



## SECTION 4: GOALS & OBJECTIVES

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## A. Introduction

The following goals and objectives were developed as part of the public involvement process. They are intended to reflect the major themes and aspirations that the neighborhood holds for the future. The goals and objectives form the basis from which the Downtown Neighborhood Area implementation strategies and regulations were crafted.

The goals and objectives are organized under five general categories, including:

- Land Use and Zoning
- Historic Preservation
- Community Character
- Transportation
- Quality of Life

## LAND USE AND ZONING

Land Use Goal 1: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will include neighborhood-scale commercial and office uses that are well designed, appropriately located, and consistent with the existing neighborhood character (building scale and massing).

Objective 1.1: Encourage a mix of uses that serve the neighborhood to locate along primary transportation corridors - Central Avenue, Lomas Boulevard, and Mountain Road.

Objective 1.2: Develop design standards for new and redeveloped commercial and office uses (e.g., signage; building height, massing, and scale; street frontage; parking; density; and open space).

Objective 1.3: Identify the appropriate areas and permissive uses for office and commercial use.

Objective 1.4: Define the appropriate areas, create specific development standards, and develop a public hearing process for considering businesses that could have a negative impact on the neighborhood.

Land Use Goal 2: The Downtown Neighborhood area will promote infill development of surface parking lots and vacant parcels, and redevelopment of distressed structures and properties.

Objective 2.1: Replace surface parking lots and vacant lots with appropriately-scaled infill development.

Objective: 2.2: Prohibit new commercial parking lots.

Objective 2.3: Ensure that all existing surface parking lots meet City Zoning regulations relative to landscaping, buffering, and lighting.

Objective 2.4: Encourage public/private partnerships and provide incentives for redevelopment of distressed properties and opportunity sites, and adaptive reuse of buildings.

Objective 2.5: Encourage new investment through the use of municipal planning tools (e.g., Metropolitan Redevelopment Areas, Tax Increment Development Districts, Historic Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits).

Land Use Goal 3: The predominantly single-family residential character of the Downtown Neighborhood Area will be preserved and protected, while maintaining economic diversity in housing.

Objective 3.1: Ensure that all new single-family residential development is consistent in massing and scale with the immediate area.

Objective 3.2: Encourage renovation of existing single-family homes and retain residential use of homes.

Objective 3.3: Allow for a variety of housing types (i.e., townhomes, single family, multi-family, senior living facilities).

Objective 3.4: Identify the appropriate areas for townhome and multi-family development and ensure adequate buffering between higher-density development and existing single-family development while maintaining a pedestrian-friendly street frontage.

## HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Preservation Goal: The historic character of the Downtown Neighborhood Area will be celebrated and preserved, and balanced with future growth and redevelopment.

Objective 1.1: Identify structures and neighborhoods which are eligible for nomination to state and national historic registers, provide assistance in the nomination process.

Objective 1.2: Develop historic walking tours.

Objective 1.3: Develop a public education program and disseminate information regarding City's Historic Overlay Zones, development guidelines, procedures for design review by the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission, available tax credits applicable to those zones, the nomination process, and answer typical preservation renovation questions.

Objective 1.4: Deter the inappropriate demolition of registered historic buildings.

Objective 1.5: Work with the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission to develop guidelines that balance historic preservation and energy sustainability.

## COMMUNITY CHARACTER

Community Character Goal 1: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will be a neighborhood characterized and defined by its tree-lined streets.

Objective 1.1: Create and maintain a continuous tree canopy along Lomas Boulevard, Central Avenue, and all residential streets with an existing parkway strip between the curb and the sidewalk.

Objective 1.2: Develop a street tree program that addresses phasing for replacement of old or diseased street trees within public rights-of-way, identifies gaps in the tree canopy and new areas for street trees, and includes a list of appropriate street trees to plant in the parkway strip.

Objective 1.3: Provide incentives for and educate homeowners on maintaining street trees at the front of their property in the parkway strip and on their property, and provide pick-up of tree trimmings by the City.

Community Character Goal 2: The character-defining elements (e.g., architectural style and history, size and massing of buildings, landscaping, etc.) of the areas outside of the Downtown Neighborhood Area's historic zones will be recognized and preserved.

Objective 2.1: Develop design standards for the areas outside of the historic overlay districts.

Objective 2.2: Revise zoning standards to ensure that infill development reflects and complements the neighborhood's history and immediate context; typical building height, size, scale, cadence, and massing; landscape, etc.

## TRANSPORTATION

Transportation Goal 1: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will be the City's most walkable neighborhood.

Objective 1.1: Improve, install, and maintain sidewalks, and ensure handicap accessibility.

Objective 1.2: Maintain the width and location of existing parkway strips between the curb and sidewalk.

Objective 1.3: Slow traffic on neighborhood streets to encourage walking.

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Transportation Goal 2: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will have a coordinated roadway system that improves safety and function.

Objective 2.1: Coordinate with and support the West Downtown Corridor Plan (Central Avenue) and other transportation corridor planning studies.

Objective 2.2: Redesign the 12th Street/Mountain Road and 12th Street/Lomas Boulevard intersections to improve safety and traffic flow.

Objective 2.3: Redesign Lomas Boulevard to slow traffic and make it easier for bicyclists and pedestrians to cross, and to foster the development of a pedestrian-oriented commercial district while maintaining its function as a major thoroughfare.

Transportation Goal 3: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will have excellent access to transit services.

Objective 3.1: Improve bus stops (e.g., signage, seating, shade cover) and bus route coverage for regular routes and special events.

Objective 3.2: Encourage the use of public transportation by workers and residents of the Downtown Neighborhood area.

Transportation Goal 4: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will have a comprehensive, safe, and convenient bicycle network for commuter and recreational users.

Objective 4.1: Increase bicycle facilities to provide greater access, mobility, and safety.

Objective: 4.2: Encourage existing businesses to provide bicycle racks for their patrons.

Objective 4.3: Coordinate with the City's bicycle planning documents.

Transportation Goal 5: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will contain alleys that are attractive and provide alternative access to garages and safe pedestrian pathways.

Objective 5.1: Encourage property owners to add lighting and landscaping to adjacent alleys.

Objective 5.2: Encourage property owners to maintain alleys adjacent to their properties.

Objective 5.3: Identify and vacate only those alleys that are discontinuous and do not serve a purpose for property owners.

## QUALITY OF LIFE

Quality of Life Goal 1: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will be safe and well lighted.

Objective 1.1: Ensure and maintain adequate street lighting and add lighting at neighborhood parks to increase safety.

Objective 1.2: Ensure that all new lighting meets the shielding requirements of the New Mexico Night Sky Ordinance.

Objective 1.3: Educate and encourage landlords to participate in the City's Crime Free Multi-Housing and Lease Addendum crime prevention program for apartments.

Objective 1.4: Promote the establishment and use of effective crime prevention programs such as the City's Neighborhood Watch, Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design, and Business Crime Prevention programs.

Quality of Life Goal 2: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will encourage and promote green building and energy conservation.

Objective 2.1: Establish recycling and green waste programs in collaboration with the City Solid Waste Department.

Objective 2.2: Sponsor green building tours and competitions in the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

Objectives 2.3: Educate residents and business owners on appropriate methods and materials to meet energy efficiency and sustainability in historic and non-historic structures.

Objective 2.4: Encourage the development of community gardens and composting programs.

Quality of Life Goal 3: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will foster greater communication with the City, area schools, adjacent neighborhood associations, local businesses, and the Downtown Core.

Objective 3.1: Coordinate community events that promote and enhance the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

Objective 3.2: Coordinate and attend meetings with adjacent neighborhood associations.

Objective 3.3: Recognize the importance of area schools and work cooperatively on beautification projects and traffic management.

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Quality of Life Goal 4: The Downtown Neighborhood Area will be enhanced through beautification efforts and initiatives.

Objective 4.1: Improve and maintain public parks.

Objective 4.2: Provide landscape and hardscape improvements to streets and public properties.

Objective 4.3: Encourage property owners to add and maintain new landscape on their properties and within the public right-of-way in front of their properties.

Objective 4.4: Encourage property owners to maintain and clean their properties.





## SECTION 5: IMPLEMENTATION POLICIES & STRATEGIES

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## **A. Introduction**

The groundwork has been laid throughout the planning process for a series of implementation policies and strategies. These elements are designed to be consistent with the Sector Development Plan's goals and objectives, and are intended to bring the community's vision for the Downtown Neighborhood Area to fruition. The implementation policies and strategies involve a variety of actions - regulatory, administrative, and capital improvements. Each policy is followed by list of strategies designed to accomplish the policy.

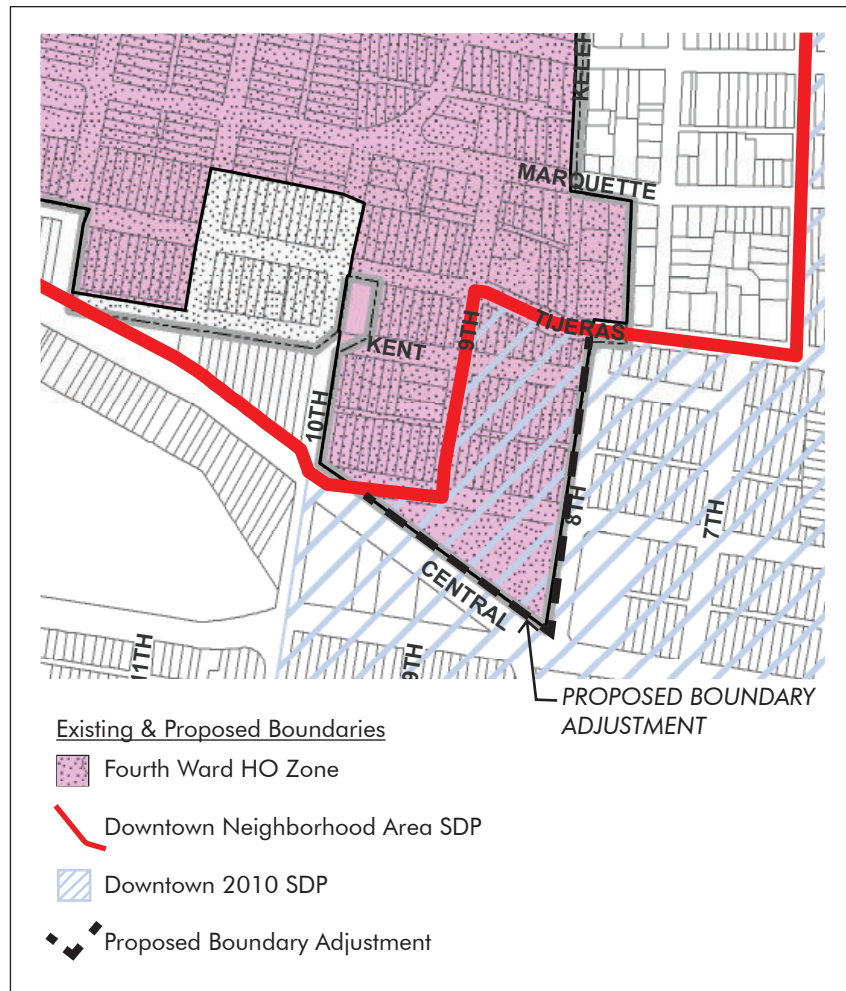
## **B. Implementation Policies and Strategies – Land Use and Development**

### ***Implementation Policy 1: Plan Boundary Adjustment***

The City should adopt a Sector Development Plan boundary that is appropriate to the vision and goals held by the community.

#### ***Strategy***

1. Adjust Sector Development Plan Boundary: The Plan proposes a boundary adjustment to the Downtown Neighborhood Area that would bring the eastern boundary south down Eighth Street to and west from Central Avenue (see *Boundary Adjustment graphic, page 68*). This boundary adjustment provides three primary benefits, which are supported by the neighborhood:
  - a. The proposed boundary includes Robinson Park in the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan area;
  - b. The proposed boundary makes the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan area and the Fourth Ward HO Zone area consistent; and
  - c. The proposed boundary provides a more logical separation between the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan and the Downtown 2010 Sector Development Plan, with the Hotel Blue (located on the east side of Eighth Street along Central Avenue) in the Downtown 2010 and residential and office in the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan.



### **Implementation Policy 2: Zoning / Development Regulations**

The City should create zoning districts and development regulations that support neighborhood values, and are consistent with existing land use and development patterns, historic preservation, and appropriate infill development.

#### **Strategies**

1. Create New Zoning Districts and Development Regulations: There is a strong community desire to remedy many of the existing zoning conflicts, and to ensure that infill redevelopment accomplishes the Sector Development Plan’s goals and objectives that allow for a more walkable community, stays respectful of the historic character, and allows for appropriately designed and scaled infill development that fits in with the context of the surrounding built environment. The Plan proposes a comprehensive set of revisions to the zoning and development standards (see Section 6, Regulations) and covers permissive and conditional uses, prohibited uses, building placement, buffering, height, windows and doors, articulation, garages, ingress/egress, signage, lighting, landscaping, etc. A zone map that corresponds to the zoning regulations is also included in Section 6: Zoning Regulations and Development Standards.

**Implementation Policy 3: Redevelopment of Opportunity Sites**

The City should provide incentives and partner with the private sector on prioritizing redevelopment of vacant and under-utilized parcels throughout the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

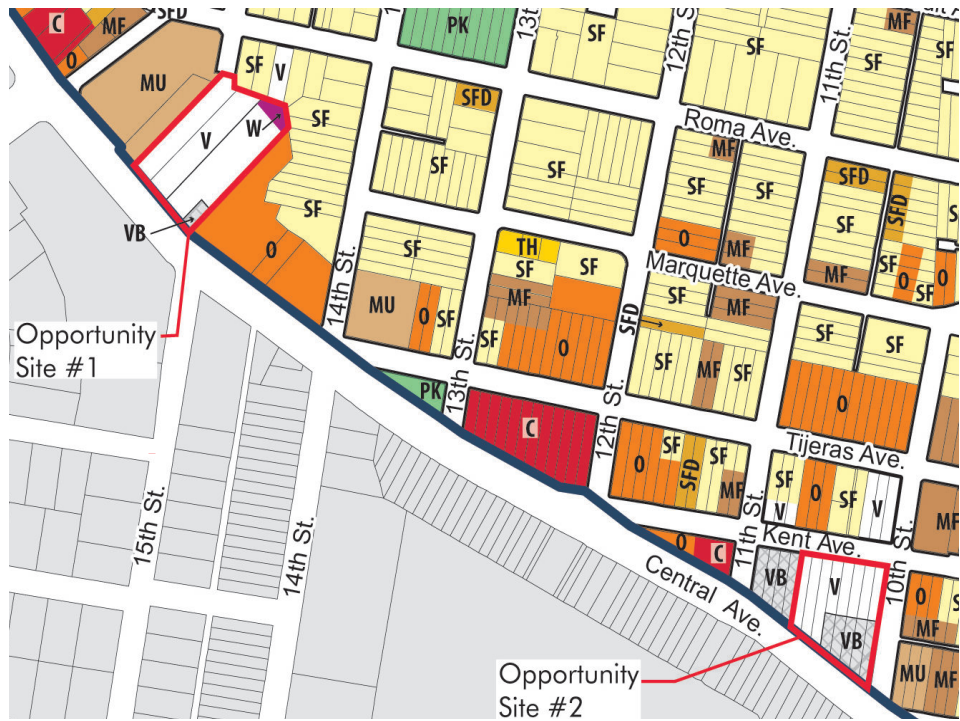
**Strategies**

1. Provide Incentives and Encourage Redevelopment of Opportunity Sites:

A number of prime redevelopment opportunity sites were identified during the planning process. These are sites that provide great opportunity to invest in the neighborhood in a way that helps the community realize its vision for the future. Two primary sites are along Central Avenue, the Plan area's southern boundary, and one site is along Fourth Street. All three opportunity sites have the potential to be catalysts for further redevelopment in the area. In addition to these three sites, there are numerous other small properties, buildings, or commercial parking lots that are either vacant, underutilized, or in a blighted condition that would benefit from adaptive reuse or redevelopment efforts.

  - a. Central Avenue, Opportunity Site #1: This site is located at 1433, 1435, and 1445 Central Avenue NW (see graphic page 70). It is mostly vacant land, with the exception of a small storefront building on the east edge and a warehouse/manufacturing structure at the far north end, both of which were in use as of the publication of this plan. The entire site is comprised of 1.4 acres on three lots. The site is located between two relatively new redevelopment projects - the Bell Trading Post at 1503 Central Avenue NW and the new office building to the east at 1429 Central Avenue NW. This could be an excellent location for a mixed use project of neighborhood-oriented retail or services, and townhome or low profile condominiums/apartments. The non-residential portion would fit best along the Central Avenue frontage, with the residential portion providing a transition to the more residential area to the north. Vehicular access to the site should primarily be from Central Avenue, rather than 15<sup>th</sup> Street, due to the residential development in that area.
  - b. Central Avenue, Opportunity Site #2: This site is located at 1001 Central Avenue NW. It is bounded by Kent Avenue to the north, Central Avenue to the south, 10th Street to the east and a vacant motel to the west. The area is comprised of eight narrow lots with a north-south orientation. A closed restaurant building is situated at the southeast corner with parking to the west and north. The approximately 2/3-acre area could be an excellent redevelopment location for a mixed-use project of either neighborhood-oriented retail or services, a condominium/apartment project, and/or townhouses. Similar to Opportunity Site #1, the non-residential use would fit best fronting Central Avenue.

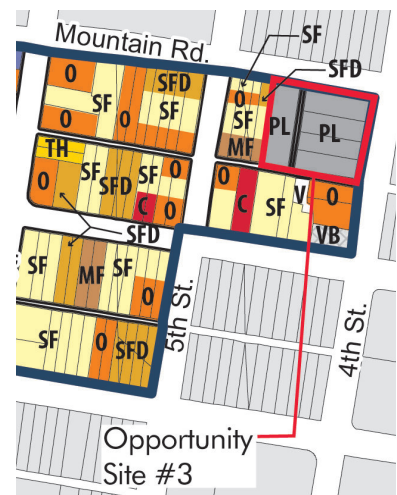
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Opportunity Sites along Central Avenue

- c. Fourth Street, Opportunity Site #3: This site is located at 1025 Fourth Street NW, just south of Mountain Road. It is comprised of five lots on approximately .8 acres and is currently being used as a commercial parking lot. The property is appropriately located for neighborhood oriented commercial development fronting Fourth Street. Landscape buffering would be necessary on the west side of the property where it is adjacent to residential development.

Land Use Legend	
SF	Single Family
TH	Townhouse
SFD	Single Family/Divided
MF	Multi-Family
MU	Mixed Use
O	Office
C	Commercial
PK	Parks/Recreation
W	Wholesale/Warehousing
PL	Parking lots/structures
V	Vacant Lot
VB	Vacant Building
	Parcels
	Downtown Neighborhood SDP



Opportunity Site along Fourth Street

2. Pursue Designation of Central Avenue as a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area: Portions of Central Avenue within the Downtown Neighborhood Area and Huning Castle and Reynolds Addition Neighborhoods are blighted and would benefit from being designated a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area. The purpose of the MRA would be to allow municipal acquisition, ownership, lease, and/or improvement of properties within the area to spur economic development.

The designation and commencement of the MRA is a two-step process with the City in the lead. The City should first determine the appropriate boundary of an MRA along Central Avenue and produce a study pursuant to the Metropolitan Redevelopment Code [3-60A-1 to 3-60A-48 NMSA 1978], with blighted areas defined and mapped, and blighted conditions noted within the boundary. As defined in the study, the City Council would then declare the specific geographic area as a slum or blighted. The second step would be the creation of a Metropolitan Redevelopment Area Plan, which would identify catalytic opportunities and incentives to stimulate public and private investment in the area.

#### **Implementation Policy 4: Adaptive Reuse of Buildings**

The City should promote and provide incentives for the adaptive reuse of buildings in the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

1. Promote the Adaptive Reuse of Existing Buildings: Reinvestment in the neighborhood through the adaptive reuse of buildings has numerous benefits, including costs savings from being able to rely on existing infrastructure, reduction of demolition and construction waste stream into the City's landfills, conservation of the energy expended to create the original structure, and stimulation of economic development within the Downtown Neighborhood Area. Historic preservation of buildings is naturally linked to environmental sustainability and the City's ongoing efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. There are a number of vacant and/or under-utilized buildings within the Downtown Neighborhood Area, particularly old motel sites along Central Avenue, that would benefit from adaptive reuse.



Excellent example of adaptive reuse at Mountain Road and 11th Street

In order to encourage adaptive reuse of existing buildings, the City should adopt incentives to encourage development that would breathe new life into these structures and promote the preservation goals of the neighborhood. Some incentives may include, but are not limited to, a streamlined development review process, reduction of building permit fees, or relaxing some of the typical development standards, such as parking or landscaping.

**Implementation Policy 5: Commercial Parking Lots**

The City should restrict all new commercial parking lots from locating within the Downtown Neighborhood Area and promote the redevelopment of existing commercial parking lots.

**Strategies**

1. Restrict Commercial Parking Lots: Commercial parking lots have primarily occurred in the neighborhood to provide parking for people who work within the Downtown Core. The City has built and operated parking garages in the core, and these should be promoted as the primary means for accommodating workers' vehicles. The Downtown Neighborhood Area is primarily residential, and having commercial parking lots within the neighborhood erodes this character. The Zoning Regulations, Section 6, provide language that restricts new commercial parking lots, which are defined in the Glossary (see Appendix A).
2. Promote Redevelopment of Commercial Parking Lots: There is a higher and better use for those properties that contain commercial parking lots. These are excellent locations for new infill development that fits with the character of the neighborhood and helps to fulfill community goals. The City should provide incentives and work with the private sector to develop these parcels. Incentives may include reduction of impact fees and/or plan review fees, expedited approval process, density bonuses, etc.

**Implementation Policy 6: Future Zone Changes**

The City should discourage future zone map amendments from residential to mixed-use zones.

**Strategy**

1. Discourage Future Zone Map Amendments: The Downtown Neighborhood Area should continue to retain its predominately single-family residential character. The community planning process for this Plan carefully reviewed and assessed appropriate locations for residential and mixed-use zones (i.e. zones that allow residential and non-residential uses) and specifically established mixed-use zones (SU-2/DNA-OR, SU-2/DNA-MUL, SU-2/DNA-MUM, SU-2/DNA-NC, and SU-2/DNA-CC) in locations that would serve the community and could appropriately accommodate the permissive land uses, residential and non-residential, associated with each zone. Future changes in zoning from purely residential zones to mixed-use zones that allow non-residential uses would under-



mine the neighborhood's primary goal of preserving its single family character. The proximity of the Downtown Neighborhood Area to the Downtown Core has resulted in decades of pressure for office uses, in particular, within the residential area. This Plan supports maintaining the Downtown Core as the primary location in the area for office and/or commercial uses while continuing to allow limited non-residential uses at the edges of the neighborhood to serve as transition areas.

**Implementation Policy 7: Illegal Home/Office Conversions and Commercial Parking Lots**

The City should provide enforcement of regulations in regard to illegal conversions of homes into offices and commercial parking lots.

**Strategies**

1. Remove Illegal Offices: There are buildings scattered throughout the Downtown Neighborhood Area that were illegally converted from residential use to office use. These buildings are on property zoned strictly for residential use and are not considered non-conforming since they were converted after the original 1976 adoption of the Downtown Neighborhood Area Sector Development Plan. City Code Enforcement should identify these individual properties and serve notice to the property owners that they must convert these properties back to residential use within a prescribed time period.
2. Remove Illegal Parking Lots: New commercial parking lots have been prohibited in the Downtown Neighborhood Area since the 1999 Amendment to the Sector Development Plan adopted by the City Council. The existing commercial parking lots were given a period of 60 days to upgrade or risk being removed. Neither upgrading nor removal occurred within this required time period; therefore, these commercial parking lots became illegal more than 10 years ago. The City should enforce this regulation to remove these parking lots and provide incentives for redevelopment as infill sites.

**Implementation Policy 8: Historic Preservation**

The City should promote the preservation of historic buildings and districts, and support property owners in pursuing designation for buildings with potential for registration.

**Strategies**

1. Review and Refine Regulations that Address Historic Preservation: The Fourth Ward and the Eighth and Forrester HO Zones provide direction to property owners wishing to construct new development or additions to existing buildings. The City and the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission (LUCC) should review the development guidelines for the Historic Overlay Zones to assure that they provide clear direction for property owners who contemplate alterations to their properties or the construction of new buildings. The LUCC should clarify how the guide-

lines are applied, which guidelines are mandatory, how the guidelines relate to other applicable City regulations, and offer details about how to achieve the preservation goals.

In this review, special attention should be given to addressing improvements associated with today's energy efficiency goals. Consumers have new choices in products and equipment that some homeowners would like to introduce on their historic buildings. The LUCC should help owners identify what products and installations are compatible with historic properties and preservation goals.

2. Create Regulations that Support the Preservation of Neighborhood Character: Applying typical City standards to a location as unique as the Downtown Neighborhood Area would erode the neighborhood character. There are elements of neighborhood character, such as street trees, building placement, and architectural forms, that should be incorporated into the general zoning regulations that apply throughout the neighborhood, regardless of whether the property falls within an historic overlay zone. These elements are addressed in the Zoning Regulations, Section 6.
3. Inform the Public on Historic Preservation: The City does a good job of administering the Historic Overlay Zones, but there are residents who do not understand the City's review process or may not be informed of available tax credits for historic preservation. A greater effort needs to be made to inform people on the details of the review process, renovation practices, tax credits, etc. There is also good information that the City could make available regarding the other three historic districts within the Plan area: Watson Addition, Orilla de La Acequia, and Manzano Court. Development of historic walking tours, informational brochures, interpretive signage, and an expanded website would be useful vehicles for informing the public of these community resources.
4. Establish Historic Overlay Zones and Apply for City Landmarks as Appropriate: Three registered historic districts – Watson, Orilla de la Acequia, and Manzano Court - are not covered by a City Historic Overlay Zone. Applying the HO Zone to one or more of these would provide development review by the City of proposed exterior alterations and demolition of buildings toward protecting their historic character. The City should assess these districts' residents' support for adoption of the Historic Overlay Zone for these districts. The City should also consider City Landmark designation for two rare and significant buildings – the Bell Trading Post at 1503 Central NW and La Glorieta, located as part of the Manzano Day School at 1801 Central NW – in consultation with their owners.
5. Pursue Listing of Individually Eligible Historic Buildings: Many buildings outside the designated historic districts are individually eligible but are not currently listed on the State and National Historic Registers. Such

listing makes preservation tax credits and other benefits available. The preparation of appropriate National Register Historic Contexts, also referred to as multiple property or thematic nominations, can set a recognized context for evaluating properties for registration and substantially reduce the costs of preparing individual building nominations. Existing National Register Historic Contexts cover later buildings in the neighborhood, but the City Preservation Program, working potentially with the State Historic Preservation Division and the University of New Mexico Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation Program, should prepare an additional Historic Context on the Railroad Neighborhoods of Albuquerque, 1880-1918, covering both residential and neighborhood commercial buildings.

6. Preserve and Acknowledge Historic Districts Through Signage: The street names stamped in the concrete sidewalks at many street corners reflect the completion of much neighborhood infrastructure under the Works Progress Administration during the 1930s. These historic traces should be preserved, and where curb ramps or extensions are being installed, the old sidewalk should either be left intact or the new ramp should be constructed with the addition of street name stamps. The designated historic districts should also be recognized by the addition of sign toppers with the district name placed above the existing street signs.

#### **Implementation Policy 9: Street Trees**

The City should expand upon the excellent examples of the friendly and attractive streetscapes in place within the Plan area. The City shall improve public streetscapes and promote beautification efforts by planting street trees along streets in the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

#### **Strategies**

1. Develop a Street Tree Program: The character of the Downtown Neighborhood Area is defined by the tree canopy. There are roadway segments, such as 12<sup>th</sup> Street, south of Lomas Boulevard, that have a continuous tree canopy. The City should work to reinforce the community character by developing a street tree program that includes replacement of old or diseased street trees within public rights-of-way and fills in gaps in the tree canopy. Appendix B, Street Tree Palette, provides a list of appropriate street trees and tree planting techniques for the Downtown Neighborhood Area.
2. Require Street Trees on Local Streets: The City's Street Tree Ordinance requires street trees for new development that occurs along major streets (collectors and arterials), but does not require street trees along local streets. Since street trees are a defining element of the Downtown Neighborhood Area, the Zoning Regulations (see Section 6) require street trees for all new development - residential and non-residential - regardless of the street classification.

3. Develop an Education Program on Street Trees: Street trees are a valuable resource in our arid climate. However, many people are unaware of proper planting techniques and tree maintenance. The City, through its Urban Forester, should develop an education program for property owners and green waste pick-up on a more regular basis than the current two times per year.

### **C. Implementation Policies and Strategies – Transportation**

The Downtown Neighborhood Area has a mature transportation network that may require some upgrades but serves the community well. A network of arterial and collector roadways are in place to facilitate motor vehicle movement through the neighborhood, while the local streets provide access within the neighborhood. The two area arterials, Lomas Boulevard and Central Avenue, were constructed when through traffic movement was vital to the greater Albuquerque area. These roads now serve a different, more local function, and incorporating them more into the neighborhood is a primary goal of the community.

Transportation considers more than just motor vehicle travel. The Downtown Neighborhood Area, with its proximity to the Albuquerque Central Business District and Old Town, yields many trips via modes other than personal motor vehicles. Many Downtown workers walk the neighborhood during their lunch hour and throughout the day for recreation. Area residents can walk or ride a bicycle to work, school, or for shopping, and if transit routes were improved, more would utilize transit both locally and regionally. The following implementation policies and strategies are intended to provide the Downtown Neighborhood with a comprehensive, multi-modal, transportation system:

#### ***Implementation Policy 10: Neighborhood Walkability***

The City should accommodate pedestrians by prioritizing and enhancing walkability and accessibility throughout the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

#### ***Strategies***

1. Replace and Improve Sidewalks, Add New Sidewalk Sections, and Remove Sidewalk Obstacles: Deficient sidewalk sections have been identified in areas without sidewalks and locations where sidewalk widths are below minimum City standards (see page 51). These areas should be developed to minimum City standards or better.

An inventory of the neighborhood has revealed many locations with damaged sidewalks. This damage is a result of general wear and deterioration, as well as significant root damage. The root damage has resulted in both heaving and cracking of the sidewalk surfaces. Repair of the damaged sections should be a priority in order to minimize property owner and City liability.

Most of the sidewalks are set back from the roadway, separated by a parkway strip of 4 to 6 feet in width. Some sections of the neighborhood have the sidewalk constructed at the back of curb, and in areas

where this occurs and the sidewalk is over 25 years old, typically the driveway cuts are not ADA compliant. The transitions from the sidewalk to the driveway cut are steep and uncomfortable for wheelchair users and pedestrians alike to traverse. Most users walk in the street in these sections to avoid the discomfort associated with repeated driveway cuts. These sections of sidewalk should be upgraded to current City standards to improve safety and separate the motorized and non-motorized traffic. Parkway strips should be planted with street trees (see *Appendix B, Street Tree Palette, for appropriate species*).

The City should make a concerted effort to remove sidewalk obstacles along major pedestrian corridors such as Mountain Road and 12th Street. Utility poles, luminaires, fire hydrants, and other utilities located within the sidewalks present obstacles to pedestrian mobility and safety. Alternative locations should be found for these infrastructure elements so that they do not impede pedestrians. Removal of these obstructions would greatly improve safety and the pedestrian environment along both corridors.

2. Improve Curb Ramps: Deficient curb ramps have been identified at 30% of all intersection returns in the Downtown Neighborhood Area, and these should be improved to City standards (see page 46). While the curb ramp improvements would enhance walkability and access, it is prudent that these improvements not be made prior to the needed sidewalk improvements where both improvements are required. The sidewalk improvements should be constructed prior to or concurrent with the curb ramp improvements to ensure that curb ramps are not constructed for unwalkable segments.
3. Preserve Existing and Develop New Parkway Strips: Existing parkway strips shall be preserved throughout the Downtown Neighborhood Area. In areas where sidewalks are missing, 4 to 6 foot parkway strips should be developed. As areas redevelop, parkway strips should be required along the redeveloped frontage. Appendix B provides a list of street trees appropriate for planting within the parkway strips.

### **Implementation Policy 11: Neighborhood Traffic Calming**

The City should accommodate vehicular traffic flow, while balancing and integrating it with a pedestrian-oriented neighborhood area.

#### **Strategies**

1. Narrow Existing Roadways: Traffic calming measures should be instituted in character with the neighborhood to create a driving environment that yields slower travel speeds. For major local streets with a width greater than 28 feet and that have a need for sidewalk improvements, the roadway should be narrowed to provide the pedestrian amenities and reduce the roadway width. Local streets with sidewalk improvement

needs should be reduced to 26 feet in width to create an environment of slower motor vehicle traffic.

2. Provide Curb Extensions: Intersections requiring curb ramp improvements with street widths greater than 28 feet should consider the installation of curb extensions (or bulb outs). The curb extensions will reduce the roadway width at the intersection, reducing the crossing distance for pedestrians and creating a more pedestrian friendly environment. Some streets within the Downtown Neighborhood Area allow parking only on one side of the street, and it may be prudent to build curb extensions only on the side with parking to both delineate the parking and maintain the narrower crossing distance. Key recommendations for Lomas Boulevard and 12th Street include curb extensions at specific intersections (see *sections on Lomas Boulevard and 12th Street Recommendations later in this section*).
3. Initiate Neighborhood Transportation Study: Neighborhood residents have expressed concerns regarding the flow and speed of traffic through the Downtown Neighborhood Area. Cut-through traffic is a problem on some of the local streets, including but not limited to 11th, 14th, and 15th Streets, and Laguna Boulevard. The City, in conjunction with neighborhood representatives, has already begun the scoping process for this transportation study, which will be a follow-up action step to this Sector Development Plan. The result of the study may include additional traffic calming measures beyond what has been recommended in the Sector Development Plan.

#### **Implementation Policy 12: Coordinated Transportation Planning**

The City should coordinate transportation planning for all arterials and collectors within and adjacent to the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

#### **Strategies**

1. Incorporate Recommendations from the West Central Avenue Corridor Concept Plan: The Downtown Neighborhood Area shall incorporate and support the recommendations of the West Central Avenue Corridor Concept Plan (see *Appendix C*) and the Central Avenue/Lomas Boulevard intersection improvements. This may include a permanent road diet (lane reduction) on Central Avenue east of Lomas Boulevard, and future improvements at the Lomas Boulevard/Central Avenue intersection. The Lomas Boulevard/Central Avenue improvements shall be developed in conjunction with the proposed Lomas Boulevard improvements contained in this Plan to ensure consistency between the two planning measures. Important considerations include traffic operations; transit, bicycle, and pedestrian mobility; and pedestrian safety through the intersection.
2. Improve Intersections at 12th Street/Mountain Road and 12th Street/Lomas Boulevard: There are two critical intersections within the Downtown Neighborhood Area that are in need of improvements to increase safety and al-

low for better pedestrian and vehicle flow. These include 12th Street/Mountain Road and 12<sup>th</sup> Street/Lomas Boulevard (refer to *transportation graphics following this narrative*). These two intersections should be further studied for appropriate improvements as part of the Neighborhood Transportation Study called for by the Sector Development Plan (see *Implementation Policy 10, Strategy 3, previous page*).

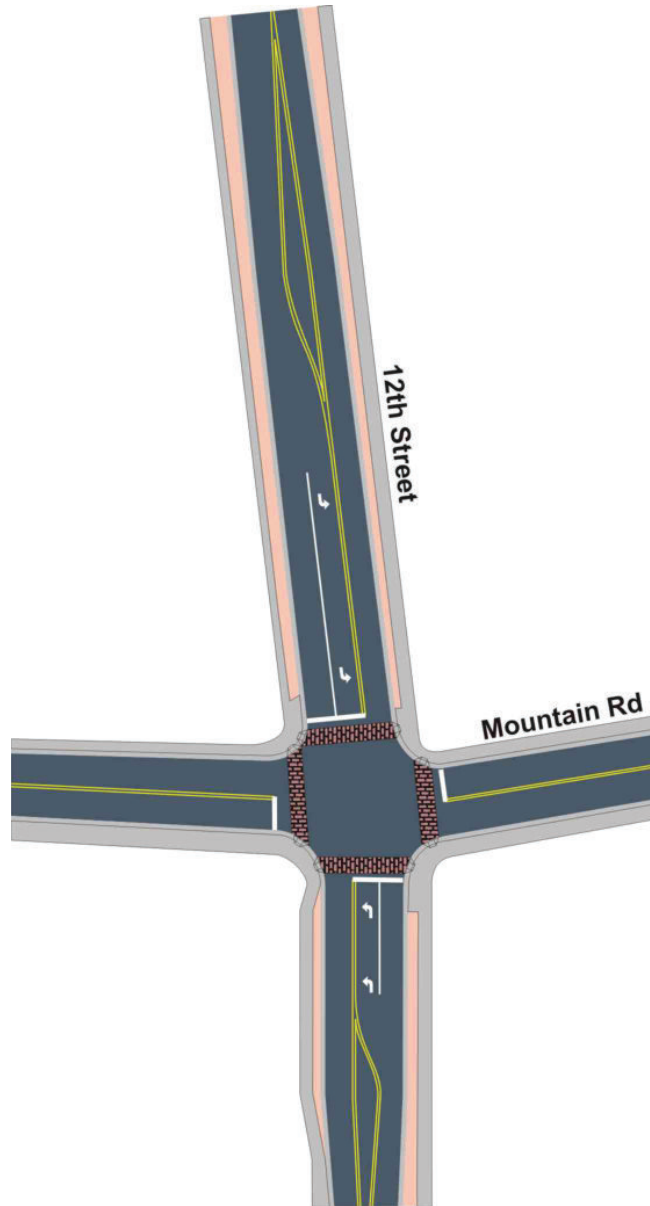
- a. 12th Street/Mountain Road - The 12th Street/Mountain Road intersection operates poorly during peak periods because there are no left-turn lanes for any of the intersection approaches. Neither 12th Street nor Mountain Road has sufficient street width to accommodate turn lanes without some level of roadway widening. Each corridor should be widened to provide a left-turn lane at this intersection. 12th Street should be widened from 32 feet to 34 feet to accommodate the additional lane. This could be accomplished by reducing the landscape buffer along one or each side of the street between Granite and Rosemont Avenues.

All on-street parking must be restricted within the area in conjunction with the addition of the left-turn lanes. Parking is currently prohibited along the east side of 12th Street. The west side restriction will be required to provide the southbound travel lane. North of Mountain Road, parking is essentially prohibited as a result of narrow lot sizes and close driveway spacing. The closest parking space not encumbered by a driveway is approximately 260 feet north of Mountain Road. South of Mountain Road, only one space would be eliminated because of open driveway frontage.

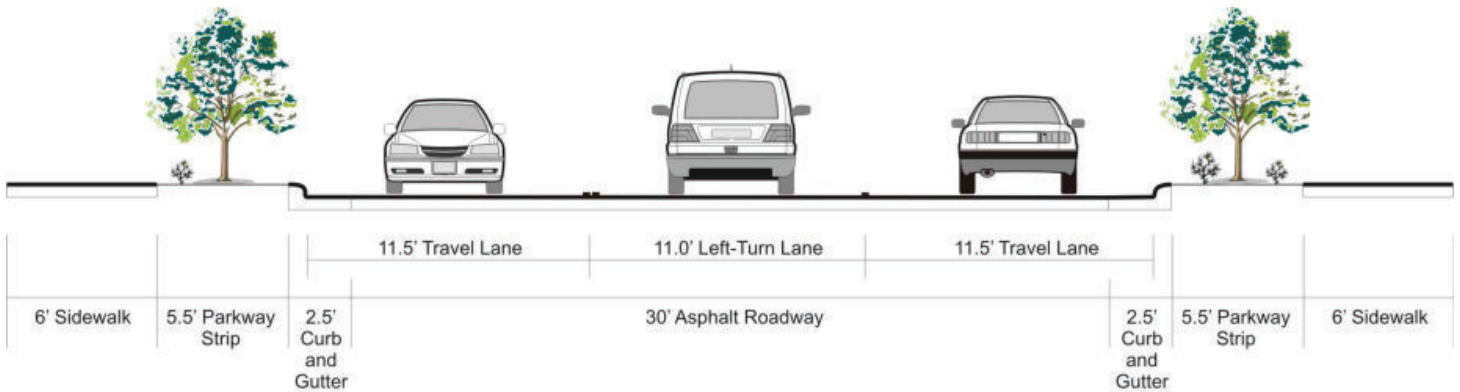
The City of Albuquerque design standards call for a 100 foot left turn lane, an 84 foot reverse curve entry taper (radius = 150') and an 83 foot roadway widening taper to install the minimum left-turn lane. The lane would be developed using pavement striping and markings, without raised channelization. The minimum roadway length required to install a standard left-turn lane is 267 feet, plus the crosswalk and stop bar distances, approximately 15 feet, for a total of 282 feet. North of Mountain Road, the distance to Rosemont Avenue is approximately 400 feet, adequate to install the lane. South of Mountain Road, the spacing to Granite Avenue is approximately 170 feet. A standard left-turn lane could not be installed on the south 12th Street approach to Mountain Road.

Two options are feasible to stripe a left-turn lane on 12th Street between Mountain Road and Granite Avenue. Option One is to construct a sub-minimum lane (see *12th Street and Mountain Road Plan and Section, page 80*). This lane would include a 50 foot left-turn lane, a 48 foot (R=50') reverse curve entry taper, and a 50 foot widening taper. The taper would be closed with a 1.5 foot radius curve at the Granite Avenue intersection. The principal deficiency with this design is that the left-turn lane would likely not store all of the vehicles required for

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12th Street and Mountain Road Intersection - Plan



12th Street South of Mountain Road to Granite Avenue  
 (widening 1 foot each side) - Section



each signal cycle, especially during the peak traffic hours. Option Two is to construct a continuous left-turn lane between Granite Avenue and Mountain Road, as either an exclusive northbound left-turn lane or a continuous two-way left-turn lane with 50 foot northbound turn lane striped at the Mountain Road intersection. The Neighborhood Transportation Study should determine which option will provide better intersection operations.

Mountain Road is approximately 32 feet wide at the 12th Street intersection. The Mountain Road intersections east of Seventh Street have left-turn lanes constructed within the same roadway width. The lane widths are approximately 11 feet for each travel lane and 10 feet for the left-turn lane. This could be striped at the Mountain Road/12th Street intersection without any widening required. This lane configuration is narrower than minimum City requirements, and a safety evaluation of the intersections between First Street and Sixth Street should be conducted prior to restriping this intersection. Should the safety evaluation indicate that the existing intersections have normal crash histories, restriping to add left-turn lanes should be considered.

- b. 12th Street/Lomas Boulevard: The 12th Street/Lomas Boulevard intersection is the only signalized crossing of Lomas Boulevard within the neighborhood. The intersection experiences many of the pedestrian crossings because of the traffic signal, and reducing the crossing distance would also reduce the required crossing time for pedestrians. Curb extensions in each quadrant would reduce the Lomas Boulevard crossing distance for pedestrians by up to 16 feet, reducing the required green phase for 12th Street. This provides more flexibility for traffic signal timing, while also improving pedestrian safety. In addition to the curb extensions, stamped, patterned crosswalks are desired to more clearly delineate the pedestrian crossings.

### **Implementation Policy 13: Lomas Boulevard**

The City should accommodate and enhance pedestrian and bicycle travel along and across Lomas Boulevard, while ensuring adequate vehicular traffic flow.

#### **Strategies**

1. Develop a Comprehensive Streetscape Plan for Lomas Boulevard: A comprehensive streetscape plan should be developed for Lomas Boulevard. As noted previously, improvements should include curb extensions, sidewalk widening, pedestrian and bicycle crossings, pedestrian lighting, landscaping, median improvements, transit stops, etc. The Plan recommends that improvements extend between 11th Street and 17th Street; however, the comprehensive streetscape plan should determine the appropriate boundaries.

2. Provide Traffic Calming on Lomas Boulevard: Traffic calming measures should be developed for Lomas Boulevard to improve pedestrian accessibility and safety (see *Lomas Boulevard Plan and Section, page 83*). The existing roadway width of 86 feet includes two travel lanes and a 10 foot parking lane in each direction, along with a 16 foot raised median. Appropriate traffic calming measures include the construction of curb extensions at each unsignalized intersection to reduce the pedestrian crossing distance and the lane width to 11 feet or less, exclusive of curb and gutter. The curb extensions should be landscaped to create a sense of 'place' for the neighborhood. The landscape should be coordinated with additional landscape improvements along Lomas Boulevard. Opportunities for water harvesting should be evaluated as part of this work.
3. Provide Lomas Boulevard Sidewalk and Lighting Improvements: Decorative crosswalks should be planned and designed at approximately two block intervals to enhance pedestrian accessibility, with particular attention paid to the area from 11th Street to 17th Street. Initially, crosswalk improvements should be considered at 12th, 14th, and 16th Streets. As the density in the corridor increases, crosswalks could eventually be constructed at other intersections. In addition to crosswalks, raised intersections should be considered to enhance the pedestrian environment, while calming traffic within the corridor.

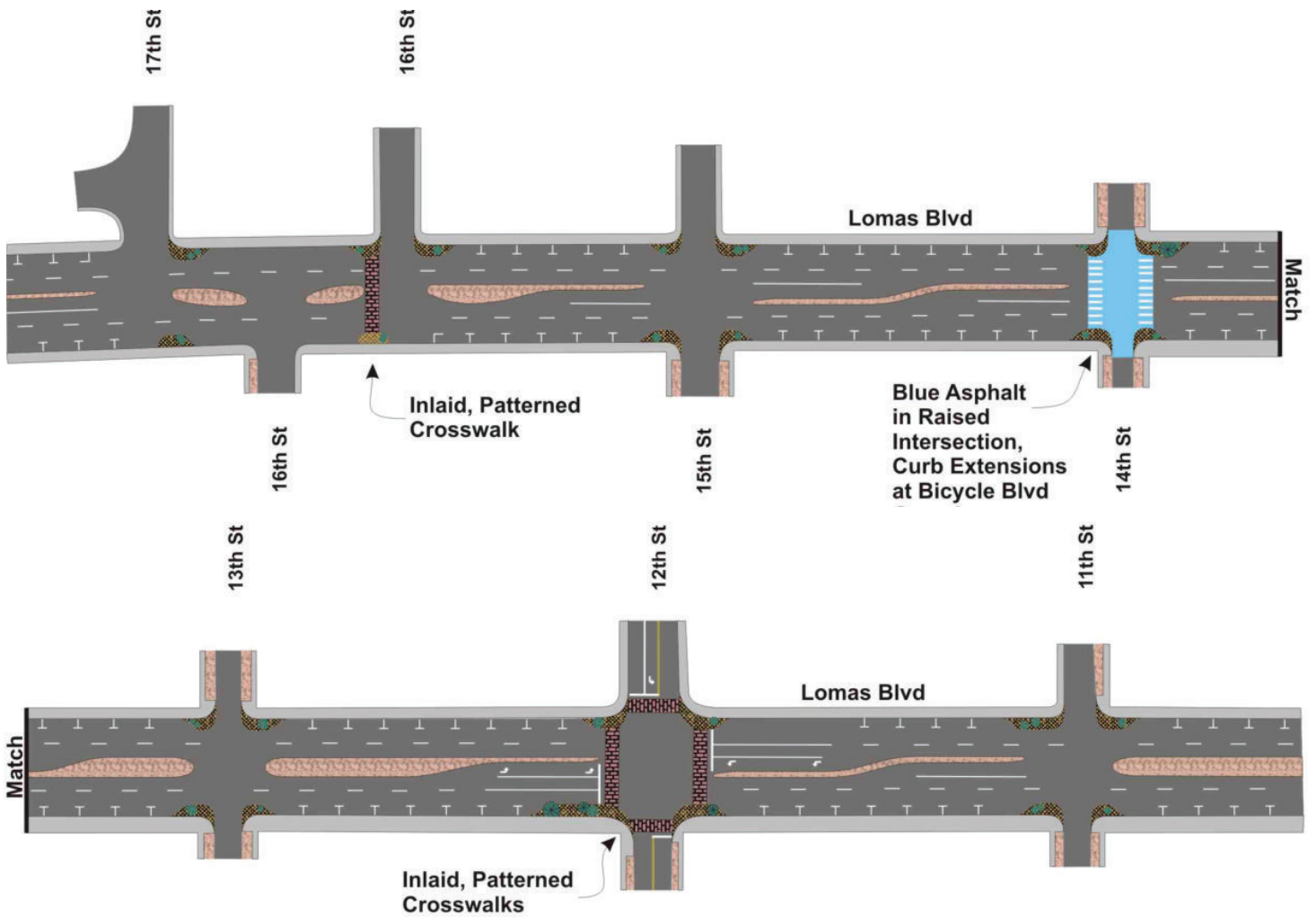
Roadside improvements within the area should include wider sidewalks and pedestrian lighting. Sidewalks should be widened by approximately 2 to 4 feet along each side of Lomas Boulevard to enhance the pedestrian environment. The lighting should consider the safety needs for both motor vehicles and pedestrians.

**Implementation Policy 14: 12th Street**

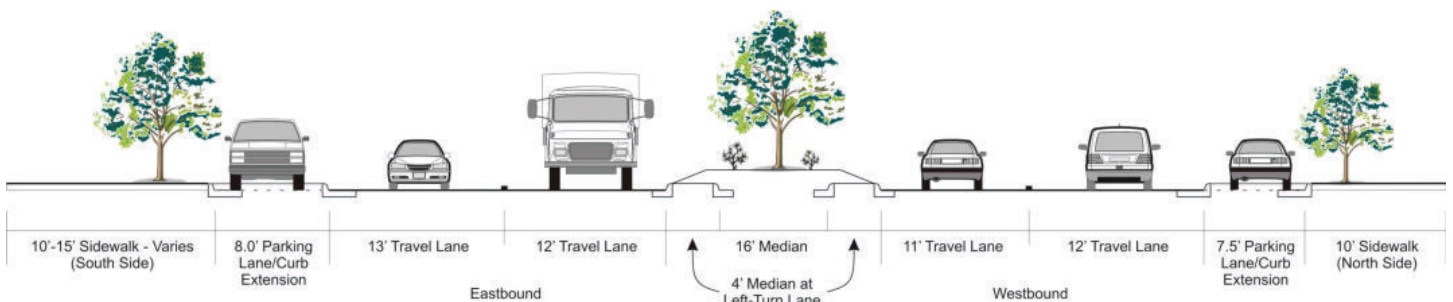
The City should accommodate and enhance pedestrian travel along and across 12<sup>th</sup> Street while ensuring adequate vehicular traffic flow.

**Strategies**

1. Provide Traffic Calming on 12th Street: Recommendations for 12th Street include the installation of curb extensions (bulb outs) at the local street intersections. The curb extensions could reduce the roadway width by up to six feet, reducing pedestrian exposure by approximately two seconds per crossing. This would also better define the parking area along the west side of the corridor and create a narrow driving environment for motor vehicles to calm traffic.
2. Provide Pedestrian Lighting along 12th Street, South of Lomas Boulevard: Pedestrian lighting should be installed south of Lomas Boulevard to Central Avenue. The new lighting should match the existing pedestrian lighting that was installed along 12th Street north of Lomas Boulevard.



1. Each intersection shall have curb extensions where feasible.
2. On-street parking spaces shall be delineated where feasible (driveways not shown).
3. Lomas Boulevard shall have a 10-foot sidewalk along the north side and a 10- to 15-foot sidewalk on the south side.



Lomas Boulevard - Plan (top) Section (bottom)

3. Repair Sidewalks and Improve Curb Ramps along 12th Street: Sidewalk repair and improvements at curb ramps should be made to provide smoother pavement transitions between the sidewalk and street.

**Implementation Policy 15: Enhanced Transit**

The City should enhance transit access for area residents and visitors.

**Strategies**

1. Expand Transit Service and Connectivity: There is very minimal existing transit service to the Downtown Neighborhood Area. In order to encourage transit ridership, transit service to the neighborhood must be improved. Central Avenue and the streets within a few blocks of Central Avenue have frequent service, but the remainder of the neighborhood has limited access to a single, one-way circuit that utilizes 12th Street and Rio Grande Boulevard. Local service using Lomas Boulevard should be considered between Old Town and the Alvarado Transit Center, possibly using Mountain Road as part of a circulator route. Circulator transit service should be considered through the neighborhood between Old Town and the Alvarado Transit Center. This would also provide direct access to the regional Rail Runner service. The new service should be provided such that it has frequent enough headways to encourage transit usage.
2. Provide Physical Improvements to Bus Stops: Physical amenities should be improved in conjunction with adding service to the Downtown Neighborhood Area. Where service is provided along major roadways with sufficient right-of-way, bus stops should be developed with covered seating for riders, and a kiosk with a list and scheduled stops for the routes in the area.

**Implementation Policy 16: Bicycle Circulation**

The City should accommodate and enhance bicycle circulation throughout the Downtown Neighborhood Area.

**Strategies**

1. Add Bicycle Routes: Bicycle route designation should be considered for at least two internal east-west corridors between 7th Street and 14th Street, one north and one south of Lomas Boulevard. Roadways that should be considered are Roma Avenue, south of Lomas Boulevard, and the Orchard Place/Slate Street corridor to the north. Designation of these routes would improve system connectivity within the neighborhood and throughout Albuquerque.
2. Add Bicycle Crossing Push Buttons: Bicycle crossing push buttons should be added to each street approach to signalized intersections if the street is identified as a bicycle route, lane, or boulevard. The push buttons are used to place a call for the stoplight to turn green and allow the bicyclist to proceed through the intersection.

3. Provide Improvements along 14th Street Bicycle Boulevard: Improvements should be considered along the 14th Street segment of the Bicycle Boulevard to enhance bicycling safety and allow for better bicycle flow. One of the critical design considerations of a Bicycle Boulevard is to provide an efficient roadway environment that minimizes delay for bicycles, even at the expense of increasing delay for motor vehicles. Traffic calming is frequently involved in implementing these facilities. However, 14th Street is currently one of the narrowest roadways in the community and additional traffic calming would provide minimum benefit. The 14th Street corridor should be evaluated to eliminate stop signs to give bicycles the right-of-way in accordance with the City's Development Process Manual (DPM) Section N.1.(9).

Another improvement that would improve bicycling safety along 14th Street is to restrict parking. Parking should be eliminated on one side of the roadway where the paved surface is less than 30 feet to improve bicycling safety.

4. Provide Enhanced Bicycle Crossing at 14th Street and Lomas Boulevard: The bicycle crossing for Lomas Boulevard at 14th Street should be improved to alert motorists. Improvements should include curb extensions, additional warning signs, and additional lighting as required to improve safety and accessibility. A raised intersection should be constructed and the pavement should be blue asphalt to indicate a non-standard condition. The blue asphalt will extend from the beginning of the ramp up to the ramp down to existing grade and will underlie the intersection and crosswalks. Crosswalks should be striped across Lomas Boulevard on each side of 14th Street. As required, the medians should be extended to provide pedestrian refuge, and consideration should be given to closing the median to motorized vehicle traffic.
5. Work with Business Community on Providing Bicycle Facilities: Existing and future businesses with the Downtown Neighborhood Area should be encouraged to install additional bicycle parking for employees and patrons beyond what is required in the zones. Bicycle parking should include both bicycle racks for short-term parking and bicycle lockers for all-day storage. The short-term parking will be vital as the mixed-use area develops along Lomas Boulevard to encourage cyclists to patronize the businesses. This will also be important along Central Avenue once the Road Diet has been completed and Central Avenue has bicycle lanes, thereby increasing bicycle activity within the corridor.
6. Provide Updates to the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan: All proposed bikeway updates proposed herein will be forwarded to the City Bicycle-Pedestrian Coordinator for inclusion in the annual bikeway map update and the Bikeways and Trails Master Plan.

**Implementation Policy 17: Alleys**

The City should promote the use of alleys as alternative walking paths and access to rear yards, while ensuring that they are maintained in a safe and attractive manner.

1. Conduct an Inventory of Alleys: Maintaining and utilizing alleys for utility corridors, rear yard access, and walking paths has a direct correlation to the existing neighborhood streetscape character that the neighborhood wishes to maintain. Alley access to garages allows for more on-street parking, lessens the number of driveway cuts, which allows for better pedestrian flow along sidewalks and an increase in the area devoted to landscaping and street trees. Understanding the usefulness of alleys and determining their condition should be a first step in establishing alleys as an integral component of the neighborhood transportation system.

Once the problem areas are identified, the City should work with the adjacent landowners and the Downtown Neighborhood Association to improve the condition of the alleys and to ensure that they are not neglected. The City should also contact the adjacent landowners of alleys that appear to be discontinuous or to not serve a practical purpose to determine whether they should be vacated.

**Implementation Policy 18: Functional Classifications**

The City should pursue appropriate functional classifications of roadways through the Mid-Region Council of Governments' process.\*

1. Pursue Lower Functional Classifications: Two roadway segments are recommended for lower functional classifications: Marquette Avenue, west of Keleher Street, and 12th Street, between Lomas Boulevard and Mountain Road. The reason to downgrade these roadways is that their primary function is no longer to move traffic through the community; rather, they move traffic to destinations along these streets or within the neighborhood. The lower classifications will give the neighborhood more flexibility to introduce local traffic calming measures and will be consistent with the existing land uses and proposed zoning along those streets.
  - a. Reclassify Marquette Avenue, West of Keleher Street: This segment of Marquette should be downgraded from a collector roadway to a local street. This segment is a holdover from when Marquette Avenue was part of a one-way couplet with Tijeras Avenue through downtown Albuquerque, from Second Street to 12<sup>th</sup> Street. Marquette Avenue now terminates as a one-way street at 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and the land use west of Keleher Street is primarily residential, indicative of a local street. Downgrading Marquette Ave would make it eligible for local street design considerations, such as traffic calming, and the centerline striping could be removed. In addition, a narrower travel way would be acceptable, and parking along both sides of the

- 32-foot-wide street could be considered. A consequence of downgrading Marquette Avenue is that this roadway section would then be overlaid on a local street schedule rather than a collector street schedule, reducing the frequency of roadway overlays.
- b. Reclassify 12th Street, Between Lomas Boulevard and Mountain Road: The segment of 12th Street between Lomas Boulevard and Mountain Road should be downgraded from a minor arterial to a collector roadway. It is primarily a tree-lined residential roadway with minimal non-residential development, and slow speeds. This street segment has a posted speed limit of 30 mph. The 12th Street corridor is pedestrian-friendly with residential frontage, and reducing the functional classification from a minor arterial to a collector roadway will identify it as it currently functions and help ensure that slow travel speeds are maintained. The segment of 12th Street south of Lomas Boulevard is classified as a local street and contains three speed humps, which the neighborhood wants to maintain.
  - c. Evaluate Central Avenue for Reclassification: Central Avenue should be evaluated for downgrading from a principal arterial to a minor arterial if the proposed Road Diet in the West Central Avenue Corridor Concept Plan becomes permanent.
  - \* Functional classification of federally eligible roadways must follow the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) Functional Classification System Guidelines. According to these guidelines, the functional classification of a roadway is determined by a number of factors including, but not limited to: the number of vehicles, trip length, road spacing, amount of access, and system links. Additionally, a proposal for reclassification of a roadway must be pursued through the Mid-Region Metropolitan Planning Organization process and approved by a resolution of the Metropolitan Transportation Board. Then, the proposal must be sent to the New Mexico Department of Transportation for review and approval before a final review and approval from the Federal Highway Administration. Specific design features and evaluating right-of-way constraints are under the purview of the local agency and are not directly related to the functional classification of a roadway.

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## SECTION 6: ZONING REGULATIONS & DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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## Introduction

The regulations presented in this section provide new zoning and development standards for property that falls within the Downtown Neighborhood Area. All properties will maintain an SU-2 (Special Use) zoning designation to reflect the Plan area location. The regulations are based upon a thorough existing land use inventory and the desire of the community for the zoning to better match the current conditions and vision for the future.

Each zoning district has a set of development standards. In many instances, the new zoning district corresponds to an existing zoning district in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. Where applicable, the existing zoning district or code regulation is referenced and only the exceptions to the existing regulation are listed.

The intent of the regulations is to ensure that infill development is responsive to and complements existing neighborhood patterns. Basic components of the neighborhood pattern that are considered in the regulations include:

- Street frontage character (porches, landscape, building entries, setbacks, on-street parking, etc.)
- Rhythm of development along the street (massing, volume, height, roof lines, etc.)
- Street orientation (windows, doors, primary entries, architectural detailing, etc.)
- Street trees and landscaping (parkway strip, driveway cuts, front yards)
- Architectural features (roof forms, window patterns, color, garage doors, etc.)



## SINGLE FAMILY ZONE - SU-2/DNA-SF

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone is to ensure that the historic development pattern and the predominant single family character of the Downtown Neighborhood Area is preserved and strengthened. This zone is not appropriate for multi-family residential, commercial, or office uses. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-SF that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

The SU-2/DNA-SF Zone corresponds to the R-1 zone in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Permissive uses are per the R-1 zone, EXCEPT secondary dwelling units are permitted as defined in this document.

### B. Prohibited Uses

1. Walls, fences, and retaining walls taller than 3 feet in height are not allowed in the front yard setback.
2. A carport within the front yard setback is not allowed.

### C. Conditional Uses

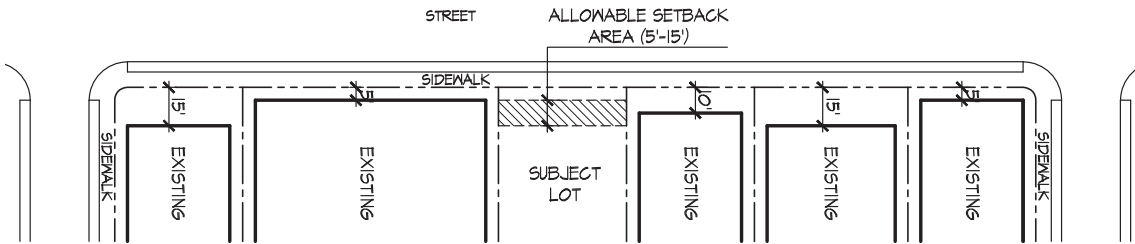
Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. Conditional uses are per the R-1 zone of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following exceptions:

1. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.
2. Carports and walls, except they shall be consistent with B.1 and B.2 above.
3. SU-2/DNA-SF uses, provided:
  - a. The premises was previously zoned SU-2/SF by the 1976 DNASDP. See Zoning Established by the 1976 DNASDP map on page 32 for eligible properties; and
  - b. The premises at the time of adoption of this Plan is adjacent on at least one side to property that is zoned something other than SU-2/DNA-SF; and
  - c. The premises has alley access or the ability to obtain alley access, either through a re-plat, cross access easement or common ownership of contiguous property with alley access; and
  - d. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, is submitted with and tied to the approval of a conditional use; and
  - e. All townhouse developments within the SU-2/DNA-SF zone shall comply with the development standards of the SU-2/DNA-SF zone.

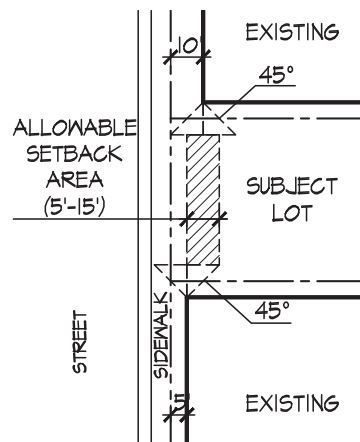
### D. Lot Area and Setbacks

1. The minimum lot area shall be 5,000 square feet.
2. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on ex-

isting buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 20 feet.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.



The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

2. The minimum rear yard setback for attached or detached garages off an alley is 5 feet.
3. Secondary dwelling units shall be located to the rear of the primary dwelling unit. There shall be a minimum of 10 feet of separation between the primary dwelling unit and the secondary dwelling unit. In addition to the building separation requirement, the following minimum setbacks from the property line shall apply:
  - a. Side: 5 feet
  - b. Rear: 0 feet, except where applicable shall comply with D.2 above.
  - c. On corner lots, the street side setback shall be a minimum of 10 feet.

**E. Building Height and Stepbacks**

1. Building heights shall comply with §14-16-2-6 (C) R-1 Zone in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Buildings over 15 feet in height, and second story additions to existing buildings, shall incorporate a minimum horizontal stepback of 6 feet from the front façade. When there is an existing porch, the stepback is measured starting at the porch.

- b. Secondary dwelling units shall not exceed 18 feet in height.
- c. Buildings shall comply with the Building Height Limitations to Preserve Solar Access, §14-16-3-3(A)(7) of the Zoning Code. The additional height limitations of this section shall apply to any lot regardless of the age of the building, except that structures existing as of the date of adoption of the Plan are allowed, subject to Zoning Code regulations for buildings that are nonconforming as to height.

**F. Windows and Doors**

1. All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of their surface in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.

**G. Building Entries and Porches**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Front entry porches, with a minimum depth of 5 feet at finished floor elevation, shall be provided.

**H. Garages**

1. Attached and detached garages are permitted.
2. Garages shall be accessed from existing alleys.
3. Where alley access does not exist, a garage door is permitted to face the street. A garage door facing the street shall be set back a minimum of an additional 5 feet beyond the horizontal plane of the front building face or porch façade.
4. A garage door facing a street shall not exceed a width of 9 feet.

**I. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Secondary dwelling units: 1 space per unit.
  - b. The parking standards in the Zoning Code section cited above shall be the maximum allowed.
  - c. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.

**J. Driveway Cuts and Paved Parking Areas for Lots Without Alley Access**

1. The maximum front yard setback area that can be a paved off-street parking and maneuvering area is 22 feet in width. Porous pavement is allowed.
2. Driveway cuts shall not exceed 16 feet in width.

**K. Street Trees**

1. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, EXCEPT, where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
2. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
3. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**L. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

**TOWNHOUSE ZONE - SU-2/DNA-TH**

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-TH Zone is to ensure that new townhouse development complements the predominately single-family character of the neighborhood. The goal of the regulations is to provide adequate articulation to the building so that it does not dominate the public view from the street. This zone is not appropriate for multi-family residential, commercial, or office uses. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-TH that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

The SU-2/DNA-TH Zone corresponds to the R-T zone in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:

**A. Permissive Uses**

- 1. Permissive uses are per the R-T zone, EXCEPT secondary dwelling units are permitted as defined in this document. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.

**B. Prohibited Uses**

- 1. Walls, fences, and retaining walls taller than 3 feet in height are not permitted in the front yard setback.
- 2. A carport within the front yard setback is not permitted.

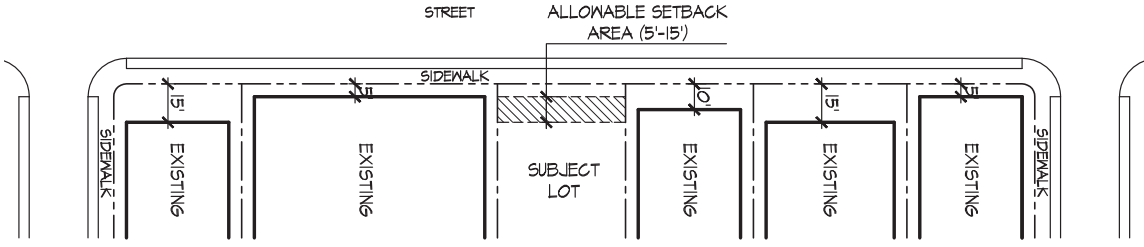
**C. Conditional Uses**

Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. Conditional uses are per the R-T zone of the Comprehensive Zoning Code, with the following exceptions:

- 1. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.
- 2. Carports and walls shall be as regulated by the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone.

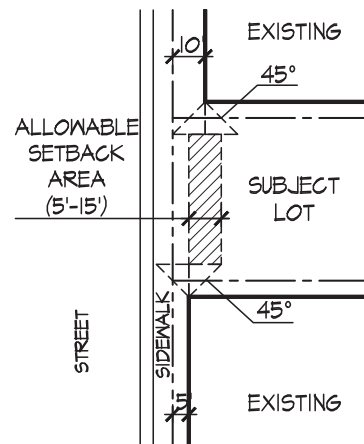
**D. Lot Area and Setbacks**

- 1. The minimum lot area shall be 2,000 square feet.
- 2. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on existing buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 20 feet.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.





The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

3. Townhouse buildings shall maintain a minimum distance of 10 feet from each other and from adjacent single-family zoned property.
4. The minimum rear yard setback for attached or detached garages off an alley is 5 feet.
5. Secondary dwelling units shall be located to the rear of the primary dwelling unit. There shall be a minimum of 10 feet of separation between the primary dwelling unit and the secondary dwelling unit. In addition to the building separation requirement, the following minimum setbacks from the property line shall apply:
  - a. Side: 5 feet foot minimum
  - b. Rear: 0 feet foot minimum, except where applicable shall comply with D.4 above.
  - c. On corner lots, the street side setback shall be a minimum of 10 feet.

#### **E. Building Height and Stepbacks**

1. Building heights shall comply with §14-16-2-9 (C) R-T Zone of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Buildings over 15 feet in height, and second story additions to existing buildings, shall incorporate a minimum horizontal stepback of 6 feet from the front façade. When there is an existing porch, the stepback is measured starting at the porch.
  - b. Secondary dwelling units shall not exceed 18 feet in height.
  - c. Buildings shall comply with the Building Height Limitations to Preserve Solar Access, §14-16-3-3(A)(7) of the Zoning Code. The additional height limitations of this section shall apply to any lot regardless of the age of the building, except that structures existing as of the date of adoption of the Plan are allowed, subject to Zoning Code regulations for buildings that are nonconforming as to height.

#### **F. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Individual units shall be distinguished through articulation of building massing, roof forms, color, or material.

**G. Windows and Doors**

1. All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of their surface in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.

**H. Building Entries and Porches**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Front entry porches, with a minimum depth of 5 feet at finished floor elevation, shall be provided.



Townhouse Units - Entries face the street, garages are accessed through shared drive, and individual units are articulated

**I. Garages**

1. Attached and detached garages are allowed.
2. Garages shall be accessed from alleys.
3. Where alley access does not exist, a garage door is permitted to face the street. A garage door facing the street shall be set back a minimum of an additional 5 feet beyond the horizontal plane of the building face or porch façade.
4. A garage door facing a street shall not exceed a width of 9 feet.

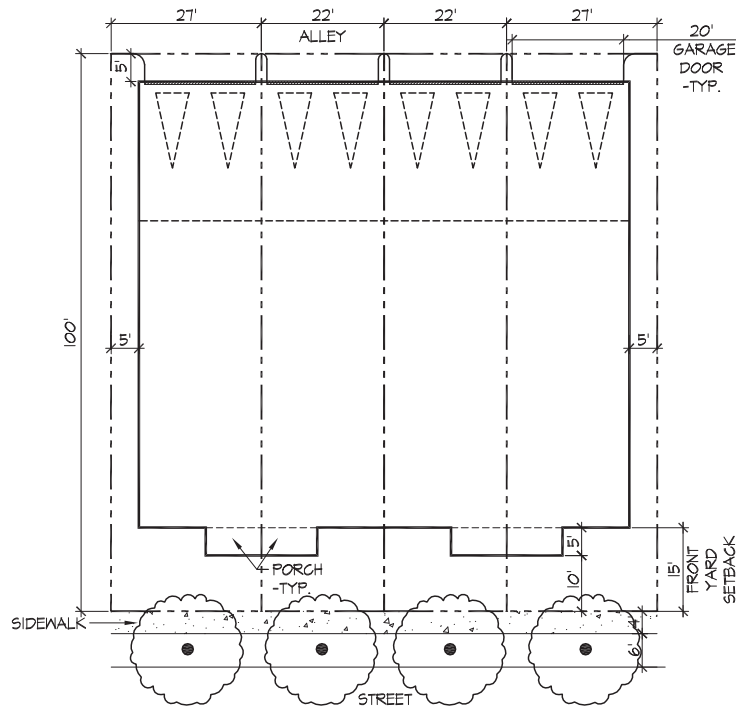
**J. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following exceptions:
  - a. The maximum number of off-street parking spaces allowed is 2 spaces per dwelling unit.
  - b. Tandem parking inside a garage is permitted.
  - c. Secondary dwelling units: 1 space per unit.
  - d. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.

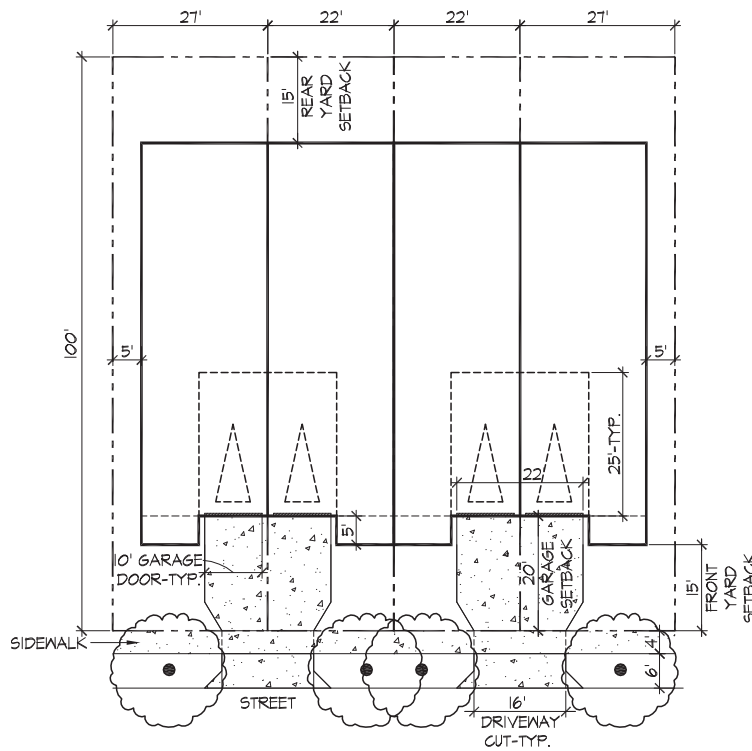
**K. Shared Access Driveways and Paved Parking Areas for Lots Without Alley Access**

1. Shared driveways for every two townhouse units are required. The number of driveway cuts onto the public right-of-way shall be minimized in order to preserve on-street parking and provide landscape areas.
2. The maximum front yard setback area that can be an improved (paved)

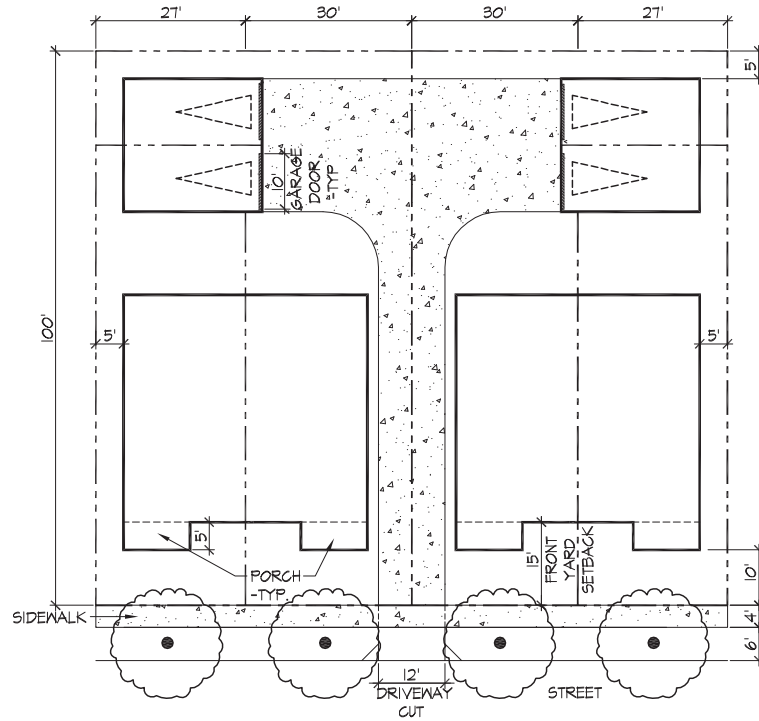
- off-street parking and maneuvering area is 11 feet in width per lot.  
 3. Driveway cuts shall have a maximum width of 16 feet.



Typical Townhouse Development - 4 units, alley access



Typical Townhouse Development - 4 units, no alley access



Typical Townhouse Development - 4 units, no alley access

**L. Usable Open Space**

1. The usable open space requirement is 360 square feet per dwelling unit, except where there is no alley access for garages, the usable open space requirement is 500 square feet per dwelling unit.

**M. Street Trees**

1. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
2. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
3. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**N. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## MIXED RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SU-2/DNA-MR

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-MR Zone is to provide a transition between the lower density residential core of the Downtown Neighborhood Area and the central business district of Downtown. The SU-2/DNA-MR zone provides for higher density residential development. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-MR that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses permissive in the R-2 zone with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouses shall be as regulated in all respects per the SU-2/DNA-TH zone as specified in this Plan, except as follows:
    - i. Minimum lot area shall be 1,000 square feet for structures that do not exceed 26 feet in height.
    - ii. Minimum lot area shall be 1,500 square feet for structures that are greater than 26 feet in height but do not exceed 40 feet.
    - iii. There shall be a distance of not less than 5 feet between residential buildings.
  - b. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - c. Density:
    1. There is no maximum floor area ratio.
    2. Density of a lot may not exceed 50 dwelling units per acre.
  - d. For properties that do not abut properties zoned SU-2/DNA-SF, non-residential uses permitted in the SU-2/DNA-MUL zone, provided they do not exceed 10% of the gross floor area of the business.

### B. Conditional Uses

Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-MR zone:

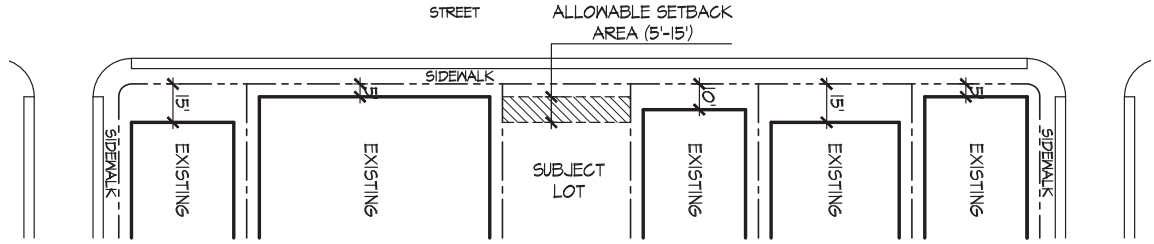
1. More than 50 dwelling units per acre, provided a Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, is submitted with and tied to approval of a conditional use.
2. Senior housing facility.
3. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.
4. Structures which were originally built for non-conforming use.

### C. Setbacks

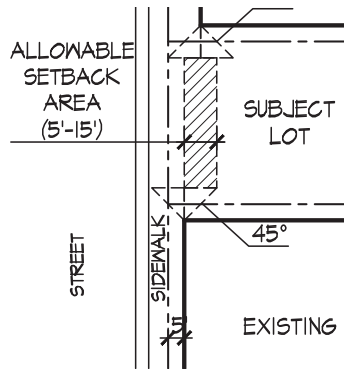
1. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on existing buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also

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fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 15 feet, except the minimum front yard setback for a garage is 20 feet.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.



The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

2. The minimum side yard setback is 5 feet, or 10 feet if adjacent to SU-2/DNA-SF and SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property.
3. The minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet.
4. The minimum rear yard setback for attached or detached garages off an alley is 5 feet.
5. Secondary dwelling units shall be located to the rear of the primary dwelling unit. There shall be a minimum of 10 feet of separation between the primary dwelling unit and the secondary dwelling units. In addition to the building separation requirement, the following minimum setbacks from the property line shall apply:
  - a. Side: 5 feet.
  - b. Rear: 0 feet except where applicable shall comply with C.4 above.
  - c. On corner lots, the street side setback shall be a minimum of 10 feet.
6. Off-street parking setback: minimum setback is 10 feet from the property line along a public street, except 0 feet from an alley.

**D. Building Height and Stepbacks**

1. The maximum building height is 40 feet. Buildings shall comply with the

Building Height Limitations to Preserve Solar Access, §14-16-3-3 (A) (7) of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.

2. Secondary dwelling units shall have a maximum height of 18 feet.
3. There shall be a 6 foot minimum setback from the horizontal plane of the building face for third story façades facing public streets or abutting 1-story buildings.

#### **E. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Façades that face public streets shall change a minimum of every 50 feet in height, setback, or material.

#### **F. Windows and Doors**

1. Apartments - All ground floor building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30 inches above the finish floor. Garage doors shall not be counted towards meeting this requirement. Second floor and above shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows.
2. Townhouse - All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30% of their surfaces in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards meeting this requirement.
3. Darkly-tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor.

#### **G. Balconies**

1. Balconies shall be designed and located to minimize impacts on the privacy of adjacent residential properties. Planters or trellises can be used to obstruct views while retaining the benefits of upper level outdoor spaces.



Older apartment complex along Tijeras Ave.  
- lushly landscaped, entry faces the street and is predominant feature

#### **H. Building Entries**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Building entries for apartments shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

#### **I. Vehicular Ingress/Egress**

1. Vehicular access shall be from side streets or from an alley, except where there is no alley or side street access to the property.

#### **J. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following ex-

ceptions:

- a. Townhouse: 1 space per unit minimum, 2 spaces per unit maximum.
  - b. Apartment: 1 space per unit minimum, 2 spaces per unit maximum.
  - c. Senior Housing: 1 space per independent living unit; 1 space per 2 assisted living units or skilled nursing beds.
  - d. Secondary dwelling units: 1 space per unit.
  - e. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need to supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.
2. Off-street parking shall be located at the rear or side portion of the property and shall be screened from public view by a 3-foot-high solid wall. Service areas shall be located to the rear of the property.

**K. Usable Open Space**

1. The usable open space requirement is 150 square feet per efficiency or one bedroom or 200 square feet per two bedrooms or more.

**L. Signage**

1. Sign, on-premise, as in §14-16-3-5 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Free-standing signs shall not exceed 4 feet in height and 16 square feet per sign face.
  - b. Internally lit signs and electronic display panels are not permitted.

**M. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are not allowed.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

**N. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Apartment development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the additional requirement that all new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.
2. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per single family or townhouse dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner.
3. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip does



not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.

4. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
5. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**O. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## OFFICE RESIDENTIAL ZONE - SU-2/DNA-OR

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-OR Zone is to provide a transition between the higher intensity corridor of Central Avenue and the neighborhood to the north. The SU-2/DNA-OR zone recognizes the existing mix of residential and office present in the neighborhood, and provides an opportunity for the development of a limited number of neighborhood-serving commercial uses through the conditional use process. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-OR that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses Permissive in the R-2 zone with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-TH zone as specified in this Plan, except maximum building height is 40 feet.
  - b. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - c. There is no maximum floor area ratio.
2. Church or other place of worship, including incidental recreational or educational facilities.
3. Library.
4. Office.

### B. Prohibited Uses

1. Commercial parking lots.

### C. Conditional Uses

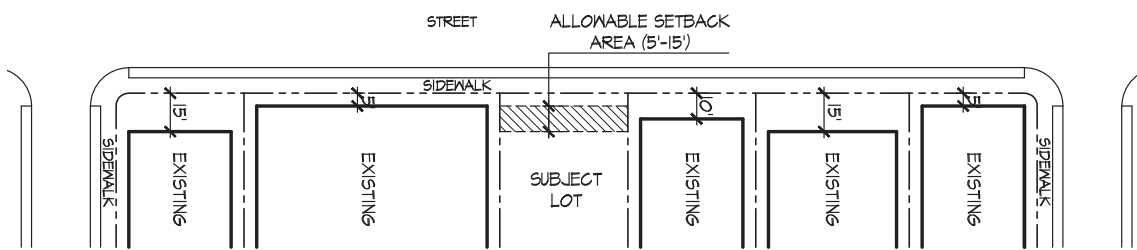
Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-OR zone:

1. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.
2. Senior housing facility.
3. The following non-residential uses, provided that either of the following criteria is met:
  - the building on the subject property was originally built for commercial uses; or
  - the subject property is located on a corner.
- a. Retail sales of food and drink for consumption on- or off-premise, subject to the following restrictions:
  - i. There shall be no drive-up service windows.
  - ii. Alcoholic drink may be sold only under a restaurant license for the sale of beer and wine, as provided by § 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978.
  - iii. Outdoor seating shall be allowed along the 7th Street, Tijeras Avenue, Kent Avenue and Copper Avenue frontages only.
- b. Retail sales of the following goods, plus incidental retailing of related goods and incidental service or repair, provided there is no outdoor

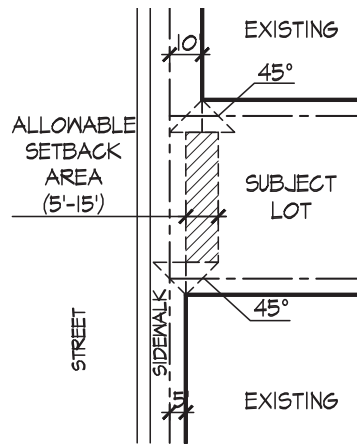
- storage or activity except parking.
  - i. Arts and crafts objects, supplies plus their incidental creation, artist studios.
  - ii. Books, magazines, newspapers, stationary, except adult book store material.
  - iii. Cosmetics, notions, hobby supplies.
  - iv. Flowers and plants.
  - v. Jewelry
  - vi. Clothing and shoes.
- c. Services, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity except parking.
  - i. Barber, beauty.
  - ii. Day care center.
  - iii. Dry cleaning station (no processing).
  - iv. Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, or crafts.
  - v. Interior decorating.
  - vi. Photography, except adult photo studio.
  - vii. Tailoring, dressmaking, shoe repairing.

#### D. Setbacks

1. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on existing buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 15 feet, except the minimum front yard setback for a garage is 20 feet.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.



The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

2. The minimum side yard setback is 5 feet, or 10 feet if adjacent to SU-2/DNA-SF and SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property.
3. The minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet.
4. Off-street parking setback: minimum setback is 10 feet from the property line where it fronts a public street, and 0 feet from an alley.

#### **E. Building Height and Stepbacks**

1. The maximum building height is 40 feet. Residential buildings shall comply with the Building Height Limitations to Preserve Solar Access, §14-16-3-3 (A) (7) of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.
2. There shall be a 6 foot minimum stepback from the horizontal plane of the building face for third story façades facing public streets or abutting 1-story buildings.

#### **F. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Façades that face public streets shall change a minimum of every 50 feet in height, setback, or material.

#### **G. Windows and Doors**

1. Non-Residential Development - All ground floor building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 50% of their surfaces in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30 inches above the finish floor. Second floor and above shall contain a minimum of 30% of its surface in windows.
2. Apartments and Townhouses - All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30% of its surface in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.
3. Darkly tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor. The amount of window surface covered with signage shall be limited per Section L. Signage.

**H. Balconies**

1. Balconies shall be designed and located to minimize impacts to the privacy of adjacent residential properties. Planters or trellises can be used to obstruct views while retaining the benefits of upper level outdoor spaces.

**I. Building Entries**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Apartment and non-residential building entries shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 4 foot wide sidewalk.



Office Building on Eighth St. - windows cover more than 50% of the ground floor façade and 30% of the second floor façade.

**J. Vehicular Ingress/Egress**

1. Vehicular access shall be from side streets or from an alley, except where there is no alley or side street access to the property.

**K. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouses: Per the SU-2 / TH Zone.
  - b. Apartments: 1 space per bedroom, 2 spaces maximum per unit.
  - c. Senior Housing: 1 space per independent living unit; 1 space per 2 assisted living units or skilled nursing beds.
  - d. Office: 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet.
  - e. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.
2. Off-street parking shall be located at the rear or side portion of the property and shall be screened from public view by a 3-foot-high solid wall or



Office Building on Tijeras Ave. - entry is the predominant feature and faces sidewalk

evergreen landscaping. Service areas shall be located to the rear of the property.

**L. Signage**

1. Sign, on premise, as in §14-16-2-15 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Wall sign area shall not exceed 6% of the area of the façade to which it is related. Wall sign area includes window signage.
  - b. Free-standing signs for office use shall not exceed 4 feet in height and 16 square feet per sign face.
  - c. Signage for residential use shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-MR zone as specified in this Plan.
  - d. Internally lit signs are not allowed.
2. Electronic display signs are not allowed.

**M. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are not permitted.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

**N. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Apartment and non-residential development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the additional requirement that all new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.
2. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per single family or townhouse dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner.
3. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
4. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
5. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**O. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## MIXED USE LIGHT ZONE - SU-2/DNA-MUL

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-MUL Zone is to recognize the unique mixed use character along Mountain Road and to complement the adjacent Sawmill neighborhood to the north. The MUL zone is designed to ensure that new development serves the neighborhood with low-impact, neighborhood-oriented commercial and medium-density residential uses. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-MUL that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses Permissive in the R-G zone with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouse shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-TH zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - b. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - c. There is no maximum floor area ratio.
2. The following non-residential uses are permissive provided certain conditions listed under A.3 are met:
  - a. Museum.
  - b. School, including uses or activities in a tent, if the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this section, provided:
    - 1) The tent may not be erected for more than seven days at a time and may not be erected more than three times per year on a given premises; and
    - 2) There is sufficient paved off-street parking available on the premises to meet the parking requirements for all uses on the premises, including the activity in the tent. The Zoning Enforcement Officer shall approve the site plan for the tent, which shall demonstrate adequate parking and vehicle circulation, prior to erection of the tent; and
    - 3) There are toilet facilities on the premises available to the users of the tent; and
    - 4) The City Fire Marshal or his authorized representative gives prior approval of the tent as meeting the requirements of Chapter 14, Article 2, Fire Code.
  - c. Office, except bail bond office is a conditional use.
  - d. Retail sales of food and drink for consumption on or off-premises subject to the following restrictions:
    - 1) There shall be no drive-up service windows.
    - 2) Alcoholic drink may be sold only under a restaurant license for the sale of beer and wine, as provided by Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978.
    - 3) Outdoor restaurant seating is allowed along the Mountain Road and Sixth Street frontages only.
  - e. Retail Sales of the following goods, plus incidental retailing of re-

lated goods and incidental service or repair, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity except parking.

- 1) Arts and crafts objects, supplies, plus their incidental creation - artist studios.
  - 2) Books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, except adult material.
  - 3) Cosmetics, notions, hobby supplies.
  - 4) Flowers and plants.
  - 5) Jewelry.
  - 6) Clothing and shoes.
- f. Services, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity, except parking.
- 1) Barber, beauty.
  - 2) Day care center.
  - 3) Dry cleaning station (no processing).
  - 4) Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, or crafts.
  - 5) Interior decorating.
  - 6) Photography.
  - 7) Tailoring, dressmaking, shoe repairing.
3. Non-residential uses as listed under A.2. above are permissive provided any one of the following conditions are met:
- a. A minimum of 50% of the total acreage of premises along individual block faces and within the same block as the subject lot contains existing legal non-residential uses; or
  - b. The subject property contains a building that had a non-residential use for a minimum of 10 of the past 50 years; or
  - c. The building on the subject property was originally built for commercial uses.

**B. Prohibited Uses**

1. Alcoholic drink sales for consumption off-premises.
2. Commercial parking lots.

**C. Conditional Uses**

Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-MUL zone:

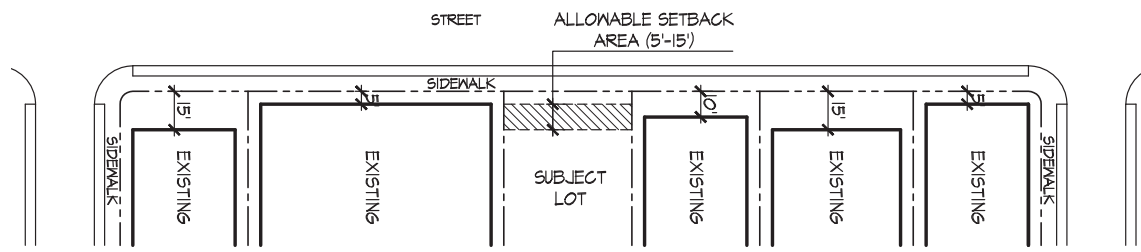
1. Non-residential uses that face a local street, provided that either of the following conditions is met:
  - a. The subject property contains a building that had a non-residential use for a minimum of 10 of the past 50 years; or
  - b. The building on the subject property was originally built for commercial uses.
2. Institution.
  - a. Church or other place of worship, including incidental recreational and educational facilities.
  - b. Library.



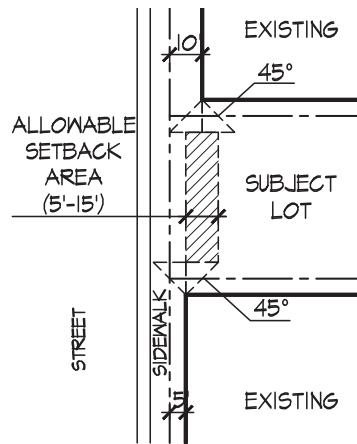
3. Bail Bond Office. Criteria for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Bail Bond Office:
  - a. Shall be located on a collector or higher street classification.
  - b. Shall not be permitted on a block face with more than 30 percent residential.
  - c. Site on which Bail Bond Office is located, or at least a portion thereof, shall not be located further than 500 feet from the Metropolitan Courthouse, Bernalillo County Courthouse, or Federal Courthouse buildings (see map, Appendix D).
  - d. The number of employees shall be limited to 5.
4. Retail sales of drugs, medical supplies. No drive-up service windows allowed.
5. Self-service laundry.
6. Bed and Breakfast establishments shall comply with Appendix F, Policy for Bed and Breakfast Establishments as provided in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.
7. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.

#### D. Setbacks

1. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on existing buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 15 feet, except the minimum front yard setback for a garage is 20 feet.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.



The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

2. The minimum side yard setback is 5 feet, or 10 feet if adjacent to SU-2/DNA-SF and SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property.
3. The minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet.
4. Off-street parking setback: minimum setback is 10 feet.

#### **E. Building Height**

1. The maximum building height is 26 feet.

#### **F. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Façades that face public streets shall change a minimum of every 50 feet in height, setback, or material.

#### **G. Windows and Doors**

1. Non-Residential Development - All ground floor building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 50 percent of their surfaces in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30 inches above the finish floor. Second floor and above shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows.
2. Apartments and Townhouse - All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30% of their surfaces in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.
3. Darkly tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor. The amount of window surface covered with signage shall be limited as per Section J. Signage.

#### **H. Building Entries**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Building entries shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

**I. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhomes: Per the SU-2/DNA-TH Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - b. Apartments: 1 space per bedroom, 2 spaces maximum per unit.
  - c. Senior Housing: 1 space per independent living unit; 1 space per 2 assisted living unit or skilled nursing beds.
  - d. Non-Residential: 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet.
  - e. Restaurants: 1 space per 4 seats.
  - f. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.
2. Off-street parking shall be located at the rear or side portion of the property and shall be screened from public view by a 3-foot-high solid wall. Service areas shall be located to the rear of the property.
3. An on-street parking credit is permitted for non-residential development along all public streets except for Mountain Road. Where parking spaces are provided on a public street and abut the property, 100% of the parking may be counted toward the off-street parking requirement of a building or use on such property.

**J. Signage**

1. Sign, on premise, as in §14-16-3-5 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Permitted signs shall only be wall signs or canopy signs.
  - b. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - c. Wall sign area shall not exceed 6% of the area of the façade to which it is related. Wall sign area includes window signage.
  - d. Internally lit signs are not allowed.
2. Electronic display signs are not allowed.

**K. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are prohibited.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

**L. Usable Open Space**

1. The usable open space requirement is 360 square feet per dwelling unit, except where there is no alley access for garages, the usable open space requirement is 500 square feet per dwelling unit.

**M. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Apartment and non-residential development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the additional requirement that all new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.
2. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per single family or townhouse dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner.
3. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
4. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
5. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**N. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## MIXED USE MEDIUM ZONE - SU-2/DNA-MUM

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-MUM Zone is to recognize the existing mixed use character along Lomas Boulevard and to provide a transition between the transportation corridor and the predominately single-family residential areas to the north and south within the neighborhood core. There is one other area in the neighborhood that is also appropriate for the MUM Zone - the area on the east edge of the neighborhood between Fifth and Sixth Streets. Property zoned SU-2/DNA- MUM that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses permissive in the R-G zone with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouse shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-TH zone as specified in this Plan.
  - b. Single-family houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone.
  - c. There is no maximum floor area ratio.
2. Institution.
  - a. Church or other place of worship, including incidental recreational and educational facilities.
  - b. Library.
  - c. Museum.
  - d. School.
3. Office.
4. Retail sales of the following goods, plus incidental retailing of related goods and incidental service or repair, provided there is no outdoor storage except parking.
  - a. Arts and crafts objects, supplies, plus their incidental creation - artist studios.
  - b. Books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, except adult material.
  - c. Cosmetics, notions, hobby supplies.
  - d. Flowers and plants.
  - e. Jewelry.
  - f. Clothing, shoes, dry goods.
  - g. Photography equipment.
  - h. Sporting goods.
  - i. Bicycles, including repair.
  - j. Office machines, equipment, sales, and repair.
  - k. Musical instruments and supplies.
5. Services, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity, except parking.
  - a. Barber, beauty.
  - b. Day care center.
  - c. Dry cleaning station (no processing).
  - d. Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, or crafts.
  - e. Interior decorating.

- f. Photography.
  - g. Tailoring, dressmaking, shoe repairing.
  - h. Health gymsnasiums.
  - i. Medical or dental laboratory.
  - j. Pet grooming.
6. Bail Bond Office. The following criteria shall be met:
- a. Shall be located on a collector or higher street classification.
  - b. Shall not be permitted on a block face with more than 30 percent residential.
  - c. Site on which Bail Bond Office is located, or at least a portion thereof, shall not be located further than 500 feet from the Metropolitan Courthouse, Bernalillo County Courthouse, or Federal Courthouse buildings (see map, Appendix D).
  - d. The number of employees shall be limited to 5.

**B. Prohibited Uses**

- 1. Alcoholic drink sales for consumption off-premises.
- 2. Commercial parking lots.

**C. Conditional Uses**

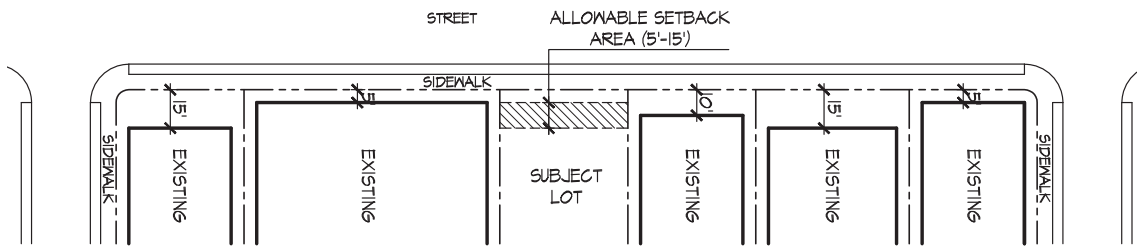
Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-MUM zone:

- 1. Non-residential uses that face a local street.
- 2. Retail sales of drugs, medical supplies. No drive-up service windows allowed.
- 3. Retail sales of food and drink for consumption on or off-premises subject to the following restrictions:
  - a. There shall be no drive-up service windows.
  - b. Alcoholic drink may be sold only under a restaurant license for the sale of beer and wine, as provided by Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978.
  - c. Outdoor restaurant seating is allowed along the Lomas Boulevard frontage only.
- 4. Self-service laundry.
- 5. Bed and Breakfast establishments shall comply with City Policy for Bed and Breakfast Establishments as provided in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.
- 6. Senior housing facility.
- 7. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.

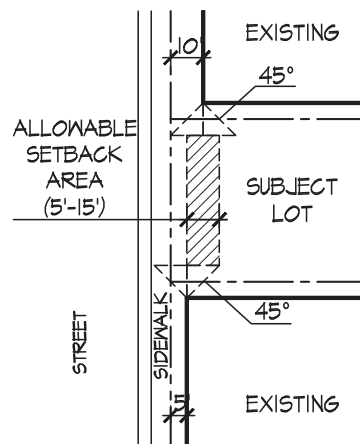
**D. Setbacks**

- 1. Front yard setbacks for buildings shall be determined by the setbacks on existing buildings within the same block and the adjacent buildings. The front yard setback shall be no greater than the maximum setback and

no less than the minimum setback for the block. The setback shall also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of the adjacent buildings. In no case shall the front yard setback exceed 15 feet, except the minimum front yard setback for a garage is 20 feet. Front setback areas along Lomas Boulevard may be used for the display of retail merchandise and/or outdoor restaurant seating.



Front yard setback is determined by the setback on existing buildings. In this example, the setback on the subject lot cannot be less than 5 feet or more than 15 feet.



The front setback for the subject lot must also fall within a 45 degree angle of the front façade of adjacent buildings.

2. The minimum side yard setback is 0 feet, except 10 feet from adjacent SU-2/DNA-SF and SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property. Buildings on corner lots shall have a minimum side yard setback of 10 feet to ensure clear sight.
3. The minimum rear yard setback is 15 feet, except where non-residential is adjacent to SU-2/DNA-SF or SU-2/DNA-TH, the minimum rear setback shall be 20 feet. The minimum rear yard setback adjacent to an alley is 5 feet.
4. Off-street parking setback: minimum setback is 10 feet from the property line along a public street, except 0 feet from an alley.

**E. Building Height**

1. The maximum building height is 26 feet, except up to 40 feet is conditional.

**F. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Façades that face public streets shall change every 50 foot minimum in height, setback, or material.

**G. Windows and Doors**

1. Non-Residential Development - All ground floor building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 50 percent of its surface in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30 inches above the finish floor. Second floor and above shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows.
2. Apartments and Townhouses - All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30% of its surface in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.
3. Darkly tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor. The amount of window surface covered with signage shall be limited per Section J. Signage.

**H. Building Entries**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Building entries shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

**I. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhomes: Per the SU-2/DNA-TH Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - b. Apartments: 1 space per bedroom, 2 spaces maximum per unit.
  - c. Senior Housing: 1 space per independent living unit; 1 space per 2 assisted living unit or skilled nursing beds.
  - d. Non-Residential: 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet.
  - e. Restaurants: 1 space per 4 seats.
  - f. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, in-



Vertical Mixed Use with office/retail on ground floor and apartments above.  
Top: Brick Light District on Harvard St.  
Bottom: 110 Richmond



- cluding occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.
2. Off-street parking shall be located at the rear or side portion of the property and shall be screened from public view by a 3-foot-high solid wall. Service areas shall be located to the rear of the property.
  3. An on-street parking credit is permitted for development along Lomas Boulevard. Where parking spaces are provided on a public street and abut the property, 100% of the parking may be counted toward the off-street parking requirement of a building or use on such property.

#### **J. Signage**

1. Sign, on premise, as in §14-16-3-5 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Permitted signs shall only be wall signs or canopy signs.
  - b. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - c. Wall sign area shall not exceed 6% of the area of the façade to which it is related. Wall sign area includes window signage.
  - d. Internally lit signs are not allowed.
2. Electronic display signs are not allowed.

#### **K. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are prohibited.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

#### **L. Usable Open Space**

1. The usable open space requirement for residential development is 100 square feet per dwelling unit, which may be satisfied through features such as balconies and private roof-top gardens.
2. A minimum 10% of the site area shall be designated as usable open space for non-residential development and may be satisfied through features such as patios, plazas, exterior walkways, balconies, roof decks, or courtyards.

#### **M. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Apartment and non-residential development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the additional requirement that all new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.

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SU-2/DNA-MUM

2. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per single family or townhouse dwelling unit and maintained by the property owner.
3. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
4. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
5. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**N. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE - SU-2/DNA-NC

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-NC Zone is to provide commercial uses that serve the neighborhood. The two areas that contain NC zoned property are at 12th Street and Lomas Boulevard and along Fourth Street, between Mountain Road and Granite Avenue. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-NC that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses permissive in the C-1 zone, EXCEPT that gasoline, oil, and liquefied petroleum gas is a conditional use and the following uses are not permitted:
  - a. Commercial parking lot.
  - b. Car washing.
  - c. Pawn.
2. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.
3. Retail sale of alcoholic drink for consumption off-premises, provided that such use is associated with a full service grocery store.
4. Bail Bond Office. The following criteria shall be met:
  - a. Shall be located on a collector or higher street classification.
  - b. Shall not be permitted on a block face with more than 30 percent residential.
  - c. Site on which Bail Bond Office is located, or at least a portion thereof, shall not be located further than 500 feet from the Metropolitan Courthouse, Bernalillo County Courthouse, or Federal Courthouse buildings (see map, Appendix D).
  - d. The number of employees shall be limited to 5.

### B. Conditional Uses

Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-NC zone:

1. Auto parts and supply.
2. Gasoline, oil, and liquefied petroleum gas including outside sales.
3. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses, with the exception of commercial parking lots.

### C. Setbacks

1. Off-street parking setback: minimum setback is 10 feet from the property line along a public street, except 0 feet from an alley.

### D. Windows and Doors

1. Non-Residential Development - All ground floor building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 50 percent of their surface in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30

inches above the finish floor. The second floor shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows.

2. Darkly tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor.

**E. Building Entries**

1. The primary entry to the building shall be oriented towards the street.
2. Building entries shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 6-foot-wide sidewalk.

**F. Vehicular Ingress/Egress**

1. Vehicular access shall be from side streets or from an alley, except where there is no alley or side street access to the property.

**G. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following exception:
  - a. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.

**H. Signage**

1. Signage shall be as regulated in the C-1 zone of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.

**I. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are prohibited.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

**J. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.
  - b. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, except where a parkway strip

- does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
- c. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
  2. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**K. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

## CENTRAL CORRIDOR ZONE - SU-2/DNA-CC

The intent of the SU-2/DNA-CC Zone is to recognize the existing mixed use character along Central Avenue and to provide a transition between this urban edge and the rest of the neighborhood to the north. The SU-2/DNA-CC zone is designed to encourage new development that is urban in character, vibrant, and provides services and employment areas to complement the historic character of the neighborhood. Property zoned SU-2/DNA-CC that falls within an Historic Overlay Zone shall also comply with the HO Zone design guideline requirements.

### A. Permissive Uses

1. Uses permissive in the R-3 zone, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Townhouse shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-TH zone as specified in this Plan, except maximum building height is 40 feet.
  - b. Single-family detached houses shall be as regulated in the SU-2/DNA-SF Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - c. There is no maximum floor area ratio or maximum dwelling units per acre.
2. Senior housing facility.
3. Uses permissive in the C-2 zone, EXCEPT the following uses are not permitted:
  - a. Loaning money, including pawn.
  - b. Car washing.
  - c. Commercial parking lots.
  - d. Drive-in and drive-through restaurants.
  - e. Drive-up service windows.
  - f. Gasoline, oil, and liquefied petroleum gas retailing.
  - g. Outdoor motor vehicle or trailer sales, retail, service, repair, and/or storage.
  - h. Radio or television studio or station.
  - i. Vehicle sales, rental, service, repair, and storage, both indoor and outdoor.
4. Retail sale of alcoholic drink for consumption off-premises, provided such use is associated with a full-service grocery store.
5. Outdoor restaurant seating is permitted provided it is not within 75 feet of an SU-2/DNA-SF or SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property, measured from the property line.

### B. Conditional Uses

Conditional Uses shall comply with §14-16-4-2 Special Exceptions in the Comprehensive City Zoning Code. The following uses are the only conditional uses allowed in the SU-2/DNA-CC zone:

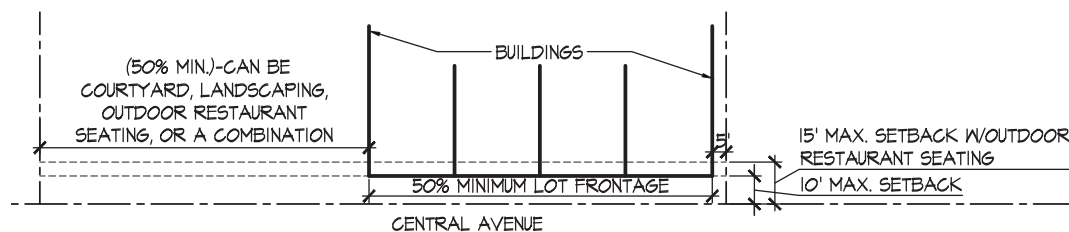
1. Bail Bond Office. Criteria for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Bail Bond Office:
  - a. Shall be located on a collector or higher street classification.
  - b. Shall not be permitted on a block face with more than 30 percent residential.
  - c. Site on which Bail Bond Office is located, or at least a portion thereof,

shall not be located further than 500 feet from the Metropolitan Court-  
 house, Bernalillo County Courthouse, or Federal Courthouse buildings  
 (see map, Appendix D).

- d. The number of employees shall be limited to 5.
2. Tattoo parlors. Criteria for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow a tattoo parlor or studio:
  - a. Shall not be located within 500 feet of another tattoo parlor or studio.
  - b. Shall not be located within 300 feet of a school.
3. Building height over 40 feet, but not to exceed 52 feet. Criteria for the approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow building heights over 40 feet:
  - a. Building height between 40 feet and 52 feet shall be limited to no greater than 50% of its horizontal length along Central Avenue.
  - b. No individual building footprint shall exceed 20,000 square feet.
  - c. Additional stepbacks apply; see Section D. Building Height and Stepbacks below.
4. Retail business in which products may be manufactured, processed, or assembled, as an accessory use, including catering, baking, confectionery making, or jewelry or curio making, provided:
  - a. All activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building.
  - b. The number of persons engaged in the manufactured, processed, or assembled of products is limited to ten.
  - c. Activities or products are not objectionable due to odor, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, or other cause.
5. Existing non-conforming uses and uses that become non-conforming with the adoption of this Plan are to be treated as approved conditional uses.

**C. Setbacks**

1. The maximum front yard setback for buildings facing Central Avenue shall be 10 feet, EXCEPT for patio and outdoor restaurant seating, the setback may be increased to 15 feet. Front setback areas along Central Avenue may be used for the display of retail merchandise.
2. A minimum of 50% of the Central Avenue frontage shall be building. The remaining 50% may be courtyard, landscaping, outdoor restaurant seating, or a combination thereof.

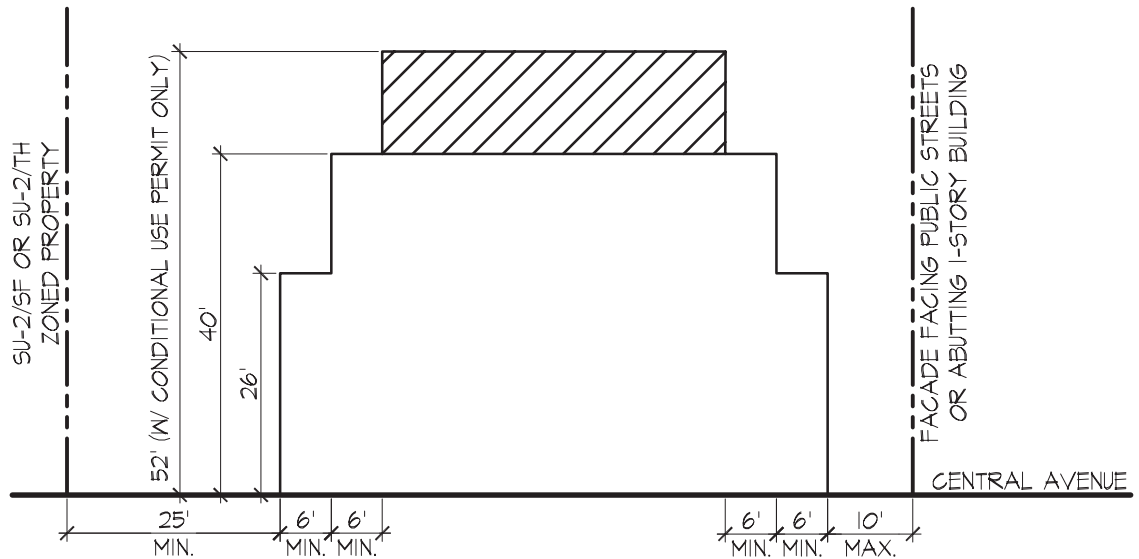


Buildings must comprise a minimum of 50% of Central Avenue frontage. The front setback may increase with the provision of outdoor restaurant seating.

3. The minimum side yard setback for buildings is 0 feet, EXCEPT minimum corner side yard setback is 5 feet. The minimum side yard setback from adjacent residential use is 10 feet.
4. The minimum rear yard setback for buildings is 15 feet, EXCEPT when abutting SU-2/DNA-SF or SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property, the minimum rear yard setback is 25 feet.
5. The minimum off-street parking setback is 10 feet from the property line where it fronts a public street, and 0 feet from an alley.

**D. Building Height and Stepbacks**

1. The maximum building height is 40 feet, EXCEPT as defined below. Building heights for that portion of the building within 25 feet of abutting SU-2/DNA-SF or SU-2/DNA-TH zoned property, building height is limited to 26 feet.
2. Building height over 40 feet, but not greater than 52 feet, is allowed only under a conditional use permit.
3. Building height over 26 feet, but not greater than 40 feet (3rd story), shall require a 6 foot minimum setback from the horizontal plane of the building facing public streets, over 40 feet, but not greater than 52 feet (4th story), shall require an additional minimum 6 foot setback.



Building Height and Stepbacks for Façades

**E. Building Façade Articulation**

1. Façades that face public streets shall change every 50 foot minimum in height, setback, or material.
2. Shading shall be provided along the front façade, using canopies, awnings, portals, or shade trees spaced at 25 feet on center.

**F. Windows and Doors**

1. Apartments and Non-Residential Development - All ground floor build-



ing façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 50 percent of its surface in windows and/or doors, with the window sill no higher than 30 inches above the finish floor. Second floor and above shall contain a minimum of 30 percent of its surface in windows.

2. Townhouse - All building façades that face a public street shall contain a minimum of 30% of its surface in windows and/or doors. Garage doors shall not be counted towards this requirement.
3. Darkly tinted windows and/or mirrored or opaque glass are prohibited at the ground floor. The amount of window surface covered with signage shall be limited as per Section J. Signage.

### **G. Building Entries**

1. A functional entry to the building shall be oriented toward Central Avenue and shall be designed as a significant feature of the façade.
2. Building entries shall be connected to the public sidewalk by a minimum 6 foot wide sidewalk.

### **H. Vehicular Ingress/Egress**

1. For properties east of 14th Street, primary vehicular access shall not be from Central Avenue. Where vehicular access from Central Avenue is already provided, it shall be minimized by shared access agreements where feasible.
2. For properties west of 14th Street, primary vehicular access shall be from Central Avenue. Non-residential vehicular access to and/or from 15th Street, 16th Street and Fruit Avenue is prohibited.

### **I. Off-Street Parking Standards**

1. Parking standards shall be per the §14-16-3-1 Off-Street Parking Regulations of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following exceptions:
  - a. Townhouse: Per the SU-2/DNA-TH Zone, as specified in this Plan.
  - b. Apartment: 1 space per bedroom, 2 spaces maximum.
  - c. Senior Housing: 1 space per independent living unit; 1 space per 2 assisted living unit or skilled nursing beds.
  - d. Non-Residential: 3 spaces per 1,000 square feet.
  - e. Restaurants: 1 space per 4 seats.
  - f. Buildings constructed before October 22, 1965 need supply such parking only to the extent on-premise ground space is available, including occasions where there is a change in use. If there is a building addition, and the addition is equal to or less than 400 square feet, then no additional parking is required. If the addition is greater than 400 square feet, parking shall be provided for the additional square footage only.
2. Off-street parking and parking lots facing a public street shall be screened from public view by a 3 foot solid wall, with landscaping provided on the public side of the wall. Service areas shall be located to the rear of the property.
3. An on-street parking credit is permitted. Where parking spaces are pro-

vided on a public street and are adjacent to the property, 100% of the parking may be counted toward the off-street parking requirement of a building or use on such property.

**J. Signage**

1. Sign, on premise, as in §14-16-3-5 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. Permitted signs shall only be wall signs or canopy signs.
  - b. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - c. Wall sign area shall not exceed 6% of the area of the façade to which it is related. Wall sign area includes window signage.
  - d. Internally lit signs are not allowed, EXCEPT neon signs (building-mounted and marquee perpendicular to traffic) are permitted to face Central Avenue only.
2. Electronic display signs are not allowed.

**K. Lighting**

1. Lighting shall comply with §14-16-3-9 Area Lighting Regulations of the City Comprehensive Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All lighting fixtures shall be fully shielded or back lit.
  - b. Mercury vapor lights are not allowed.
  - c. Building-mounted light fixtures shall not exceed 12 feet in height measured from lowest adjacent grade to the bottom of the fixture housing.

**L. Usable Open Space**

1. The usable open space requirement for residential development is 50 square feet per unit, which may be satisfied through features such as balconies and private roof-top gardens.
2. The useable open space requirement for non-residential development shall be a minimum 10% of the site area, which may be satisfied through features such as patios, plazas, exterior walkways, balconies, roof decks, or courtyards.

**M. Landscape and Street Trees**

1. Apartment and non-residential development shall comply with §14-16-3-10 Landscaping Regulations applicable to Apartment and Non-Residential Development of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code, with the following EXCEPTIONS:
  - a. All new development shall provide street trees at a rate of 1 tree per 25-35 linear feet, depending on the mature canopy of the tree species.
  - b. Placement of street trees shall be within the parkway strip between the back of curb and the public sidewalk, EXCEPT where a parkway strip does not exist, the street tree shall be placed within 20 feet of the back of curb and be visible from the roadway.
  - c. Street trees shall not be planted within the sidewalk.
2. A minimum of one street tree shall be provided per townhouse dwelling

unit and maintained by the property owner.

3. Street trees shall be chosen from the Downtown Neighborhood Area Street Trees, Appendix B.

**N. Demolition**

1. Demolition of existing structures shall be regulated per the Demolition regulations found at the end of this section.

### SPECIAL USE ZONE - SU-2/SU-1

The intent of the SU-2/SU-1 Zone is to provide appropriate sites for uses which are special because of infrequent occurrence, effect on surrounding property, safety, hazard, or other reasons, and in which the appropriateness of the use to a specific location is partly or entirely dependent on the character of the site design. There are several existing properties that contain this zoning designation. The intent is to allow the zoning designation to remain in place with the existing use, and building and site design as originally approved by the City of Albuquerque during the entitlement process. There are no new SU-1 areas proposed in the Sector Development Plan area. All existing and future SU-1 properties shall comply with Section 14-16-3-30 of the Comprehensive City Zoning Code.

### PARK ZONE - SU-2/PK

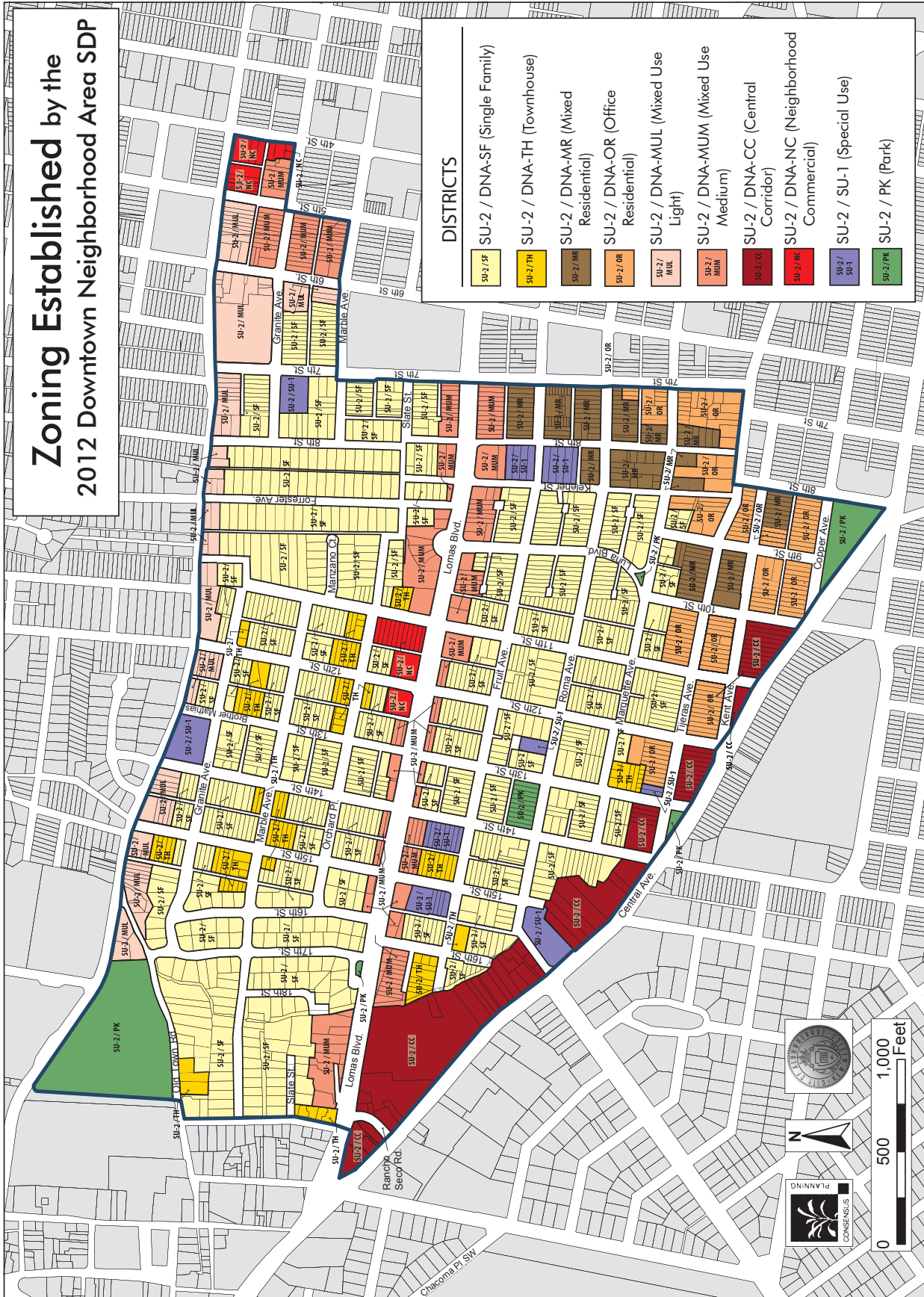
The intent of the SU-2/PK Zone is to provide the appropriate zoning for the public parks that serve the neighborhood. Public parks within the Downtown Neighborhood Area include Tiguex Community Park along Mountain Road, Mary Fox Neighborhood Park at 13th Street and Roma Avenue, Robinson Community Park at Central Avenue and Eighth Street, and Soldiers and Sailors Neighborhood Park at Tijeras and Central Avenues.

#### **A. Permissive Uses**

1. Public park.

### DEMOLITION REGULATIONS

In order to limit the detrimental effect of demolition on the character of the Downtown Neighborhood Area and provide the time necessary to determine whether a structure that meets certain criteria shall be designated a City Landmark in accordance with Article 14, Section 12 ROA 1994, all properties zoned SU-2/DNA-SF, SU-2/DNA-TH, SU-2/DNA-MR, SU-2/DNA-OR, SU-2/DNA-MUL, SU-2/DNA-MUM, SU-2/DNA-NC or SU-2/DNA-CC must comply with §14-12-9 ROA 1994, which provides for a demolition review process by the Landmarks and Urban Conservation Commission.



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