City Council will consider the following factors:

1. Whether the proposed modifications to physical dimensional standards will be harmonious with existing and approved patterns of development on the same or an opposing block face or abutting property;

2. Whether the proposed modification supports the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan;

3. Whether, with the conditions, the Special Exception Permit is consistent with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

E. Action After the Decision

1. Amendments

A Special Exception Permit may be amended following the same procedures as for approval of an original Special Exception Permit application.

2. Applicability and Validity

a. A Special Exception Permit, together with any amendments and modifications, apply to the property for which it was issued so long as such property is used for the purpose approved by such permit, and is not transferable to any other property.

b. A Special Exception Permit will expire:

i. 18 months from the date of approval by City Council if no Development Review is required and a building permit to construct the authorized improvements has not been approved.

ii. 18 months from the date of approval by City Council in the case of proposed new construction if Development Plan approval has not been granted.

iii. Upon revocation of an approved Development Plan or expiration of an approved Site Plan.

c. Prior to the expiration of a Special Exception Permit and upon written request by the applicant to the Administrator, the Administrator, if the Special Exception Permit remains in compliance with all applicable ordinances and policies, may grant an extension of up to one year. A request for an extension must be submitted prior to

expiration of the Special Exception Permit. The Administrator will provide written notification of the decision on the extension request within 14 business days.

81. Sec. 5.4.4.A.

2. The following conduct is hereby declared to be unlawful and subject to the enforcement provisions of this Division:

d. Failure to maintain or repair a contributing structure or protected property as identified in *Sec. 2.9.2. Architectural Design Control District (-ADC)*, *Sec. 2.9.3. Individually Protected Properties (-IPP)*, and *Sec. 2.9.4. Historic Conservation District (-HC)*. Contributing structures and protected properties may not be allowed to fall into a state of disrepair that could result in the deterioration of any exterior appurtenance or architectural feature so as to produce a detrimental effect upon the character of a design district or the life and character of a contributing structure or protected property.

Article 6. SUBDIVISION

82. Sec. 6.2.1.A. General Standards

2. Lot standards do not apply when a lot is to be conveyed to the City or held in common ownership for open space, recreation, or conservation purposes only, and the plat contains a notation that no building permit will be issued for the lot unless it satisfies the lot requirements of this Division and the building permit is consistent with open space, recreation or conservation uses.

Article 7. GENERAL STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS

83. Sec. 7.2 Definitions

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Residential treatment facility. A residential facility licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavior^a Health and Developmental Services or the Virginia Department of Social Services, where up to 8 persons reside together with one or more resident counselors or other resident staff.

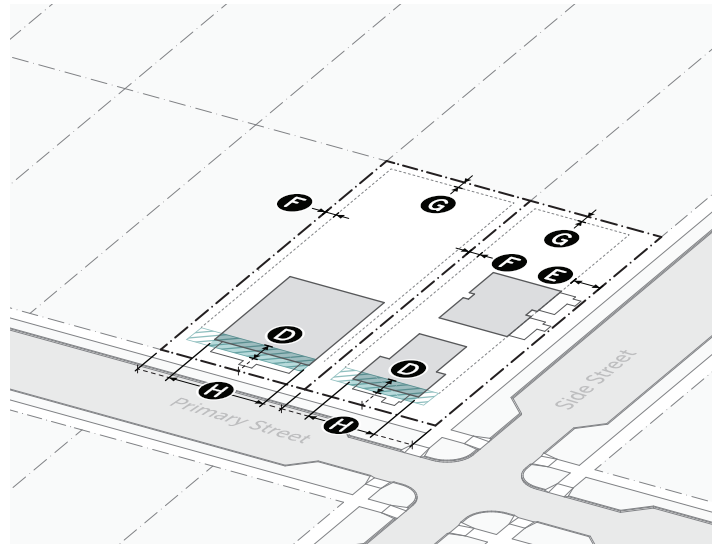
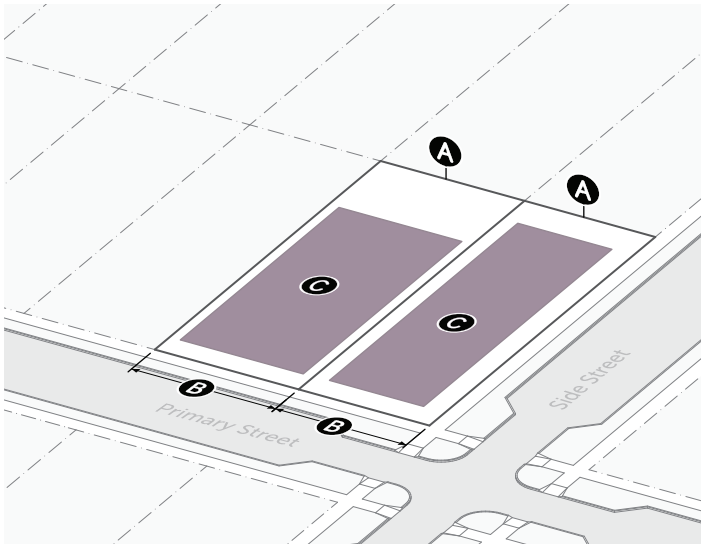
Residential Core Neighborhood A

Insert in Sec. 2.2.1 Summary of Districts

The Residential Core Neighborhood A (RN-A) district is established in recognition of the significance these historic downtown neighborhoods have served in providing workforce housing serving the important job centers of Charlottesville's downtown and the University of Virginia. These neighborhoods are recognized in the City for their affordability and for the diverse range of households that have been able to make their homes there. The intent of this district is to encourage the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing, the creation and preservation of affordable housing, to respect the cultural heritage of the neighborhoods, and to support the overall promotion of a convenient and harmonious community.

2.2.3. RN-A RESIDENTIAL CORE NEIGHBORHOOD A

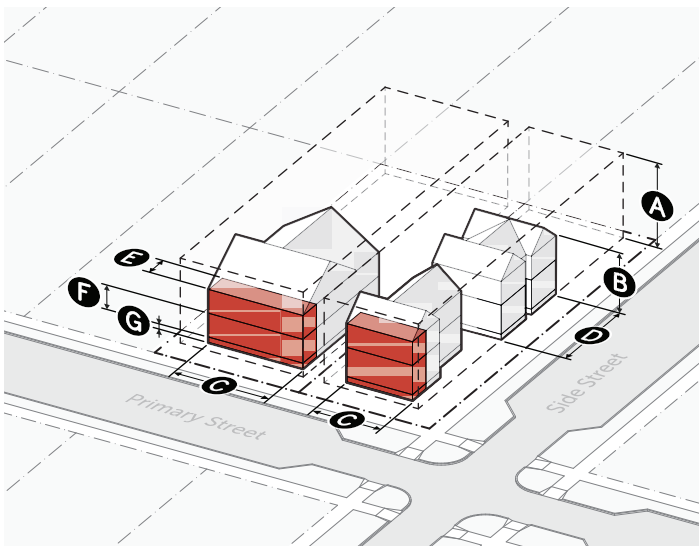
A. LOT



1. LOT SIZE	Sec. 2.10.2.
A Area (min)	6,000 SF
B Width (min)	
Front access	40'
Side / rear access	25'
2. DENSITY	Sec. 2.10.3.
Dwellings per lot (max)	
Base	1
Bonus: Existing Structure Preservation	2
Bonus: Affordable Dwelling Unit	6
3. COVERAGE	Sec. 2.10.4.
C Building coverage (max)	
Up to 2 units	55%
More than 2 units	60%
Building footprint (max)	2,500 SF
Outdoor amenity space (min)	None

4. BUILDING SETBACKS	Sec. 2.10.5.
D Primary street lot line (min/max)	10' / 20' or Existing Range
E Side street lot line (min)	10'
F Side lot line (min)	4'
G Rear / alley lot line (min)	4'
5. BUILD-TO	Sec. 2.10.6.
Build-to width (min)	
H Primary street	50%
Side street	None
6. PARKING LOCATION	Sec. 2.10.8.
Front yard	
Up to 2 units	Driveway only
More than 2 units	Not allowed
Side street yard	
Up to 2 units	Driveway only
More than 2 units	Not allowed
Side yard	Allowed
Rear yard	Allowed

B. BUILDING



1. HEIGHT	Sec. 2.10.9.	
A Building height (max stories/feet)	2.5 / 35'	
B Side wall height (max)	28'	
2. MASSING	Sec. 2.10.10.	
Building width (max)		
C Primary street	40'	
D Side street	70'	
E Active depth (min)	9'	
3. GROUND STORY	Sec. 2.10.11.	
F Ground story height (min)	9'	
G Finished floor elevation (min/max)	0' / 6'	

	Primary St.	Side St.
4. TRANSPARENCY	Sec. 2.10.12.	
H Ground story (min)	20%	15%
I Upper story (min)	10%	10%
J Blank wall width (max)	10'	20'
5. ENTRANCES	Sec. 2.10.13.	
K Street-facing entry spacing (max)	40'	60'
Entry feature	Yes	Yes
6. FENCES AND WALLS	Sec. 2.10.14.	
Front yard height (max)	4'	
Side street yard height (max)		
Within 3' of lot line	4'	
More than 3' from lot line	6'	

2.9.6. Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District

A. Intent

Charlottesville's Core Neighborhoods have special significance to the City having provided homes for the City's workforce in close proximity to job centers at the University and downtown. These racially diverse and affordable neighborhoods historically met their day-to-day needs on the adjacent Preston and Cherry Avenue corridors. The Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District is intended to support these neighborhoods and implement the Comprehensive Plan goals of encouraging the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing, creating and preserving affordable housing, respecting the cultural heritage of the adjacent neighborhoods, supporting public health, encouraging economic development activities that provide desirable employment, and the overall promotion of a convenient and harmonious community.

B. Applicability

1. The following Core Neighborhoods Corridor Districts are hereby established along the following streets:

a. Preston Avenue

From Rosser Avenue to McIntire Road

b. Cherry Avenue

From Roosevelt Brown Boulevard to 5th Street/Ridge Street

2. The Corridor Districts extend from the designated street listed above to the next parallel street, encompassing only those parcels in the Corridor Mixed Use 3 (CX-3) district.

C. Special Exception Permit

1. Projects in a Core Neighborhoods Corridor District may apply for a Special Exemption Permit to exceed the base height of the district as follows:

a. Preston Avenue – May exceed the base district height by up to 4 stories for a maximum total of 7 stories.

b. Cherry Avenue - May exceed the base district height by up to 3 stories for a maximum total of 6 stories.

2. A project seeking the above Special Exemption Permit must conduct a community meeting before submitting an application and include at least two (2) items from the following list:

a. 20% affordable units at 60% AMI. Affordable units must meet the requirements of sec. 4.2.2.;

b. Affordably priced commercial space available for neighborhood-focused uses such as grocers, daycare, community banking or financial assistance offices, laundromats, recreational or fitness establishments, community health centers, or similar uses supporting the intent of this section, or a combination of such uses. Such use must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet;

c. Space for educational training facilities, job training, or similar uses with a minimum of 2,500 square feet;

d. Dedicated indoor or outdoor community space, open for use by the local community. Indoor space must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet. Outdoor space must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet and follow the standards of sec. 2.10.4.C.3;

e. Community gardens or urban agriculture with a minimum square footage of 2,500 square feet;

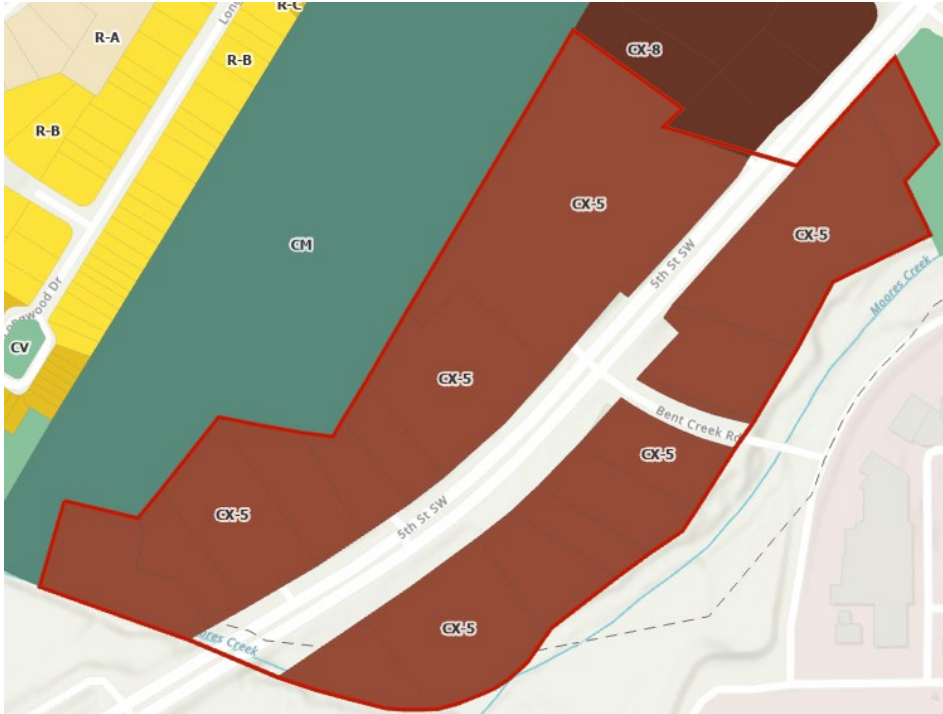
f. Sustainable design features that serve to reduce the environmental impacts of the project, including, but not limited to, incorporation of building design features associated with LEED, Passive House, or similar published building standards, Low-impact Development Standards or other innovative storm water management approaches that exceed the base requirements, the preservation or planting of trees beyond the base requirement, or any combination of these items;

g. Space to allow for a local art installation, the commissioning or selection of said art to be left to a qualified local public art organization, and a commitment towards the maintenance of said art installation; or

h. Other features or amenities that support the intent of this section and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Charlottesville Development Code with the following modifications to the proposed zoning map:

Area on 5th Street – change from CX-5 to CX-8.

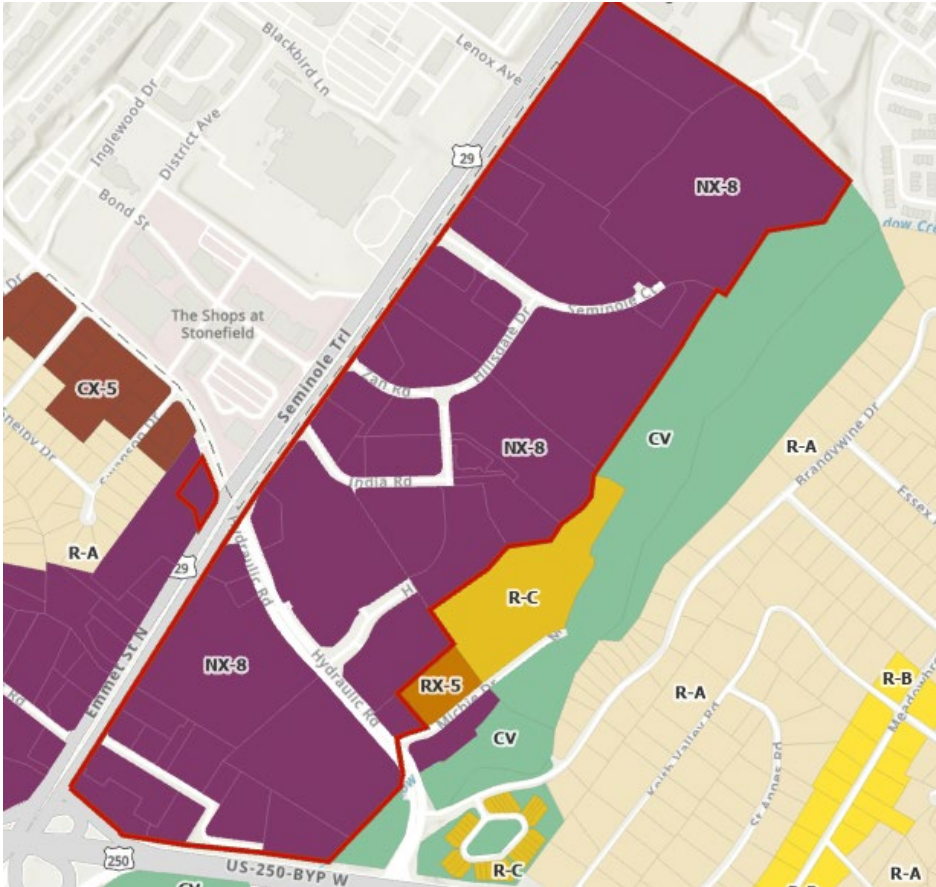


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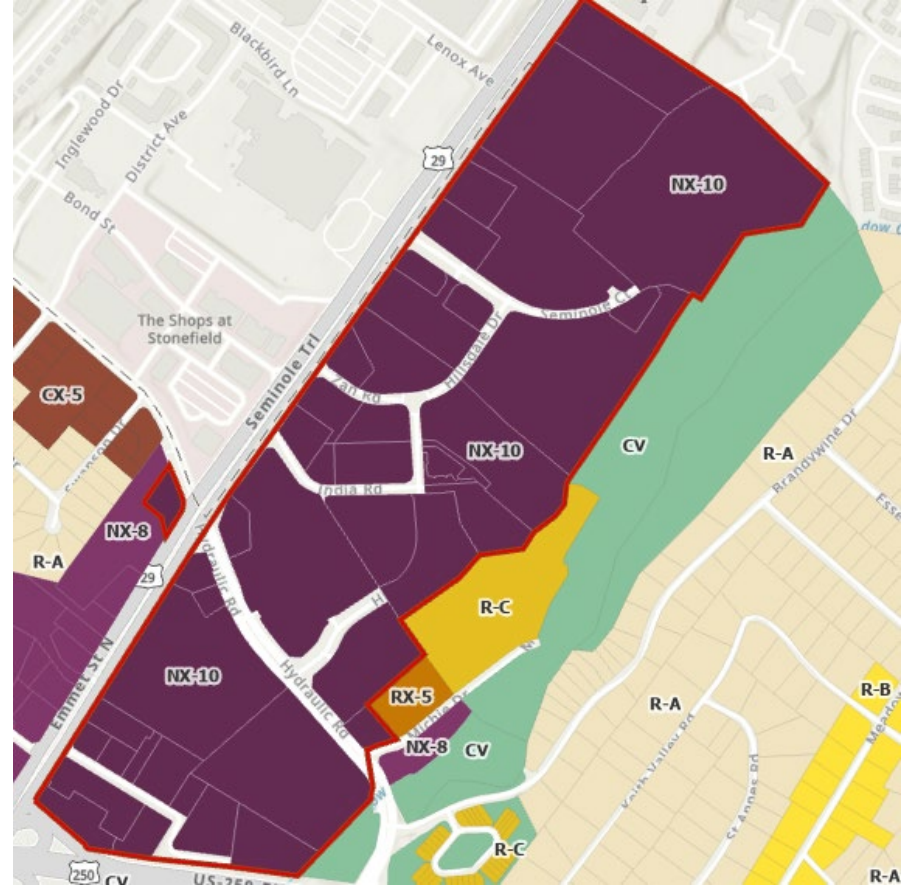


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Area on the east side of Seminole Trail, north of the Rt 250 bypass – change from NX-8 to NX-10

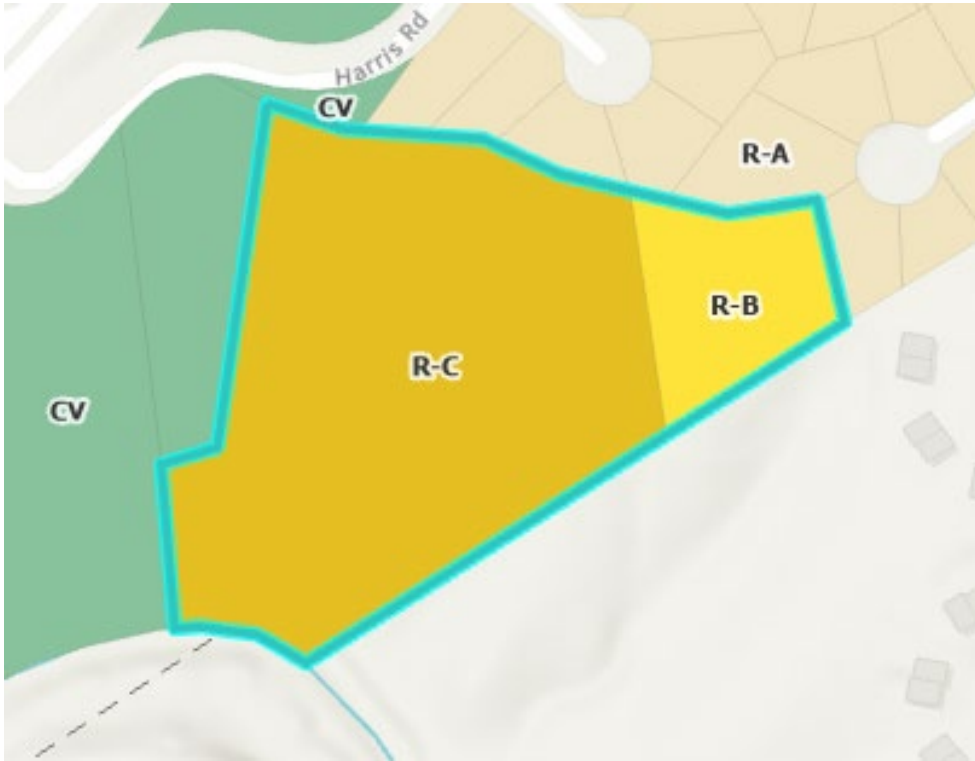


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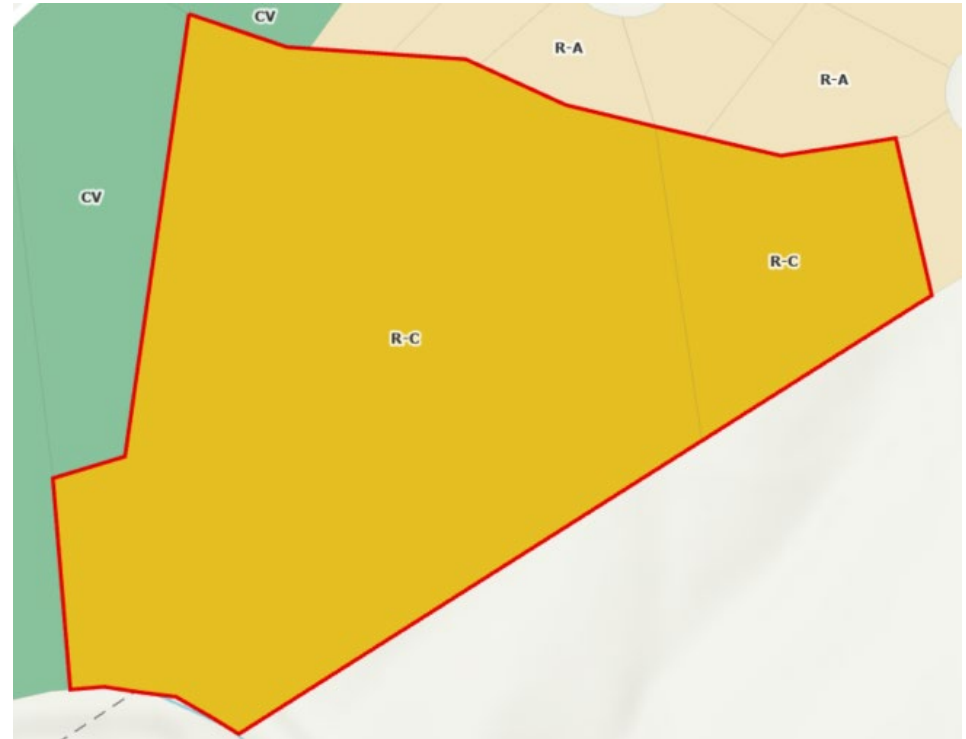


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Area off Harris Road – change from R-B to R-C.

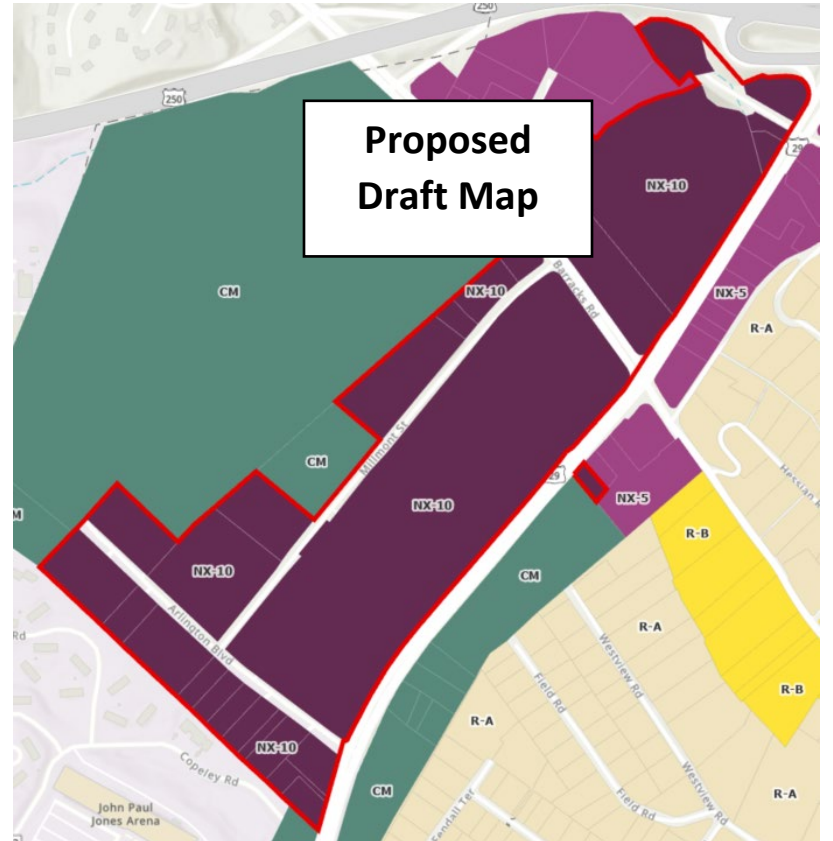
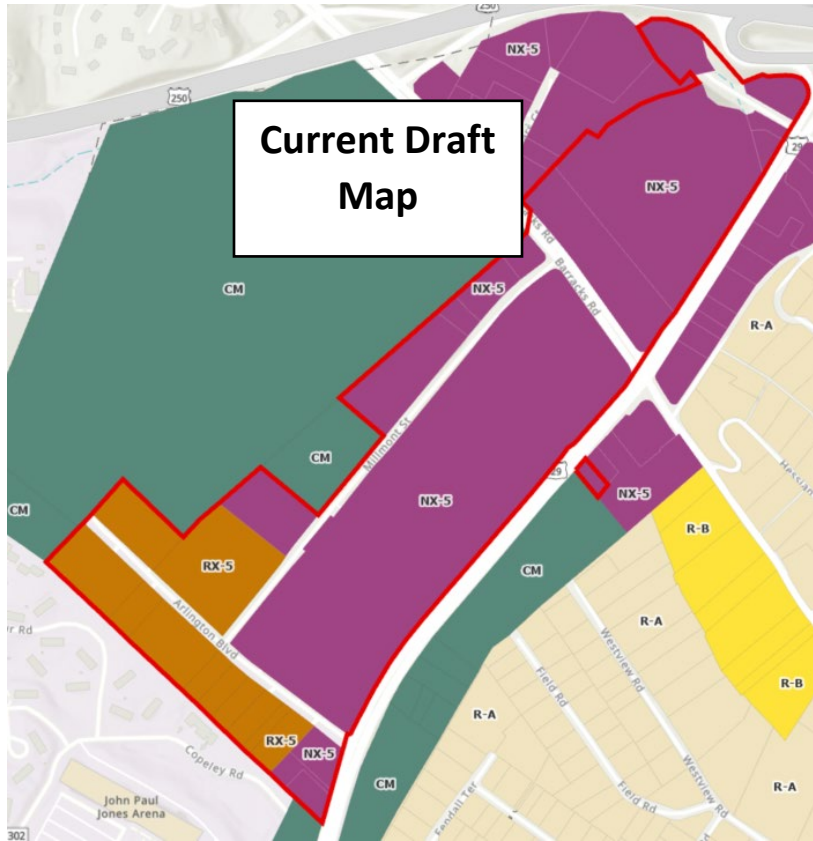


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Area along Route 29 south of the Route 250 bypass – change from NX-5 to NX-10.



Area along Lexington Avenue – change from R-A to R-B.



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Area near downtown and off E. High Street, Lexington Avenue, and Maple Street – change from NX-8 to NX-10

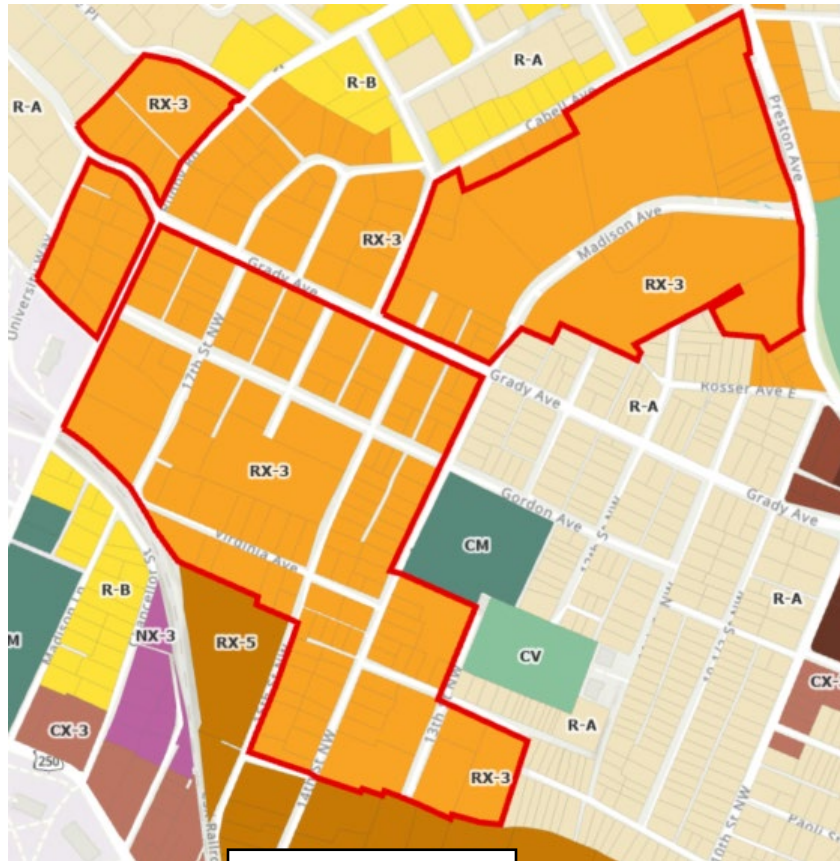


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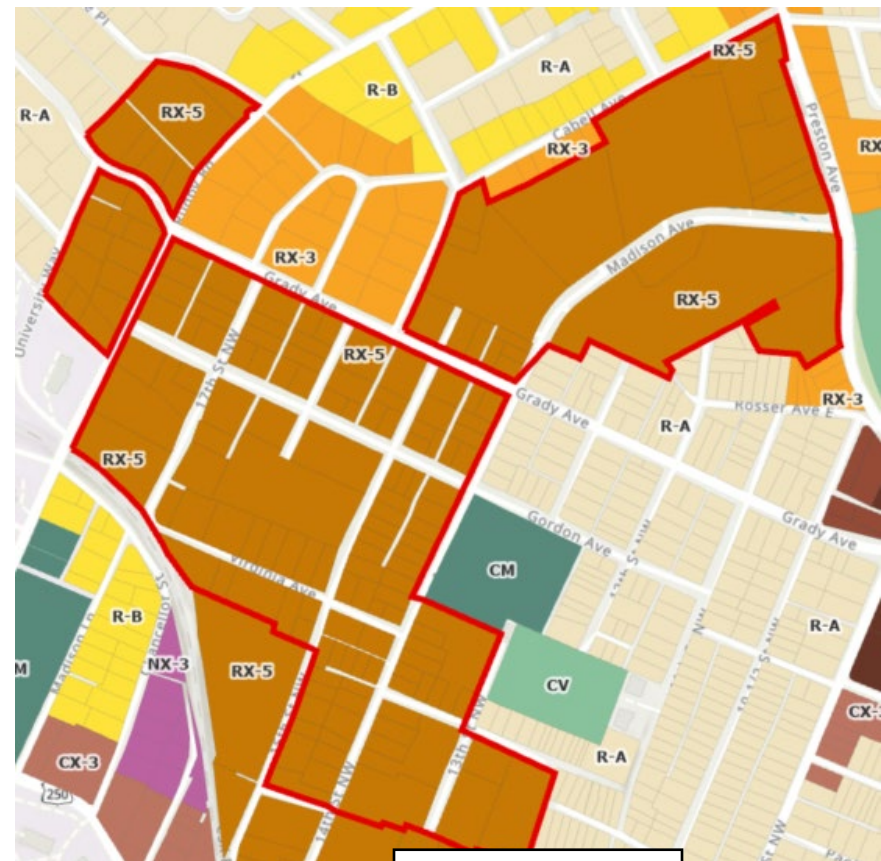


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Area in Venable neighborhood off 14th Street and Grady Ave – change from RX-3 to RX-5.



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Area along the west end (west of the railroad tracks) of West Main Street – change from CX-5 to CX-8



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UVA portion of parcel – change from CM to CX-8.

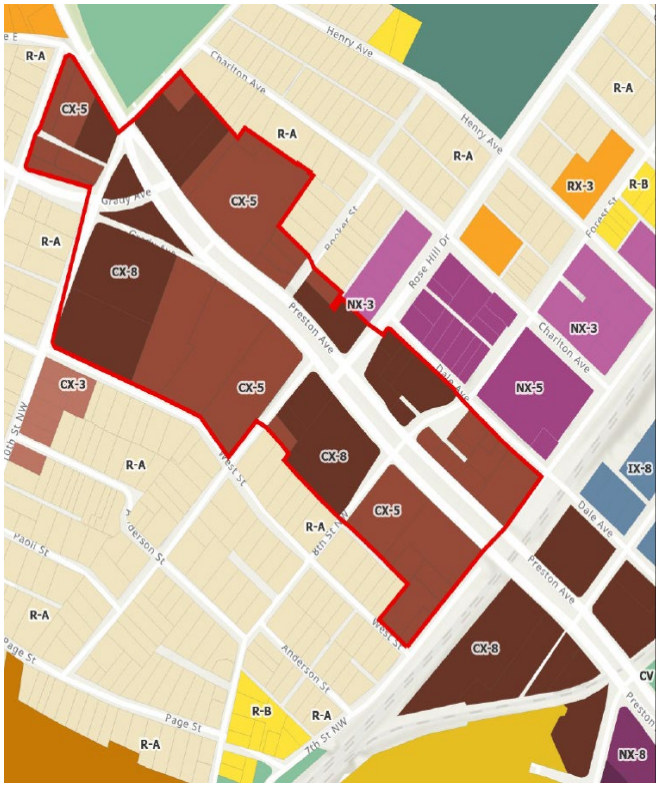


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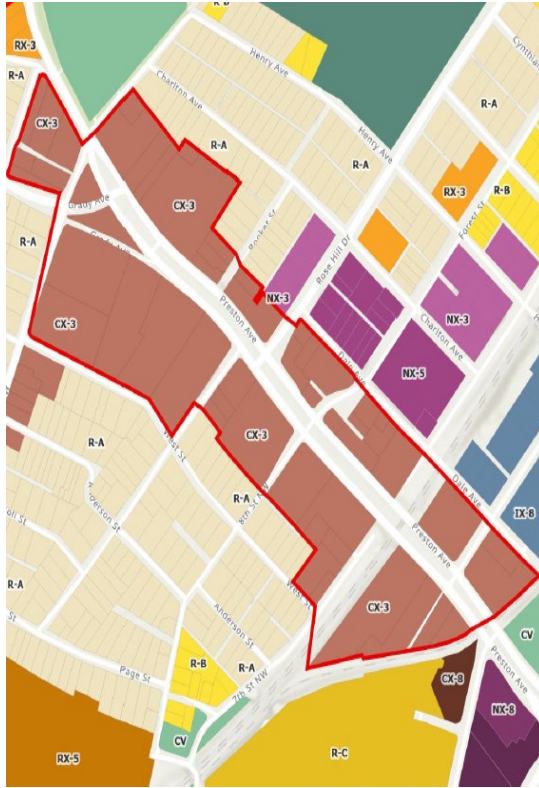


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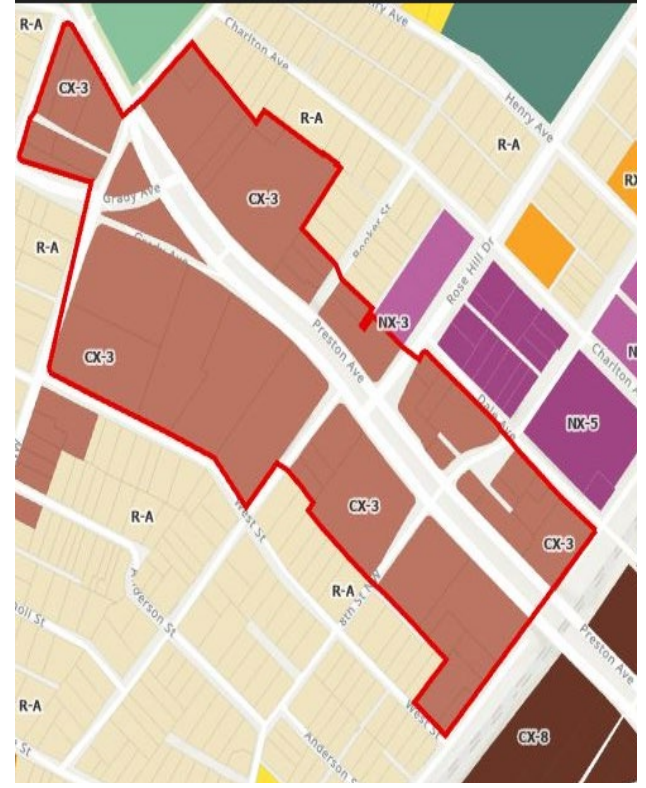
Preston Avenue corridor – change from CX-5 and CX-8 to CX-3.



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**Proposed Draft Map from
Oct 13, 2023**



**Proposed update
recommended on
October 18, 2023
See Attachment C for
details.**

Attachment C - Updates recommended by Planning Commission at October 18, 2023 work session

1. Sec. 2.2.3.A.2 – change existing structure bonus from 2 units to 3 units
2. Sec. 2.2.3.A.3 – Building Coverage (max) – 1 unit 45%; up to 2 units 55%; 3-4 units 60%; more than 4 units 65%.
3. Sec. 2.2.3.A.3. footprint – add over 2 units max 3,000 sf
4. RN-A 2nd page change to R-A
5. Sec. 2.9.6.B.1.a extend district to Railroad ROW main line (not spur). (remove words “McIntire Road”)
6. Restore parcels east of new overlay border on Preston Avenue to CX-8
7. Sec. 2.9.6.C.2.g – remove section
8. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. Add language from Sec. 4.2.2.2.C.1.a.iii.
9. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c.vi. Add - For projects containing at least 30% of units as affordable housing units meeting the 4.2.2.C.1.a. Term of Affordability requirements and 4.2.2.C.1.b. Cost requirements, the equivalency requirements of this section do not apply.
10. Sec. 5.1.5.B – in e, remove “or a licensed professional contractor. In f, change to 1 historian, and then add g. 1 licensed professional contractor or 1 historian or person with substantial background in history or historic preservation.
11. Changes to boundaries of RN-A

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Remove Parcels and put in R-A

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Remove parcels and put in R-A

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E.

Add parcels

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The Planning Commission recommends adoption of the Charlottesville Development Code with the following modifications:

Article 2. ZONING DISTRICTS

1. Sec. 2.2.1. Summary of Districts

[New language related to the new RN-A district presented on page 23]

2. Sec. 2.2.4.A.

2. DENSITY

Dwellings per lot (max)

Base 8

Bonus:

Existing Structure Preservation 10

Bonus:

Affordable Dwelling Unit 12

This change creates an incentive to preserve existing structures in the Residential C (R-C) district like those in the other Residential districts.

3. Sec. 2.2.4.A.

4. BUILDING SETBACKS

Primary street lot line (min/max) 10'/20' or Existing Range

This change grants flexibility in the Residential C (R-C) district necessary where a given property might be in a Historic District or otherwise where it makes sense for a new structure to follow the existing front setback pattern on a street. Same rule already exists in the other Residential districts.

4. Sec. 2.2.2.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units 2.5/~~32~~ 35'

More than 2 units 3/~~35~~ 40'

Side wall height (max)

~~Up to 2~~ 1 units ~~25~~ 28'

More than 2 units ~~35~~ 40'

This change gives any multi-unit building in the Residential A (R-A) district a little more flexibility. Aligns the single unit buildings closer to the existing height standards.

5. **Sec. 2.2.2.B.**

2. MASSING

Building width (max)

Primary street 60'

~~Up to 60' wide lot~~ ~~40'~~

~~More than 60' wide lot~~ ~~60'~~

This change allows buildings in the Residential A (R-A) district to be a little wider, giving homeowners a little more flexibility.

6. **Sec. 2.2.2.B.**

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%
Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

The change reduces the transparency requirement in the Residential A (R-A) district, giving property owners a little more design flexibility.

7. Sec. 2.2.3. RN-A Residential Core Neighborhood A [New Section]

[New section would be inserted at this location and following sections renumbered. New language is presented on page 23.]

8. **Sec. 2.2.3.B.**

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

~~Up to 2 1~~ units 2.5/~~32~~ 35'

More than ~~21~~ units 3/~~35~~ 40'

Side wall height (max)

~~Up to 2 1~~ units ~~25~~ 28'

More than ~~21~~ units ~~35~~ 40'

This change gives any multi-unit building in the Residential B (R-B) district a little more height flexibility. Aligns the single unit buildings closer to the existing height standards.

9. **Sec. 2.2.3.B.**

2. MASSING

Building width (max)

Primary street 60'

~~Up to 60' wide lot~~ ~~40'~~

~~More than 60' wide lot — 60'~~

This change allows buildings in the Residential B (R-B) district to be a little wider, giving homeowners a little more flexibility.

10. Sec. 2.2.3.B.

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%
Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

The change reduces the transparency requirement in the Residential B (R-B) district, giving property owners a little more design flexibility.

11. Sec. 2.2.4.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

Base ~~3~~ 3.5 / ~~35~~ 40'

Bonus:

Affordable Dwelling Unit ~~4~~ / 52'

This change allows for a little more height in the Residential C (R-C) district. In particular, it allows a project qualifying for the bonus density for affordable housing to do 4 stories, which would allow stacked townhomes.

12. Sec. 2.2.4.B.

4. TRANSPARENCY

	Primary St.	Side St.
Ground Story (min)	30 <u>20</u> %	15%
Upper Story (min)	15 <u>10</u> %	15 <u>10</u> %
Blank Wall width (max)	10'	20'

The change reduces the transparency requirement in the Residential C (R-C) district, giving property owners a little more design flexibility.

13. Sec. 2.4.4.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)

Base 8 / 114'

Bonus ~~10~~ 11 / ~~142~~ 156'

This change boosts the incentive for more deeply affordable units (50% AMI) by granting 3 extra stories rather than 2. This approach makes the incentive more similar to that granted in the lower height districts (2 stories) as a percentage of the base allowance.

14. Sec. 2.5.4.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)
Base 8 / 114'
Bonus ~~10~~ 11 / ~~142~~ 156'

This change boosts the incentive for more deeply affordable units (50% AMI) by granting 3 extra stories rather than 2. This approach makes the incentive more similar to that granted in the lower height districts (2 stories) as a percentage of the base allowance.

15. Sec. 2.5.5.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)
Base 10 / 142'
Bonus ~~12~~ 13 / ~~170~~ 184'

This change boosts the incentive for more deeply affordable units (50% AMI) by granting 3 extra stories rather than 2. This approach makes the incentive more similar to that granted in the lower height districts (2 stories) as a percentage of the base allowance.

16. Sec. 2.5.6.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet) ~~10 / 142'~~ or BAR Review
Base 10 / 142'
Bonus 13 / 184'
~~Street step back~~
~~Stories without step back (max) 3~~
~~Step back depth (min) See Map~~

This change boosts the incentive for more deeply affordable units (50% AMI) by granting 3 extra stories rather than 2. This approach makes the incentive more similar to that granted in the lower height districts (2 stories) as a percentage of the base allowance. Also, the required stepbacks are removed from the downtown district. As noted below, the BAR is more clearly granted the authority in their project review to reduce allowed height and massing, consistent with their published design guidelines and can therefore work with a project to best manage these issues, rather than relying on a static requirement.

17. Sec. 2.6.3.B.1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet)
Base 8 / 114'
Bonus ~~10~~ 11 / ~~142~~ 156'

This change boosts the incentive for more deeply affordable units (50% AMI) by granting 3 extra stories rather than 2. This approach makes the incentive more similar to that granted in the lower height districts (2 stories) as a percentage of the base allowance.

18. Sec. 2.8.5.B.

1. HEIGHT

Building height (max stories/feet) ~~2~~ 2.5 / ~~30~~ 35'

6. FENCES AND WALLS

Front yard height (max) ~~0~~ 4'

These changes allow the Shopfront House alternate form to match the height and fence allowances of the Residential A (R-A) district.

19. Sec. 2.9.2.B. Established Architectural Design Control Districts

The following areas have been determined by City Council to be of unique architectural or historic value, and are hereby designated as Architectural Design Control (ADC) Districts, the limits of which are shown on the City's zoning map. City Council has designated only certain buildings within these district as "contributing structures." Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines for each district:

1. Downtown Architectural Design Control District ~~(DADC)~~

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be "contributing structures," except that, with respect to certain properties added to this district on or after January 17, 2006, City Council has designated only certain buildings as "contributing structures," as specifically identified on a map included within the design guidelines for this district.~~

2. North Downtown Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be "contributing structures," except that, with respect to certain properties added to this district on or after January 17, 2006, City Council has designated only certain buildings as "contributing structures," as specifically identified on a map included within the design guidelines for this district.~~

3. Ridge Street Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed by City Council to be “contributing structures.”~~

4. West Main Street Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as “contributing structures.” Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

5. Wertland Street Architectural Design Control District

~~All buildings within this overlay district are deemed to be “contributing structures.”~~

6. Corner Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

7. Oakhurst-Gildersleeve Neighborhood Architectural Design Control District

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

8. Rugby Road, University Circle, Venable Neighborhood Architectural Design Control

~~City Council has designated only certain buildings within this overlay district as contributing structures. Those contributing structures are identified on a map included within the design guidelines.~~

These changes consolidate the descriptions of all the Architectural Control Districts.

20. Sec. 2.9.2.C.

1. City Council may, by ordinance, from time to time, designate additional properties and areas for inclusion within an ADC District; or remove properties from a ADC District. Any such action will be undertaken following the rules and procedures applicable to the adoption of amendments to the City’s Development Code and official zoning map.

3. Before an area is designated as an Architectural Design Control District, each structure will be determined to be either “contributing” or “non-contributing.” Thereafter, at least once every 15 years, this determination will be reconfirmed.

This clarification to the Architectural Design Control District adds a 15 year look-back provision to reconfirm the designation of buildings in the area of the district, which could

add or remove buildings deemed to be contributing. Such a clause is considered a best practice in the field.

21. Sec. 2.9.6 Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District [new section]

[language presented on page 27 of this document]

22. Sec. 2.10.5.E.2. Unlimited Encroachments

b. Covered structures located entirely below grade. Examples include footings, cellars, basements, storm water storage, and cisterns;

Clarifies that footings are included in this exception.

23. Sec. 2.10.6.A.2. Applicability

d. For through lots ~~in Residential (R -) All Zoning Districts~~, the Administrator may waive or vary the build-to width requirement for one of the street lot lines. The Administrator will consider the following standards when making the decision to waive or vary the requirement for one street lot line:

The ability to waive the build-to width requirements for through-lots provides important flexibility as otherwise these lots must have 2 fully built out frontages. Sometimes, public policy objectives would indicate that is desirable, other times the requirement is burdensome. The change above expands this flexibility to all districts.

24. Sec. 2.10.6.A.5. Exceptions

b. Heritage Tree Preservation Allowance

Where the preservation of a ~~designated heritage~~ tree of 15" diameter breast height (dbh) or greater prevents a building from meeting the build-to width requirement, a reduced build-to width may be allowed by the Administrator.

The change further expands this exception to promote the preservation of trees.

25. Sec. 2.10.9.A.4.b.i.

b) The top of the structural roof deck, for a building with a roof having a pitch of 4:12 or less; and

Clarification

26. Sec. 2.10.9.A.5. Exceptions

		District Height (max)	
		Up to 42'	More Than 42'
Architectural Elements	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.		

Encroachment (max)	3 <u>10'</u>	10'
Setback from roof edge (min)	0'	0'
Vertical Circulation	<i>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</i>	
Encroachment (max)	10 <u>14'</u>	10 <u>14'</u>
Setback from roof edge (min)	5'	5'
Unenclosed Structures	<i>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</i>	
Encroachment (max)	8 <u>10'</u>	8 <u>10'</u>
Setback from roof edge (min)	5'	5'

These changes add a little more flexibility for encroachments above the maximum height for architectural features like non-habitable towers, for the top of elevator shafts, and for unenclosed structures like a pergola.

27. Sec. 2.10.9. Height

~~C. Street Step-Back~~

~~Step-like recesses in the upper story massing of a building along street lot lines.~~

~~1. Intent~~

~~To reduce the perceived bulk and mass of a building along facades facing streets, and ensuring building height along the street is appropriate to neighboring context, while allowing for additional building height.~~

~~2. Applicability~~

~~a. Street step back requirements apply to lots fronting on streets designated on the Downtown Step-Back Map in Appendix ___.~~

~~b. When required by the Downtown Step-Back Map, street step back requirements apply to all buildings or structures that face a street lot line.~~

~~3. Standards~~

~~The following standards apply for a minimum of 85% of the building width:~~

~~a. All stories above the maximum stories without step back requirement must step back from the street facing facade by at least the minimum step back depth required by the Downtown Step-Back Map.~~

~~b. No building or structure may extend into the minimum step back depth, unless listed as an exception below.~~

~~c. Buildings with a height up to the maximum stories without step back are not required to provide a street step back.~~

~~4. Measurement~~

~~a. Stories without Step-Back~~

~~Stories without step back is measured according to Sec. 2.10.9.A. Building Height.~~

~~b. Step-Back Depth~~

The minimum step-back depth is measured as a horizontal distance from the exterior of the uppermost story without a step back to the exterior of the stepped back stories.

5. Exceptions

a. The following are allowed to horizontally encroach beyond the required street step back as listed below:

		Horizontal Encroachment (max)
Architectural Elements	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2'
Roof Projections	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2.5'
Unenclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	5'
Enclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.	2.5'
Mechanical and Electrical Equipment	Sec. 7.1.2.A.2. 1.5	

b. The following are allowed to vertically encroach beyond the required street step back as listed below:

		Vertical Encroachment (max)	Setback from Roof Edge (min)
Architectural Elements	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	3'	0'
Safety Barriers	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	6'	0'
Vertical Circulation	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	10'	5'
Unenclosed Structures	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	8'	5'
Mechanical and Electrical Equipment	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	5'	3'
Flatwork	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	2.5'	1'
Vegetation	Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.	unlimited	1'

This section is removed because it is no longer necessary with the removal of the stepback requirement in the Downtown district, as noted above.

28. Sec. 2.10.10.B.2. Applicability

d. Single unit residential buildings do not have to meet active depth requirements.

More design flexibility for single unit buildings.

29. Sec. 2.10.12.B.3.b. Ground Story Façade Blank Wall Treatments

PUBLIC ART

A noncommercial image attached to the blank wall and is sufficiently different from the building facade to meet the intent of this section. Murals must be reviewed by the Administrator to confirm any mural or art display is not considered a sign.

Clarifies the definition of a mural.

30. Sec. 2.10.12.B.3.c. Blank Foundation Wall Treatments

PLANTER

~~Permanent structure containing plants and their growing medium located between a foundation wall with no window or door openings and the public realm.~~

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Treatment area (min % of blank foundation wall area) — 75%~~

~~Planting area depth (min) — 2.5'~~

~~Height above sidewalk (min) — 4'~~

~~Foundation wall reveal (max) — 2'~~

This type of treatment for blank areas on a wall foundation was seen as unnecessary.

31. Sec. 2.10.13.A.2. Applicability

d. Single unit residential buildings do not have to provide street-facing entries.

More design flexibility for single unit buildings.

32. Sec. 2.10.13.B.3.c

PORCH

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) — 2' / 6'~~

RAISED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) — 2' / 6'~~

RECESSED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) — 2' / 6'~~

COVERED ENTRY

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) — 2' / 6'~~

FORECOURT

DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

~~Finished floor elevations (min/max) — 2' / 6'~~

Finished floor elevation is not necessary in this section as it is defined in the district standards.

33. Sec. 2.10.14. Fences and Walls

For requirements see ~~2.10.14.~~ [4.8.1](#) Fences and Walls.

Corrects the linking section number.

Article 3. USE REGULATIONS

34. Sec. 3.2.2. Permitted Use Table

Update the links in the Use Standards column to link to the Use Standards section – [3.4.x](#). – on pages 3-4 through 3-7.

Corrects the linking section numbers.

Day care center (12+ persons) - allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

Broadens where larger day care centers are allowed, which is important as these are a critical resource. Adds them to the Residential Districts but requires a SUP.

Homestay – allow as Use permitted by right and Use standards apply (P*) in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

Adds Homestays back in as an allowed use in the Residential Districts – see standards below.

General outdoor entertainment and recreation – allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required in the Residential (R-) districts rather than Use not allowed.

Makes outdoor recreation uses allowed in the Residential Districts by SUP.

Remote parking – allow by Special Use Permit (SUP) required and Use standards apply in the Residential Mixed Use (RX-) districts rather than Use Permitted by right and Use standards apply.

Requires an SUP for remote parking facilities in the Residential Mixed-Use districts.

35. Sec. 3.4.4.A.2.

c. There must be at least one residential unit on each lot with a commercial use. This requirement may be waived by Special Use Permit.

d. Commercial uses otherwise allowed by Special Use Permit in the Residential B (R-B) and Residential C (R-C) districts are allowed by-right on corner lots in the Residential B (R-B) and Residential C (R-C) districts, subject to the above standards.

Where commercial is allowed in the Residential Districts, these changes require that there be at least one residential unit on the property and, that the commercial use is allowed by right on corner lots in the Residential B (R-B) and Residential C (R-C) districts.

36. Sec. 3.5.2.B. Drive-Through

3. A dining room or walk-up window must also be provided with any drive-through facility and must be available to customers at all times the drive-through is operating.

This change further clarifies that a drive-through is an accessory use and not one that can operate on its own without a full-service use being in operation.

37. Sec. 3.5.2. Specific Standards

E. Homestay

1. Allows for an individual who owns a dwelling and uses it as their permanent residence to hire out, as lodging:

a. Such dwelling, or any portion thereof, or

b. A lawful accessory dwelling.

2. Homestays must comply with the standards of Sec. 3.5.2.D., Home Occupation, subsections 1, 2, 4 through 12, 14, and 15.

3. No more than 6 adult overnight guests are allowed, per lot, per day.

4. Homestays may not have an exterior sign.

5. An individual who applies for an accessory use permit to authorize the operation of a homestay must present proof of:

a. Such individual's ownership of, and permanent residence at, the property that is the subject of the application. Acceptable proof of permanent residence includes: applicant's driver's license, voter registration card or U.S. passport, showing the address of the property, or other document(s) which the Zoning Administrator determines provide equivalent proof of permanent residence by the applicant at the property that is the subject of the application.

b. Contact information for a responsible party. If the owner is not the responsible party who will be available during the time of service, then the responsible party must be identified and must sign the application form.

6. Food cannot be prepared for or served to guests of the homestay by the owner or the owner's agent(s) or contractor(s).

7. Every homestay must have working smoke detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and fire extinguishers, and all such equipment must be accessible to overnight guests of the homestay at all times. Every homestay must comply with requirements of the applicable version of the Virginia Uniform Building Code, as determined by the City's Building Code Official.

8. By their application for an accessory use permit for a homestay, an applicant authorizes City inspectors to enter the subject property, upon reasonable advance written notice to the applicant, at least 1 time during the calendar year for which the permit is valid, to verify that the homestay is being operated in accordance with the regulations set forth within this section.

9. Each accessory use permit for a homestay will be valid from January 1 (or such other date during a calendar year on which such permit is issued) through December 31 of the calendar year in which the permit is issued. During this period of validity, the owner of the homestay must occupy the dwelling as their residence for more than 184 days.

10. A accessory use permit for a homestay may be revoked by the Zoning Administrator:
a. In the event that 3 or more substantiated complaints are received by the City within a calendar year, or;
b. For failure to maintain compliance with any of the regulations set forth within this section.

A property owner whose accessory use permit has been revoked pursuant to this paragraph is not eligible to receive any new accessory use permit for a homestay, for the remaining portion of the calendar year in which the permit is revoked, and for the entire succeeding calendar year.

This section reinstates the Homestay use standards from the existing zoning ordinance with only one change – a homestay operator must be in residence at the unit a minimum of 184 days rather than the 180 days in the existing zoning ordinance. This change matches the number of days the state uses to determine residency.

38. Sec. 3.5.2.E. Outdoor Dining

1. Outdoor dining cannot encroach upon any street, sidewalk or parking areas. Outdoor dining cannot impair the ability of pedestrians ~~or cyclists~~ to use the sidewalk. There must be a minimum ADA compliant width of clear distance of sidewalk at all times.

Cyclists are not allowed on the sidewalk so its not necessary to note them here.

39. Sec. 3.5.2.F. Outdoor Display

4. Outdoor display cannot encroach upon any street or sidewalk. Outdoor display cannot impair the ability of pedestrians ~~or cyclists~~ to use the sidewalk. There must be a minimum ADA compliant width of clear distance of sidewalk at all times.

Cyclists are not allowed on the sidewalk so its not necessary to note them here.

40. Sec. 3.6.2.C. Amusement Enterprises (Circuses, Carnivals, etc.)

~~5. Must provide parking for persons expected to attend the event, no fewer than one space per 4 persons of the capacity of the site, as determined by the Administrator.~~

This change would remove a strict parking requirement for this temporary use, consistent with other uses in the ordinance.

Article 4. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

41. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.a. Term of Affordability

i. For-rent Affordable dwelling units must be income-restricted for a minimum of 99 years. Deed restrictions for affordable dwelling units must be recorded in the Charlottesville Land Records.

ii. For-Sale affordable dwelling units must be sold to a qualifying purchaser who earns 60% of the area median income or below. The dwelling unit must include a deed restriction granting the City of Charlottesville or a qualifying non-profit organization a right of first refusal to purchase the home upon its first resale in accordance with the requirements of the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

iii. When a project demonstrates the affordability goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan and the intent of this Section are met, the Administrator may accept modifications to these requirements consistent with the guidance of the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

This change separates the requirements for rent verse ownership affordable dwelling units. Where rental units are effectively affordable for the life of the building, for-sale

units would only be affordable to the first buyer. The City, or a non-profit affordable housing developer, would retain a right of first refusal on the first sale, but that sale would be at full market value.

42. Sec. 4.2.2.C.b. Determining the Affordable Rent or For Sale Unit Cost

i. Rental units are to be priced to be affordable to a household having a gross annual income at the required household income limit expressed in terms of the percent of AMI. Monthly housing costs, inclusive of rent, utilities, one parking space (where provided), and any other amenity cost, must not exceed 30% of the applicable household income limit. If utilities are separately metered, the maximum allowable rent will be reduced to reflect the tenant's payment of utilities. Maximum affordable rents based on Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) standards are provided in the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

ii. For sale units are to be priced to be affordable to a household having a gross annual income at the required household income limit expressed in terms of the percent of AMI. The monthly housing costs, inclusive of mortgage principal and interest, private mortgage insurance, property taxes, condominium or homeowner's association fees, hazard insurance, and one parking space (where provided) must not exceed 30% of the applicable household income limit.

Clarifies that this requirement is not creating a back door parking requirement.

43. Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. Equivalency of Units

ii. Affordable dwelling units must include the same interior features as the other units in the same building, but appliances and finishes need not be the same make, model, or style, so long as they are new and of good quality.

vi. For projects containing at least 30% of units as affordable housing units meeting the Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.a. Term of Affordability requirements and Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.b. Cost requirements, the equivalency requirements of this section do not apply.

vii. When a project demonstrates the affordability goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan and the intent of this Section are met, the Administrator may accept modifications to these requirements consistent with the guidance of the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual.

The first change clarifies that finishes can also be varied for the affordable units in a project. The second and third changes give flexibility on these requirements where other City goals are being met, which is most likely to arise in a scenario with all or most affordable units.

44. Sec. 4.2.2.C.3. Affordable Dwelling Unit Bonus

a. Bonus in Residential Districts

In Residential A (R-A), Residential B (R-B), and Residential C (R-C) zoning districts, a project must provide 100% of all bonus units to households at or below 60% AMI. When a project demonstrates the affordability goals of the Comprehensive Plan and Affordable Housing Plan and the intent of this Section are met, the Administrator may accept modifications to the equivalency requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. and the concurrency requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.d. Projects in the Residential A (R-A) are exempt from the requirements of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.c. and of Sec. 4.2.2.C.1.d.

b. Bonus in All Other Districts

In any zoning district other than Residential A (R-A), Residential B (R-B), and Residential C (R-C), a project must provide 10% of all residential units to households at or below 50% AMI or provide an in-lieu fee according to the formula described in the Affordable Dwelling Unit Monitoring and Procedures Manual. To qualify for the bonus height, a project must have a minimum of 40% residential floor area.

The flexibility offered in 'a' above is intended to allow partnership projects between for-profit developers and not-for-profit affordable housing developers where the affordable units might be developed in a different manner and/or on a different schedule.

Section 'b' above clarifies that a project getting the height bonus must be substantially residential – so a commercial project could not gain the height bonus simply by including 1 or a few affordable residential units.

45. Sec. 4.3.2.A. Applicability

3. The Administrator may increase maximum block length standards to 1,200 feet (with a corresponding increase in the maximum allowed block perimeter as necessary) for portions of the site that abut and are located within 600 feet of obstructions to the street network that are permanent and accessible. Accessible obstructions include public school campuses, public park land, waterways, stream buffers, cemeteries, and other similar obstructions.

Technical clarification for measurement.

46. Sec. 4.3.2.B.1. Block Perimeter and Length

a. A block must be bound by public or private streets on all sides. The Administrator may allow one side of a block to abut public park land or similar publicly accessible spaces.

Creates some flexibility in the creation of new blocks by allowing a park or similar public space to form one of the block boundaries.

47. Sec. 4.3.2.C.3. Pedestrian Passageways

c. The degree of pedestrian passageway variance from an access point on a primary street is measured from the farthest edges of the pedestrian passageway.

Technical clarification for measurement.

48. Sec. 4.4.5.C. Greenscape Zone

6. The greenscape zone must be designed to preserve existing trees to the greatest extent feasible.

Reinforcing tree protection policy.

49. Sec. 4.5.1.C.2. Pedestrian Connection Types

PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TYPE 1

ACCESS STANDARDS

Pedestrian Accessway type	Direct
Pedestrian accessway spacing (max)	See District Entrance Standards
Distance from street intersection (max)	See District Entrance Standards

Clarifies more precisely where the identified standards can be found.

50. Sec. 4.5.1.C.3.a.i. Linked

e) Where a retaining wall, open drainage, or similar obstacle interrupts a required accessway, the connection must be designed to facilitate passage through or over the obstacle. If the connection is not ADA compliant, a separate, compliant accessway must be provided unless the Administrator determines that a separate compliant accessway is not feasible.

Recognizing that the City has a lot of difficult topography, this addition gives some flexibility to waive a requirement where a connection is not technically feasible.

51. Sec. 4.5.3.D.1.a.

ii. Spacing between driveways on abutting parcels should be such that driveways are not immediately adjacent to one another.

iii. For driveways serving parking lots or structures with 6 or more spaces, minimum spacing between driveways must be no less than 100 feet, unless otherwise permitted by the Administrator.

Separates these standards for clarity.

52. Sec. 4.7.1.B. Applicability

3. Transitions are not required when a project in the higher intensity district meets the height, building setback, and use requirements of the abutting lower intensity district.

Clarifies that a transition is not necessary when a development is effectively the same as what is allowed in the abutting district.

53. Sec. 4.7.1.D. Measurement

4. Street Step-Back

~~See 2.10.9. Height for measuring street step-backs.~~

a. Stories without Step-Back

Stories without step-back is measured according to Sec. 2.10.9.A. Building Height.

b. Step-Back Depth

The minimum step-back depth is measured as a horizontal distance from the exterior of the uppermost story without a step-back to the exterior of the stepped back stories.

5. Exceptions

a. The following are allowed to horizontally encroach beyond the required step-back as listed below:

		<u>Horizontal Encroachment (max)</u>
<u>Architectural Elements</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2'</u>
<u>Roof Projections</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>
<u>Unenclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Enclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>
<u>Mechanical and Electrical Equipment</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.2.</u>	<u>1.5'</u>

b. The following are allowed to vertically encroach beyond the required step-back as listed below:

		<u>Vertical Encroachment (max)</u>	<u>Setback from Roof Edge (min)</u>
<u>Architectural Elements</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>0'</u>
<u>Safety Barriers</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>6'</u>	<u>0'</u>
<u>Vertical Circulation</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>10'</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Unenclosed Structures</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>8'</u>	<u>5'</u>
<u>Mechanical and Electrical Equipment</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>5'</u>	<u>3'</u>
<u>Flatwork</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>2.5'</u>	<u>1'</u>
<u>Vegetation</u>	<u>Sec. 7.1.2.A.3.</u>	<u>unlimited</u>	<u>1'</u>

When the stepback section was removed from Article 2, some of it was relocated here to provide standards for stepbacks used as part of a transition requirement.

54. Sec. 4.8.1.C.1. Material

d. ~~Chain-link fences are not allowed in front or side street yards except in the following districts: Industrial Flex (IX-), Campus (CM), and Civic (CV). When allowed, chain link fences must be vinyl coated.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

55. Sec. 4.8.1.D.1. Front and Side Street Yards

c. When a wall or fence is located within 3 feet of the exterior face of a retaining wall and the retaining wall is 2 feet in height or greater, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the retaining wall except that where the fence or wall serves as a guardrail, a minimum height of 42 inches is allowed.

Technical clarification for measurement.

56. Sec. 4.8.1.D.2. Side and Rear Yards

b. When a wall or fence is located within 3 feet of the exterior face of a retaining wall and the retaining wall is 2 feet in height or greater, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the retaining wall except that where the fence or wall serves as a guardrail, a minimum height of 42 inches is allowed.

Technical clarification for measurement.

57. Sec. 4.8.1.D.2. Side and Rear Yards

c. Fences and walls that are located in the rear or side yard abutting an alley are measured from the surface of the adjacent alley, vertically to the topmost point of the wall or fence. Where the fence or wall is elevated more than 2 feet above the surface of the alley, the height is measured from the top of the wall or fence to the midpoint of the slope.

Technical clarification for measurement.

58. Sec. 4.8.1.D.3. Opacity

b. The total area of the fence or wall is measured as the smallest regular shape containing all elements of the fence or wall, excluding the top portions of finials or posts.

Technical clarification for measurement.

59. Sec. 4.9.1. Tree Preservation and Replacement

A. Intent

To facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive, ~~and~~ harmonious, sustainable, and resilient community and to protect and maintain the environmental quality in the City by providing standards for the preservation of trees as a part of the land development process, including the protection of specimen trees while providing for reasonable use of land, in support of a healthy urban ecological system.

Further clarify and state the intent and value of tree preservation.

60. Sec. 4.9.2.C.1. General

d. Plant materials must be able to survive on natural rainfall once established with no loss of health, ~~or an irrigation system must be provided.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

61. Sec. 4.9.2.C.3. Trees

b. Only trees having a mature height of less than 20 feet may be installed under overhead utility lines, except with the approval of the Administrator.

Allows trees that potentially can grow taller than 20 feet under overhead utility lines with Administrator approval where other objectives might support. For example, replanting matching trees as part of specific streetscapes where a given tree is to be replaced.

62. Sec. 4.11.6.A.

2. Large temporary signs are not permitted in Residential (R-), ~~ADC~~ Districts ~~or IPPs.~~

Clarify that this restriction is for any Residential District and does not apply in commercial districts.

63. Sec. 4.11.9.D.2. General Standards

~~a. An awning sign must be placed on the face of the valance of the awning that are parallel to the building face.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

64. Sec. 4.11.9.H.2. General Standards

~~d. All wall signs for a single building must be coordinated as to color and lettering.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

65. Sec. 4.11.9.M.2. General Standards

~~a. A suspended pole sign must be located in a landscaped bed.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

66. Sec. 4.11.11. Illumination

~~E. Internally lit signs are not allowed in ADC Districts.~~

Remove unnecessary requirement.

67. Sec. 4.12.2.C. Exemptions

4. Security lighting controlled by sensors, generating a maximum of 6,000 lumens per fixture, and which provides illumination for 15 minutes or less. In Residential districts (R-) security lighting must generate a no more than 3,000 lumens per fixture.

This change further reduces the lighting levels allowed for security lighting in Residential Districts.

68. Sec. 4.12.3.B. Design and Installation

2. Light sources must ~~be yellow and not white~~ use a color temperature of no more than 3,000K, with a Color Rendering Index (CRI) value of 80 or higher.

3. Lighting must not trespass onto adjacent properties, sidewalks, or rights-of-way and the footcandles at the property line must be no more than .5.

These changes are intended to limit/reduce impacts of site lighting on neighboring properties.

69. Sec. 4.12.3.C.4.

a. Non-cutoff (unshielded) fixtures may be used when the maximum initial lumens generated by each fixture ~~is~~ are less than ~~3,000~~ 1,600 lumens.

Reduces the max lumens that may be used for unshielded fixtures. Supports Dark Sky policy objectives.

70. Sec. 4.12.3.F. Building Lighting

3. Only lighting used to accent architectural features, landscapes, or art may be directed upward, provided that the fixture is located, aimed, or shielded to minimize light spill into the night sky. Such lighting must have a maximum of 1,600 lumens.

Sets a max lumens standard for uplighting in order to better support Dark Sky objectives.

Article 5. ADMINISTRATION

71. Sec. 5.5.5.B.5.

- e. 1 landscape architect ~~or a licensed professional contractor; and~~
- f. ~~2~~ 1 historians or persons with substantial background in history or historic preservation; and
- g. 1 licensed professional contractor or 1 historian or person with substantial background in history or historic preservation.

The BAR requested this change in order to address issues of recruiting board members.

72. Sec. 5.1.5.C.1. General

- a. In order to administer the provisions of the Architectural Design Control Districts and the Individually Protected Properties the Board of Architecture Review (BAR) must:

Clarifies inclusion of Individually Protected Properties district, consistent with the existing zoning ordinance.

73. Sec. 5.1.5.C.1.b

- ii. Develop and recommend to the City Council for Council's approval design guidelines for the City's HC Districts, consistent with the purposes and standards set forth within Div. 2.9. Overlay Districts. The BAR must develop the design guidelines after seeking input from business and property owners in the various districts. Guidelines developed by the BAR will become effective upon approval by City Council and thereafter Design guidelines will have the status of interpretive regulations. The BAR must undertake a comprehensive review and update the design guidelines at least once every 5 years.

Clarifies requirements for the development of design guidelines, consistent with the existing zoning ordinance.

74. Sec. 5.2.6.A.2. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

- e. Structural changes to a building or structure which do not require issuance of a building permit under the Uniform Statewide Building Code except for the following,

which must be reviewed by the BAR: replacement, if not in-kind, of roof coverings and installation or replacement, if not in-kind, of siding on any buildings or structures, and replacement of windows and doors on any buildings or structures.

75. Sec. 5.2.7.A.1. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

~~d. Applications for signs that require a permit, associated with a new construction project.~~

e. Any replacement of windows and doors, not in-kind replacement of roof coverings, and installation or not in-kind replacement of siding, on any buildings or structures.

This change clarifies when review is necessary in an Architectural Control Design District or an Individually Protected Property, consistent with the existing zoning ordinance.

76. Sec. 5.2.7.A.2. Historic Conservation District

a. Construction ~~erection, alteration, or demolition~~ of ~~certain~~ buildings, structures, or improvements, ~~of new buildings and structures~~ that require a building permit, and are visible from any abutting street (hidden from view by vegetation or a fence is still considered visible for the purposes of this section).

b. Additions or alterations to existing buildings or structures that are:

This change clarifies when review is necessary in a Historic Conservation District, consistent with the existing zoning ordinance.

77. Sec. 5.2.7.C.2. Board of Architectural Review Decision

~~c. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property~~
The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may require conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to ensure that any new construction or addition would be compatible with the scale and character of the Architectural Design Control District, Individually Protected Property, or Historic Conservation District. Prior to attaching conditions to an approval, due consideration will be given to the cost of compliance with the proposed conditions as well as the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Conditions may require a reduction in height or massing, consistent with the City's design guidelines.

~~The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may make such requirements for, and conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to protect the safety of adjacent buildings, structures, or properties, and of any persons present thereon; and, in the case of a partial removal, encapsulation or demolition:~~

- ~~i. To protect the structural integrity of the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit,~~
~~or~~
- ~~ii. To protect historic or architecturally significant features on the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit.~~

d. Historic Conservation District Demolition

~~The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may require conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to ensure that any new construction or addition would be compatible with the scale and character of the Historic Conservation District. Prior to attaching conditions to an approval, due consideration will be given to the cost of compliance with the proposed conditions.~~

The BAR, or City Council on appeal, may make such requirements for, and conditions of approval as are necessary or desirable to protect the safety of adjacent buildings, structures, or properties, and of any persons present thereon; and, in the case of a partial removal, encapsulation or demolition:

- i. To protect the structural integrity of the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit,
or
- ii. To protect historic or architecturally significant features on the portions of a building or structure which are to remain following the activity that is the subject of a building permit.

Clarifies the conditions that may be imposed in the review of projects in the Architectural Control, Historic Conservation, and Individually Protected Properties districts, with particular note of the ability to reduce height/massing consistent with adopted design guidelines as well as that the BAR should take into account the goals of the Comprehensive Plan in their review.

Clarifies the standards for review of demolitions in the Architectural Control, Historic Conservation, and Individually Protected Properties districts.

78. Sec. 5.2.7.D. Criteria for Review and Decision

1. Architectural Design Control District and Individually Protected Property

Review of the proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of a building or structure is limited to exterior architectural features, including signs, and the following features and factors:

- a. Whether the material, texture, color, height, scale, mass, and placement of the proposed addition, modification or construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable District;

- b. The harmony of the proposed change in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances, windows, awnings, exterior stairs, and signs;
- c. The Secretary of the Interior Standards for Rehabilitation set forth within the Code of Federal Regulations (36 C.F.R. §67.7(b)), as may be relevant;
- d. The effect of the proposed change on the adjacent building or structures;
- e. The impact of the proposed change on other protected features on the property, such as gardens, landscaping, fences, walls, and walks;
- f. Whether the proposed method of construction, renovation, or restoration could have an adverse impact on the structure or site, or adjacent buildings or structures;
- g. When reviewing any proposed sign as part of an application under consideration, the standards set forth within Div. 4.11. Signs will be applied; and
- h. Any applicable provisions of the City’s design guidelines.

2. Historic Conservation District

Review of the proposed construction, reconstruction, alteration or restoration of a building or structure is limited to exterior architectural features, including signs, and the following features and factors:

- a. Whether the form, height, scale, mass and placement of the proposed construction are visually and architecturally compatible with the site and the applicable conservation district;
- b. The harmony of the proposed changes in terms of overall proportion and the size and placement of entrances and windows;
- c. The impact of the proposed change on the essential architectural form and integrity of the existing building;
- d. The effect of the proposed change on the adjacent building or structures;
- e. Any applicable provisions of the city's conservation district design guidelines.

Clarifies the differences in the review criteria between the Architectural Design Control Districts versus the Historic Conservation Districts based on language from the existing zoning ordinance.

79. Sec. 5.2.8.C.2. Entrance Corridor Review Board Decision

- a. The Entrance Corridor Review Board will ~~to~~ decide on a Certificate of Appropriateness for a Corridor Review when:

Address typo.

80. Sec. 5.2.9.D.1.b. Planning Commission Decision

- i. The Planning Commission will ~~take~~ take action on a Development Plan when:

Address typo.

81. Sec. 5.2.15. Special Exception Permit [New section]

5.2.15. Special Exception Permit

A. Applicability

1. The City Council may grant a modification of any physical dimensional standard of this Development Code by Special Exception Permit.

2. A Special Exception Permit may be granted for physical dimensional standards described in the following sections:

- a. Div. 2.10**
- b. Div. 4.3**
- c. Div. 4.5**
- d. Div. 4.7**
- e. Div. 4.8**

2. A Special Exception Permit cannot be granted to the following standards:

- a. Dwelling units per lot;**
- b. Building height in stories; or**
- c. Development bonuses.**

B. Application Requirements

1. Pre-Application Conference

Before submitting an application for a Special Exception Permit, an applicant must schedule a pre-application conference with the Administrator to discuss the procedures, standards, and regulations required for approval. This requirement may be waived at the discretion of the Administrator.

2. Submitting an Application

Following the pre-application conference, an applicant may start the application process. To begin, a complete application form, required plans, and review fees must be filed the Administrator. Other general submittal requirements for all applications are listed in 5.2.1. Common Review Procedures.

C. Review and Decision Process

1. Administrative Review

- a. The Administrator will review the application for a Special Exception Permit. Other City staff will be involved in the review on an as-needed basis, depending on the type of request.**

b. The Administrator will provide a staff report and recommendation to Planning Commission.

c. When the property is within an ADC District, HC District, or an Individually Protected Property, the Administrator will refer the application to the BAR for review as to whether the proposed exception will have an adverse impact on the district, and for recommendation as to reasonable conditions which, if imposed, would mitigate any such impacts. The BAR must submit a written report of its findings in support of its recommendation to City Council.

2. Planning Commission Review

a. The Planning Commission will review and make recommendations to City Council in accordance with the review criteria. If the Planning Commission recommends approval of the Special Exception Permit, the Commission may set forth any reasonable conditions which they recommend apply to the approval if granted.

4. City Council Decision

a. If the City Council grants a Special Exception Permit, the Council may set forth any reasonable conditions which apply to the approval granted.

D. Criteria for Review and Decision

In considering an application for a Special Exception Permit, the City Council will consider the following factors:

1. Whether the proposed modifications to physical dimensional standards will be harmonious with existing and approved patterns of development on the same or an opposing block face or abutting property;

2. Whether the proposed modification supports the goals and strategies of the Comprehensive Plan;

3. Whether, with the conditions, the Special Exception Permit is consistent with public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice.

E. Action After the Decision

1. Amendments

A Special Exception Permit may be amended following the same procedures as for approval of an original Special Exception Permit application.

2. Applicability and Validity

a. A Special Exception Permit, together with any amendments and modifications, apply to the property for which it was issued so long as such property is used for the purpose approved by such permit, and is not transferable to any other property.

b. A Special Exception Permit will expire:

i. 18 months from the date of approval by City Council if no Development Review is required and a building permit to construct the authorized improvements has not been approved.

ii. 18 months from the date of approval by City Council in the case of proposed new construction if Development Plan approval has not been granted.

iii. Upon revocation of an approved Development Plan or expiration of an approved Site Plan.

c. Prior to the expiration of a Special Exception Permit and upon written request by the applicant to the Administrator, the Administrator, if the Special Exception Permit remains in compliance with all applicable ordinances and policies, may grant an extension of up to one year. A request for an extension must be submitted prior to expiration of the Special Exception Permit. The Administrator will provide written notification of the decision on the extension request within 14 business days.

This new section creates a discretionary review process that will allow a property owner flexibility in the application of physical design standards of the proposed ordinance. So, if a standard seems too difficult to address as part of a given project, they can request a waiver through the Planning Commission and City Council.

82. Sec. 5.4.4.A.

2. The following conduct is hereby declared to be unlawful and subject to the enforcement provisions of this Division:

d. Failure to maintain or repair a contributing structure or protected property as identified in Sec. 2.9.2. Architectural Design Control District (-ADC), Sec. 2.9.3. Individually Protected Properties (-IPP), and Sec. 2.9.4. Historic Conservation District (-HC). Contributing structures and protected properties may not be allowed to fall into a state of disrepair that could result in the deterioration of any exterior appurtenance or architectural feature so as to produce a detrimental effect upon the character of a design district or the life and character of a contributing structure or protected property.

Clarifies the rules for “demolition by neglect” drawing from the existing zoning ordinance.

Article 6. SUBDIVISION

83. Sec. 6.2.1.A. General Standards

2. Lot standards do not apply when a lot is to be conveyed to the City or held in common ownership for open space, recreation, or conservation purposes only, and the plat contains a notation that no building permit will be issued for the lot unless it satisfies the lot requirements of this Division and the building permit is consistent with open space, recreation or conservation uses.

Allows the creation of substandard lots for subdivision common areas. This idea is in the current ordinance so this change simply brings that idea forward into the new ordinance.

Article 7. GENERAL STANDARDS AND DEFINITIONS

84. Sec. 7.2 Definitions

R

Residential treatment facility. A residential facility licensed by the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services or the Virginia Department of Social Services, where up to 8 persons reside together with one or more resident counselors or other resident staff.

Fixes typo.

Residential Core Neighborhood A

Insert in Sec. 2.2.1 Summary of Districts

The Residential Core Neighborhood A (RN-A) district is established in recognition of the significance these historic downtown neighborhoods have served in providing workforce housing serving the important job centers of Charlottesville's downtown and the University of Virginia. These neighborhoods are recognized in the City for their affordability and for the diverse range of households that have been able to make their homes there. The intent of this district is to encourage the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing, the creation and preservation of affordable housing, to respect the cultural heritage of the neighborhoods, and to support the overall promotion of a convenient and harmonious community.

2.9.6. Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District

A. Intent

Charlottesville's Core Neighborhoods have special significance to the City having provided homes for the City's workforce in close proximity to job centers at the University and downtown. These racially diverse and affordable neighborhoods historically met their day-to-day needs on the adjacent Preston and Cherry Avenue corridors. The Core Neighborhoods Corridor Overlay District is intended to support these neighborhoods and implement the Comprehensive Plan goals of encouraging the construction and continued existence of moderately priced housing, creating and preserving affordable housing, respecting the cultural heritage of the adjacent neighborhoods, supporting public health, encouraging economic development activities that provide desirable employment, and the overall promotion of a convenient and harmonious community.

B. Applicability

1. The following Core Neighborhoods Corridor Districts are hereby established along the following streets:

a. Preston Avenue

From Rosser Avenue to the Railroad ROW

b. Cherry Avenue

From Roosevelt Brown Boulevard to 5th Street/Ridge Street

2. The Corridor Districts extend from the designated street listed above to the next parallel street, encompassing only those parcels in the Corridor Mixed Use 3 (CX-3) district.

C. Special Exception Permit

1. Projects in a Core Neighborhoods Corridor District may apply for a Special Exemption Permit to exceed the base height of the district as follows:

a. Preston Avenue – May exceed the base district height by up to 4 stories for a maximum total of 7 stories.

b. Cherry Avenue - May exceed the base district height by up to 3 stories for a maximum total of 6 stories.

2. A project seeking the above Special Exemption Permit must conduct a community meeting before submitting an application and include at least two (2) items from the following list:

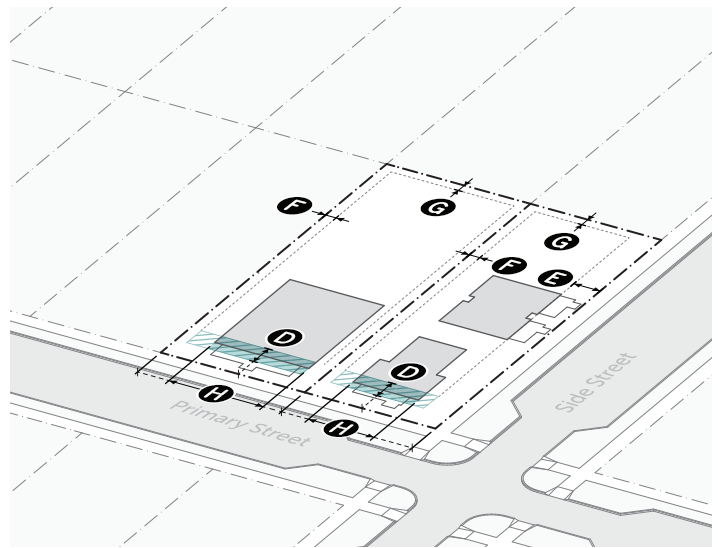
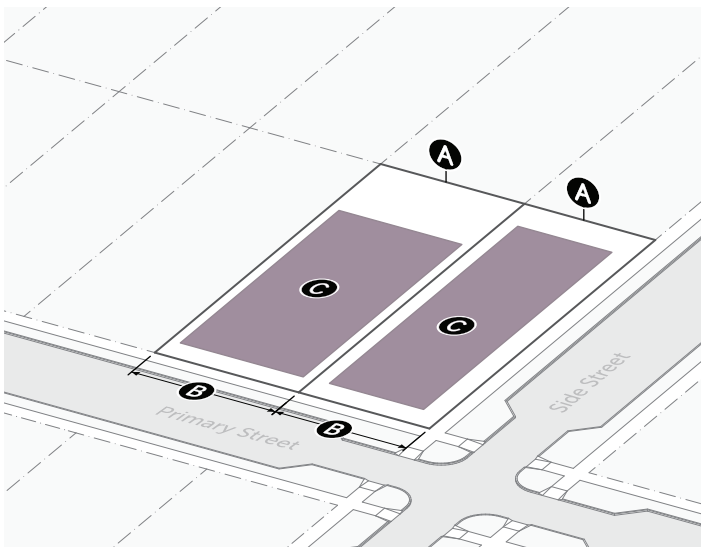
a. 20% affordable units at 60% AMI. Affordable units must meet the requirements of sec. 4.2.2.;

b. Affordably priced commercial space available for neighborhood-focused uses such as grocers, daycare, community banking or financial assistance offices, laundromats, recreational or fitness establishments, community health centers, or similar uses supporting the intent of this section, or a combination of such uses. Such use must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet;

- c. Space for educational training facilities, job training, or similar uses with a minimum of 2,500 square feet;
- d. Dedicated indoor or outdoor community space, open for use by the local community. Indoor space must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet. Outdoor space must be a minimum of 2,500 square feet and follow the standards of sec. 2.10.4.C.3;
- e. Community gardens or urban agriculture with a minimum square footage of 2,500 square feet;
- f. Sustainable design features that serve to reduce the environmental impacts of the project, including, but not limited to, incorporation of building design features associated with LEED, Passive House, or similar published building standards, Low-impact Development Standards or other innovative storm water management approaches that exceed the base requirements, the preservation or planting of trees beyond the base requirement, or any combination of these items; or
- h. Other features or amenities that support the intent of this section and the goals of the Comprehensive Plan.

2.2.3. RN-A RESIDENTIAL CORE NEIGHBORHOOD A

A. LOT

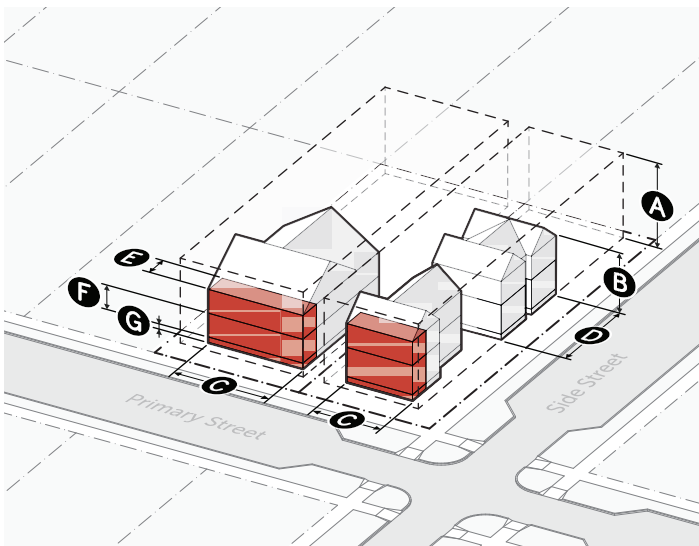


1. LOT SIZE	Sec. 2.10.2.
A Area (min)	6,000 SF
B Width (min)	
Front access	40'
Side / rear access	25'
2. DENSITY	Sec. 2.10.3.
Dwellings per lot (max)	
Base	1
Bonus: Existing Structure Preservation	3
Bonus: Affordable Dwelling Unit	6
3. COVERAGE	Sec. 2.10.4.
C Building coverage (max)	
1 unit	45%
2 units	55%
3 to 4 units	60%
More than 4 units	65%
Building footprint (max)	
Up to 2 units	2,500 SF
More than 2 units	3,000 SF
Outdoor amenity space (min)	None

4. BUILDING SETBACKS	Sec. 2.10.5.
D Primary street lot line (min/max)	10' / 20' or Existing Range
E Side street lot line (min)	10'
F Side lot line (min)	4'
G Rear / alley lot line (min)	4'
5. BUILD-TO	Sec. 2.10.6.
Build-to width (min)	
H Primary street	50%
Side street	None
6. PARKING LOCATION	Sec. 2.10.8.
Front yard	
Up to 2 units	Driveway only
More than 2 units	Not allowed
Side street yard	
Up to 2 units	Driveway only
More than 2 units	Not allowed
Side yard	Allowed
Rear yard	Allowed

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B. BUILDING

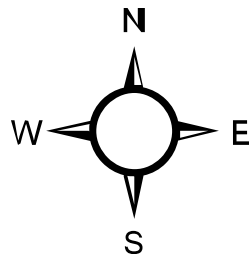
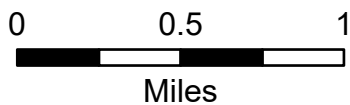
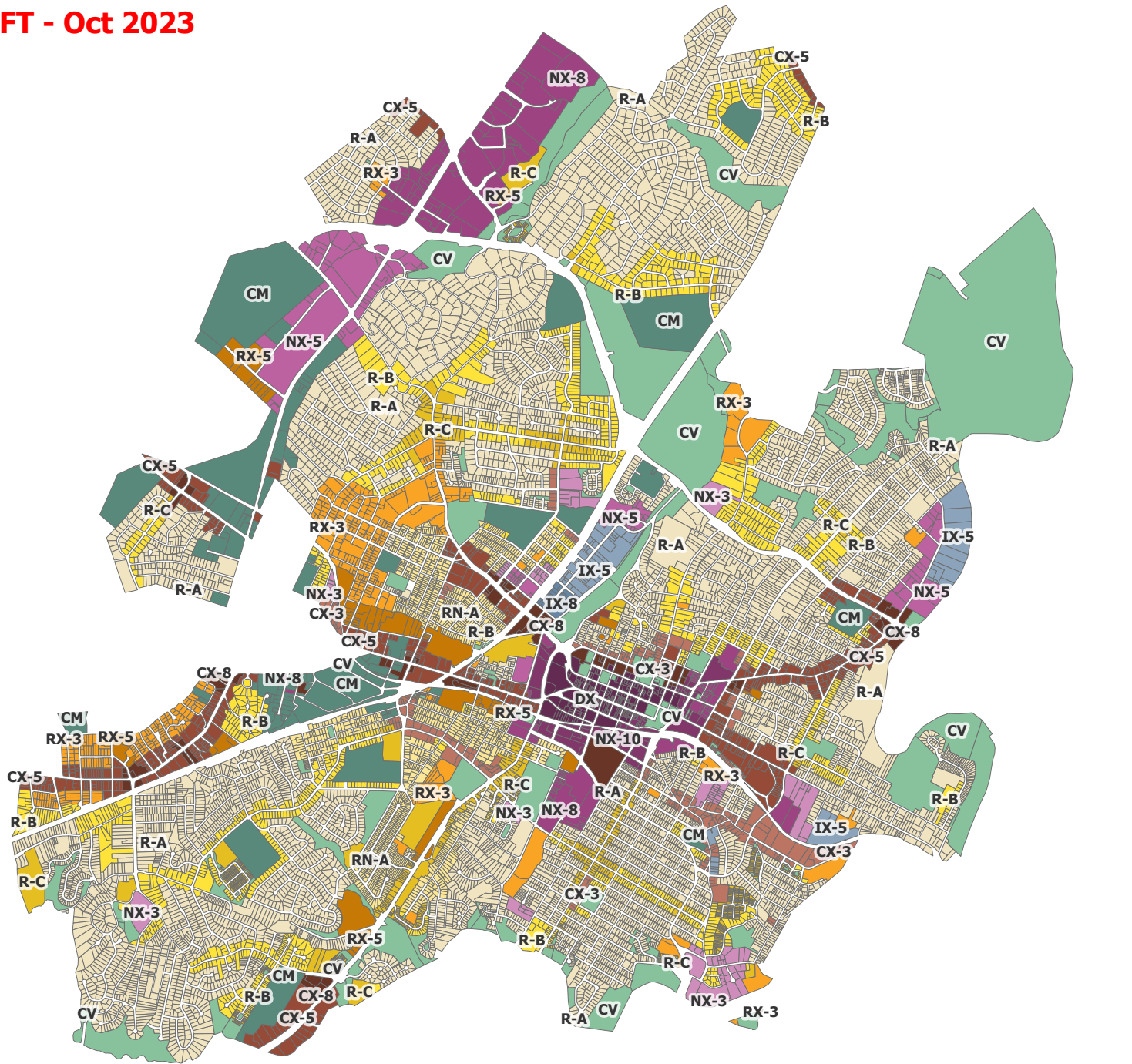


1. HEIGHT	<i>Sec. 2.10.9.</i>	
A Building height (max stories/feet)	2.5 / 35'	
B Side wall height (max)	28'	
2. MASSING	<i>Sec. 2.10.10.</i>	
Building width (max)		
C Primary street	40'	
D Side street	70'	
E Active depth (min)	9'	
3. GROUND STORY	<i>Sec. 2.10.11.</i>	
F Ground story height (min)	9'	
G Finished floor elevation (min/max)	0' / 6'	

	Primary St.	Side St.
4. TRANSPARENCY	<i>Sec. 2.10.12.</i>	
H Ground story (min)	20%	15%
I Upper story (min)	10%	10%
J Blank wall width (max)	10'	20'
5. ENTRANCES	<i>Sec. 2.10.13.</i>	
K Street-facing entry spacing (max)	40'	60'
Entry feature	Yes	Yes
6. FENCES AND WALLS	<i>Sec. 2.10.14.</i>	
Front yard height (max)	4'	
Side street yard height (max)		
Within 3' of lot line	4'	
More than 3' from lot line	6'	

City of Charlottesville Zoning Map - RN-A (Residential Core Neighborhood A) District

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R-A	CX-3	NX-8
RN-A	CX-5	NX-10
R-B	CX-8	IX-5
R-C	DX	IX-8
RX-3	NX-3	CV (Civic)
RX-5	NX-5	CM (Campus)