



# Land Use Code: Foundational Update

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# An Evolving City

Our City's past and future evolution is summarized below in three eras distinguished by different growth patterns that resulted from our evolving city planning priorities and policies, regulatory systems, and transportation modes.



# Purpose of the Land Use Code Updates:

To Align the LUC with Adopted City Plans and Policies with a focus on:

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TRANSIT PLAN

- Housing-related Changes
- Code Organization
- Equity



# FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Revisions to the code will continue to support the five guiding principles confirmed by City Council in November 2021 with an emphasis on Equity.

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- Increase overall housing capacity (market rate and affordable) and calibrate market-feasible incentives for deed restricted affordable housing
- 2. Enable more affordability especially near high frequency transit and growth areas
- 3. Allow for more diverse housing choices that fit in with the existing context
- 4. Make the code easier to use and understand
- 5. Improve predictability of the development permit review process, especially for housing



# Work Stream #1 (Immediate Next Step):

- Direct staff to bring forward a draft Land Use Code that removes controversial items
- Achieves reorganization, clarification and deed restricted affordable housing improvements
- Will require direction from Council on items to remove or revise
- Anticipated timeline:
  - Feb/March: Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing and Recommendation
  - March/April: City Council First Reading
  - April/May: City Council Second Reading

**Work Stream #2 (For Council Consideration):** Further consideration of items removed from draft Land Use Code (e.g., revision, referral to ballot, or other)

# Work Stream #3 (For Council Consideration):

- **Phase II:** Consider **ALL** remaining priorities for Land Use Code update (e.g., commercial zoning and TOD, xeric-landscaping, tree standards)
- Direct staff to develop a proposed scope, engagement strategy and timeline





# Foundational Changes



# Foundational Land Use Code Changes

- Reorganize content so the most used information is first in the Code
- Reformat zone districts with consistent graphics, tables, and illustrations
- Consolidate form standards in new Article 3 Building Types
- Consolidate use standards into table in new Article 4 – Use Standards
- Update definitions and rules of measurement for consistency
- Expand and re-calibrate incentives for affordable housing

- Rename some zones and create subdistricts to consolidate standards
- Create a menu of building types and form standards to guide compatibility
- Update use standards, rules of measurement, and definitions to align with new building types and standards
- Regulate building size through maximum floor area and form standards instead of units per building
- Regulate density through form standards and building types instead of dwelling units per acre



## **Items for Council Discussion**

Potential revisions for RL and UE:

1 Remove Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as a permitted housing type

## Potential revisions for NCL/OT-A:

- 2 Remove duplex as a permitted housing type
- 3 Maintain current lot size for residential units
- 4 Remove affordable housing incentive of additional housing types (apartment, rowhouse, cottage court)

## Potential revisions for NCM/OT-B:

- 5 Maintain current 4 unit maximum for multi-unit building
- 6 Maintain current lot size for residential units
- 7 Remove affordable housing incentive of additional density (+1 unit)

### Potential revisions for HOAs:

8 Remove language prohibiting HOAs from regulating the number and/or type of dwelling units permitted on a lot9 Remove language prohibiting HOAs from regulating the ability to subdivide property



	Currently allowed	Changes adopted in October 2023	Potential revisions for RL
Housing Types	Single-unit detached house	Add Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)	
Max Density	1 dwelling unit per lot	Increase to 2 dwelling units per lot (detached house + ADU only)	To maintain the RL zone as it is today:
Lot Size	6,000 sq feet minimum <i>AND</i> 3 times the total floor area, whichever is greater		<ol> <li>Remove ADU as an allowable housing type in RL</li> </ol>
Maximum Height	28 feet for residential buildings		
Other		Additional ADU Policies	



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### BUILDING TYPES

The following building types are permitted in the RL District:

BUILDING TYPES	# OF UNITS*	LOTAREA
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	6000 ft <sup>2</sup> min.
ADU	1 max.	N/A
Detached Accessory Structure	See Section 3.1.8	

\*The total number of units shall not exceed two (2) on a lot.

\*\*See integrate with existing structure requirements in Article 7.

\*\*\*Existing or planned high frequency transit pursuant to the adopted Transit Master Plan.

Refer to Building Types Article 3 and Use Standards Article 4 for specific definitions

## **Foundational Change**

### ARTICLE 2 - ZONE DISTRICTS

### SECTION 2.1.4-

RL - Low Density Residential District

### EXISTING CONDITIONS





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**SECTION 2.1.2** -

## UE Urban Estate District

### PURPOSE

The Urban Estate District is intended to be a setting for a predominance of low-density and large-lot housing. The main purposes of this District are to acknowledge the presence of the many existing subdivisions which have developed in these uses which function as parts of the community and to provide additional locations for similar development, typically in transitional locations between more intense urban development and rural or open lands.

### DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

LOT SIZE	
Lot Area (Except Residential Cluster)	21,780 ft <sup>2</sup> (1/2 Acre) min.
LOT WIDTH	
Single-Unit Dwelling	100' min.
Single-Unit Dwelling (Subdivided before 1997)	60' min.

### RESIDENTIAL CLUSTER

Sites in the Urban Estate District may be developed as a Residential Cluster according to the Residential Cluster Building Type standards established in Section 3.1.10. In a cluster development, lot sizes and widths may be reduced in order to cluster the dwellings together on a portion of the property, with the remainder of the property permanently preserved as public or private open space.

SETBACKS*	
Front Setback	30' min.
Front Setback (Subdivided before 1997)	20' min.
Rear Setback	25' min.
Rear Setback (Subdivided before 1997)	15' min.
Side Setback	20' min.
Side Setback (Subdivided before 1997)	5' min.

BUILDING TYPES

in the UE District:

- Residential Cluster

- Duplex

The following building types are permitted

- Detached House (Urban & Suburban)

- Detached Accessory Structure

- Accessory Dwelling Unit

**BUILDING HEIGHT** 

Single-Unit Dwelling 3 Stories max.

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ARTICLE 2: ZONE DISTRICTS - FORT COLLINS LAND USE CODE - 2-2



	Currently allowed	Changes adopted in October 2023	Potential revisions for NCL/OT-A
Housing Types	<ul> <li>Single-unit detached house</li> <li>carriage house</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Add duplex</li> <li>expand where ADUs are permitted</li> <li>permit 3-unit apartment rowhouse, and cottage court for affordable housing only</li> </ul>	To maintain the NCL zone as it is today:
Max Density	2 dwelling units (single-family home, + carriage house)	3 units per lot	<ol> <li>Remove duplex as a permitted housing type</li> <li>Maintain current lot size for residential units</li> <li>Remove affordable housing incentive of additional housing types (apartment, rowhouse, cottage court)</li> </ol>
Lot Size	6,000 sq. feet minimum; 12,000 sq. feet minimum for carriage house (10% of NCL lots)	4,500 sf; 6,000 sf for 3-unit apartment/rowhouse, 9,000 sf for 3-unit cottage court	
Maximum Height	2 stories; 1.5 stories for carriage house or building at the rear of the lot	28 ft; 24 feet for ADU; 15 ft for detached ADU with no alley	
Other		Additional ADU Policies	



# Neighborhood Conservation, Low-Density Zone District (NCL)/ Old Town - A

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# Neighborhood Conservation, Low-Density Zone District (NCL)/ Old Town - A

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## 2023 Adopted and Repealed

SECTION 2.1.6-

# OT-A

Old Town District, Low

### PURPOSE

The Old Town District, Low (OT-A) subdistrict allows single-unit and accessory dwellings.



### BUILDING TYPES

The following building types are permitted in the OT-A subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS *	LOT AREA	FLOOR	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	4500 ft <sup>2</sup> min.	2,400 ft <sup>e</sup> max.	N/A	
Duplex	2 max.	4500 ft <sup>2</sup> min. or 6000ft <sup>2</sup> min. with an ADU	40% of lot area max.	N/A	*The total number of units shall not exceed three (3)
Triplex	3 max.	6000 ft <sup>a</sup> min.	40% of lot area max.	MUST MEET ONE OF THE FOLLOWING TWO REQUIREMENTS	on a lot. "See integrate with existing
			Integrates existing structure**	structure requiments in Article 7	
				Affordable Housing Development	Albule 7.
Cottage Court	3 max.	9000 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	See Section 3.1.3	Affordable Housing Development	Refer to Building
ADU	1 max.	N/A	See Section 3.1.9	Accesory to either a Duplex or Detached House	<u>Types Article 3</u> and <u>Use Standards Ar-</u>
Detached Accessory Structure		See Section 3.1.8		N/A	ticle 4 for specific definitions.

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# Foundational Change

### SECTION 2.1.6

## **OT-A** Old Town District, Low

### PURPOSE

The Old Town District, Low (OT-A) subdistrict has a predominance of single-unit dwellings, complementary accessory dwellings and uses, and supportive neigborhood uses.





### **BUILDING TYPES**

The following building types are permitted in the OT-A subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS *	LOT AREA	FLOOR	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	"The total number of units shall not exceed two (2)
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	6,000 ft² min.	2,400 ft <sup>e</sup> max.	N/A	on a lot. Refer to Building.
ADU (Detached Only)	1 max.	12,000 ft² min.	See Section 3.1.9	Located behind a Detached House	Types Article 3 and Use Standards Article
Detached Accessory Structure		See Section 3.1.	E	N/A	4 for specific defini- tions.

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**OT-A Building Types** 

## BUILDING TYPES

The following building types are permitted in the OT-A subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS *	LOT AREA	FLOOR	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	*The total number of units shall not exceed two (2)
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	6,000 ft² min.	2,400 ft² max.	N/A	on a lot. Refer to <u>Building</u>
ADU (Detached Only)	1 max.	12,000 ft² min.	See Section 3.1.9	Located behind a Detached House	<u>Types Article 3</u> and Use Standards Article
Detached Accessory Structure		See Section 3.1.8		N/A	<u>4</u> for specific defini- tions.

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	Currently allowed	Changes adopted in October 2023	Potential revisions for NCM/OT-B
Housing Types	<ul> <li>Single-unit detached house</li> <li>carriage house</li> <li>multi-unit up to 4 units (e.g. duplex, triplex, fourplex)</li> </ul>	Allow up to 5 units in multi-unit buildings	To maintain the NCM zone as it is today: 5. Maintain current 4 unit
Max Density	Up to 4 units	6 units per lot	maximum for multi-unit building
Lot Size	5,000 sf for single-unit detached house; 6,000 sf for multi-unit buildings up to 4 units; 10,000 sf for carriage house	4,500 sf; 6,000 sf for 4-unit apartment/rowhouse, 9,000 sf for 3-6 unit cottage court	6. Maintain current lot size for residential units
Maximum Height	2 stories, 24 ft for carriage house or building at the rear of the lot	28 ft; 24 feet for ADU; 15 ft for detached ADU with no alley	<ul> <li>7. Remove affordable housing incentive of additional density (+1 unit)</li> </ul>
Other		Additional ADU Policies	



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Max Density	Up to 4 units	6 units per lot	5. Maintain current 4 unit maximum for multi-unit building
Lot Size	5,000 sf for single-unit detached house; 6,000 sf for multi-unit buildings up to 4 units; 10,000 sf for carriage house	4,500 sf; 6,000 sf for 4-unit apartment/rowhouse, 9,000 sf for 3-6 unit cottage court	<ol> <li>Maintain current lot size for residential units</li> </ol>
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Other		Additional ADU Policies	unit)



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Lot Size	5,000 sf for single-unit detached house; 6,000 sf for multi-unit buildings up to 4 units; 10,000 sf for carriage house	4,500 sf; 6,000 sf for 4-unit apartment/rowhouse, 9,000 sf for 3-6 unit cottage court	<ol> <li>Maintain current lot size for residential units</li> </ol>
Maximum Height	2 stories, 24 ft for carriage house or building at the rear of the lot	28 ft; 24 feet for ADU; 15 ft for detached ADU with no alley	7. Remove affordable housing incentive of additional density (+1
Other		Additional ADU Policies	unit)



# Neighborhood Conservation, Medium Density Zone District (NCM)/Old Town - B

# 2023 Adopted and Repealed

### ARTICLE 2 - ZONE DISTRICTS

SECTION 2.1.6

# OT-B

### Old Town District, Medium

### PURPOSE

The Old Town District, Medium (OT-B) subdistrict is intended to preserve the character of areas that have a predominance of developed single-unit and low- to mediumdensity multi-unit housing and have been given this designation in accordance with an adopted subarea plan.

### **BUILDING TYPES**

The following building types are permitted in the OT-B subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS*	LOTAREA	FLOOR AREA	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	4500 ft <sup>#</sup> min.	2,400 ft <sup>e</sup> max.	N/A	
Duplex	2 max.	4500 ft <sup>a</sup> min.	40% of lot area max.	N/A	
Triplex	3 max.	4500 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	70% of lot area max.	N/A	
Apartment Building	4 max.	6000 ft² min.	85% of lot area max.	N/A	
	5 max.			Integrates existing structure**	*The total numbe
	6 max.	6000 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	85% of lot area max.	MUST MEET BOTH OF THE BELOW REQUIREMENTS	of units shall not exceed six (6) units on a lot.
				Integrates existing structure*	**See integrate with existing
				Affordable Housing Development	structure requiments in
Rowhouse	2-3 max. 4 max. 5 max.	4500 ft² min 6000 ft² min 7500 ft² min	40% of lot area max. 70% of lot area max. 70% of lot area max.	Affordable Housing Development	Article 7.
Cottage Court	3 min. 6 max.	9000 ft <sup>e</sup> min	See Section 3.1.3	N/A	Refer to <u>Building</u> Types Article <u>3</u> and
ADU	1 max.	N/A	See Section 31.9	Only allowed with a Detached House, Duplex, or Cottage Court	<u>Use Standards Art</u> <u>cle-4</u> for specific
Detached Accessory Structure		See Section 3.1.8		N/A	definitions.



## **Foundational Change**

### ARTICLE 2 - ZONE DISTRICTS

SECTION 2.1.6

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### BUILDING TYPES

The following building types are permitted in the OT-B subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS*	LOT AREA	FLOOR AREA	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	5,000 ft² min.	2,400 ft <sup>e</sup> max.	N/A	"The total number
Duplex	2 max.	5,000 ft² min.	40% of lot area max.	N/A	exceed four (4) units on a lot.
Triplex	3 max.	6,000 ft° min.	70% of lot area max.	N/A	
Apartment Building	4 max.	6,000 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	85% of lot area max.	N/A	Refer to <u>Building</u> Types Article <u>3</u> and
ADU (Detached Only)	1 max.	10,000 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	See Section 31.9	Located behind either a Detached House, Duplex, or Triplex	Use Standards Arti-
Detached Accessory Structure			See Section 31.	B	definitions.

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# **OT-B** Building Types

## **BUILDING TYPES**

The following building types are permitted in the OT-B subdistrict:

BUILDING TYPES	UNITS*	LOT AREA	FLOOR AREA	ADDITIONAL SITE REQUIREMENT	
Detached House (Urban & Suburban)	1 max.	5,000 ft² min.	2,400 ft <sup>e</sup> max.	N/A	*The total number
Duplex	2 max.	5,000 ft² min.	40% of lot area max.	N/A	exceed four (4) units on a lot.
Triplex	3 max.	6,000 ft <sup>e</sup> min.	70% of lot area max.	N/A	
Apartment Building	4 max.	6,000 ft² min.	85% of lot area max.	N/A	Refer to <u>Building</u> <u>Types Article 3</u> and
ADU (Detached Only)	1 max.	10,000 ft² min.	See Section 3.1.9	Located behind either a Detached House, Duplex, or Triplex	<u>Use Standards Arti-</u> <u>cle 4</u> for specific
Detached Accessory Structure		-	See Section 3.1.8	3	definitions.



SECTION 3.1.2	
Apartment Build	ding
DESCRIPTION	ZONE DISTRICTS
An apartment building is a residential building that has three (3) or more housing units. Apartment buildings are typically medium to	The following Zone Districts allow Apartment building:
large in size because the units are placed side-	• LMN • CCR
by-side and/or stacked vertically. Apartment buildings have a variety of architectural styles	• MMN • CG
but are usually at least 2 stories tall and have	• HMN • D
common entries that face the street.	• OT-B • HC
	• OT-C • CS
	• NC • CL
	• CC • E
	CCN      Overlay Districts

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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## **Foundational Change**

### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

### SECTION 3.1.2

## **Apartment Building**

### DESCRIPTION

An apartment building is a residential building that has three (3) or more housing units. Apartment buildings are typically medium to large in size because the units are placed sideby-side and/or stacked vertically. Apartment buildings have a variety of architectural styles but are usually at least 2 stories tall and have common entries that face the street.

### ZONE DISTRICTS

The following Zone Districts allow Apartment building:

LMN	• CCR
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• NC	• CS
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• CCN	• E
	Overlay Districts

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

SECTION 3.1.3

## **Cottage Court**

### DESCRIPTION

Cottage Court complexes are a grouping of residential units that are organized around a shared courtyard accessible to all residents. Some cottages face the street while others face towards the courtyard. The cottages are usually smaller in scale with friendly architectural styles that provide a neighborhood feel, such as porches or stoops for each residential unit.

### ZONE DISTRICTS

The following Zone Districts allow cottage court building types:

# LMN MMN OT HC E D Overlay Districts

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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ARTICLE 3 : BUILDING TYPES - FORT COLLINS LAND USE CODE - 3-8

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### SECTION 3.1.3

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OT-C	• HC
LMN	• E
MMN	• D
	<ul> <li>Overlay</li> </ul>
	Districts

Only when part of a Residential Cluster: • UE • RUL • RF

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



Courtesy of Ross Chapin Architects

ARTICLE 3 : BUILDING TYPES - FORT COLLINS LAND USE CODE - 3-8



### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

### SECTION 3.1.4

## Rowhouse

### BUILDING STANDARDS

A rowhouse consists of 2-8 residential units that are placed side-by-side and share walls. Rowhouses are typically narrow and 2-35 stories tall, with each home having its own entrance that usually faces the street. It is common for homes in rowhouses to have porches and some may have an attached or detached garage behind each unit.

### ZONE DISTRICTS The following Zone Districts allow Rowhouse building types: • UE • CC

LMN
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### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

### SECTION 3.1.4

## Rowhouse

### BUILDING STANDARDS

A rowhouse consists of 2-8 residential units that are placed side-by-side and share wals. Rowhouses are typically narrow and 2-35 stories tall, with each home having its own entrance that usually faces the street. It is common for homes in rowhouses to have porches and some may have an attached or detached garage behind each unit.

### ZONE DISTRICTS

The following Zone Districts allow Rowhouse building types:

LMN	• CCN
• MMN	• CCR
• HMN	• CG
• OT-C	• CS
• NC	• CL
• D	• HC
• cc	• E

Only when part of a Residential Cluster.

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### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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SECTION 3.1.5		
Duplex		
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### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

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### ZONE DISTRICTS

The following Zone Districts allow Duplex building types:

	• CCN
LMN	• CCN
• MMN	• CCR
• OT-B	• CG
• OT-C	• CS
• UE	• CL
• NC	• HC
• CC	• E
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Only when part of a Residential Cluster:

• RUL • RF

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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### ARTICLE 3 - BUILDING TYPES

### SECTION 3.1.9 BUILDING TYPE: Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

### DESCRIPTION

- Full living amenities
- Accessory to a Duplex or Detached House
- New construction or built within an existing detached accessory building
- Min & Max. square footage
- Subordinate to and compliments the primary dwelling (architecture, building materials)
- ADUs may came come in one of two varieties:
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  - Attached

### ZONE DISTRICTS

- Allowed in all zone districts
- where there is an existing:
- detached house;
- duplex; or
  non-residential use oper-
- ating in a detached house.

### BUILDING TYPE EXAMPLES



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- Only Allowed where there is an existing: • detached house;
- duplex; triplex; or
- non-residential use operating in a detached house.

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	• cc	• CL	• HC
	• CCN	• LMN	• E
	• CCR	• MMN	• 1
	• CG	• HMN	• RC
		• NC	• LMN

Only when part of a Residential Cluster:

### • RUL

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	RUL	UE	RF	RL	OT-A	MH
RESIDENTIAL USES						
Single Unit Dwelling						
Single Unit Attached Dwelling						
Two Unit Dwelling						
Multi-Unit Dwelling						
Mixed-Use Dwelling Units						
Accessory Dwelling Unit						
Short Term Primary Rentals						



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	bins	when that subdivision would otherwise be permitted	prohibiting HOAs from regulating the
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### ARTICLE 1 - GENERAL PURPOSE and PROVISIONS

### **DIVISION 1.3 LEGAL**

### 1.3.1 RELATIONSHIP TO CODE OF THE CITY

This Land Use Code, although not a numbered Chapter of the Code of the City, is adopted by reference in Chapter 29 of the Code of the City and made part therof, with the same legal significance as though it were a numbered Chapter. This Land Use Code may be used, as applicable, to support the implementation of the Code of the City; and the Code of the City may be used, as applicable, to support the implementation of this Land Use Code. Particularly, but without limitation, the provisions of Chapter 1 of the Code of the City are incorporated into this Land Use Code by reference.

#### 1.3.2 CONFLICT BETWEEN LAND USE CODE STANDARDS AND CONFLICT WITH OTHER LAWS

- (A) In the event of a conflict between a standard or requirement contained in Articles 2, 3, or 4 and a standard or requirement in Article 5, the standard or requirement in Article 2, 3, or 4 shall prevail to the extent of the conflict. In the event there is a conflict between standards or requirements contained in Article 2, 3, or 4, the more specific standard or requirement shall prevail to the extent of the conflict. The requirement is more specific, the more stringent standard or requirement shall prevail to the extent of the conflict.
- (B) In the event of conflicts not addressed in (A), if the provisions of this Land Use Code are internally conflicting or if they conflict with any other statute, code, local ordinance, resolution, regulation or other applicable Foderal, State, or local law, the more specific standard, limitation or requirement shall govern or prevail to the extent of the conflict. If netther standard is more specific, then the more stringent standard, limitation or requirement shall govern or prevail to the extent of the conflict.

### 1.3.3 CONFLICTS WITH PRIVATE HOUSING COVENANTS

No person shall create, cause to be created, enforce or seek to enforce any provision contained in any contract or restrictive covenant that prohibits or has the effect of prohibiting the number and/or type of dwelling units permitted on a lot when such number and/or type of dwelling units) would otherwise be permitted by the City's zoning regulations. A Homeowner's Association may enforce private covenants which reasonably regulate external aesthetics including, but not limited to, site placement/setbacks, color, window placement, height, and materials with the intent of furthering compatibility with the existing neighborhood.

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### 1.3.4 SEVERABILITY

It is the legislative intent of the City Council in adopting this Land Use Code that all provisions hereof shall be liberally construed to protect and preserve the paece, health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City. It is the further intent of the City Council that this Land Use Code shall stand, notwithstanding the invalidity of any part thereof, and that should any provision of this Land Use Code be held to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court or throuad of competent jurisdiction, such holding shall not be construed as affecting the validity of any of the remaining provisions.

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## **Items for Council Discussion**

Potential revisions for RL and UE:

1 Remove Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) as a permitted housing type

## Potential revisions for NCL/OT-A:

- 2 Remove duplex as a permitted housing type
- 3 Maintain current lot size for residential units
- 4 Remove affordable housing incentive of additional housing types (apartment, rowhouse, cottage court)

## Potential revisions for NCM/OT-B:

- 5 Maintain current 4 unit maximum for multi-unit building
- 6 Maintain current lot size for residential units
- 7 Remove affordable housing incentive of additional density (+1 unit)

## Potential revisions for HOAs:

8 Remove language prohibiting HOAs from regulating the number and/or type of dwelling units permitted on a lot9 Remove language prohibiting HOAs from regulating the ability to subdivide property