

# **N**ORTH I-25 Sector Plan



March 2008

**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE  
TWENTIETH COUNCIL**

*R. 2012. 036*

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-11-11 ENACTMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

SPONSORED BY: Trudy Jones

1 RESOLUTION  
2 AMENDING THE NORTH I-25 SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO INCLUDE A  
3 REVISED DEFINITION OF SU-2/MUD ZONING AND TO INCLUDE THE  
4 CORONADO VILLAGE MOBILE HOME PARK SITE IN THE LAND USE DISTRICT  
5 OVERLAY MAP AND TO AMEND THE SU-2/MUD ZONING DEVELOPMENT  
6 STANDARDS.

7 WHEREAS, the Council, the Governing Body of the City of Albuquerque,  
8 has the authority to adopt and amend plans for the physical development of  
9 areas within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the City authorized by  
10 statute, Sections 3-19-1 through 3-19-12 NMSA 1978 and by its home rule  
11 powers; and

12 WHEREAS, on February 17, 2010 the Albuquerque City Council repealed  
13 the 1986 North I-25 Sector Development Plan and adopted the Revised North I-  
14 25 Sector Development Plan through Council Resolution R-09-263, Enactment  
15 Number R-2010-041; and

16 WHEREAS, the Council has the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such a  
17 sector development plan; and

18 WHEREAS, the City Council found approval of the Revised North I-25  
19 Sector Development Plan consistent with applicable goals and policies of the  
20 Comprehensive Plan, Planned Growth Strategy, the North Valley Area Plan,  
21 Major Public Open Space Facility Plan, Facility Plan for Arroyos, Trails &  
22 Bikeways Facility Plan, the Alameda Boulevard Design Overlay Zone and R-  
23 270-1980; and

24 WHEREAS, the owner of Coronado Village Mobile Home Park (Coronado  
25 Village) has appealed the decision of the City Council to exclude the property

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1 of Coronado Village from the Land Use District Overlay afforded by the Plan;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, the Second Judicial District Court of the State of New Mexico  
4 has remanded this action to the City Council for consideration of inclusion of  
5 Coronado Village's property into the Land Use District Overlay as presented  
6 by the Plan, and the Court also has asked that the City Council consider  
7 amending the zoning development standards for Coronado Village to those of  
8 the original 1986 North I-25 Sector Development Plan; and

9 WHEREAS, it is advantageous to the community as articulated in the  
10 Albuquerque Bernalillo Comprehensive Plan and the goals of the North I-25  
11 Sector Plan to include the Coronado Village site, which is located at the  
12 northwest corner of Interstate I-25 and Paseo del Norte, in the Regional  
13 Commercial Land Use District Overlay presented in the Plan because the  
14 Regional Commercial Land Use District allows for a mix of multi-family and  
15 non-residential uses, and the Coronado Village site is a node of development  
16 similar to other parcels located within the Plan area that are designated as  
17 Regional Commercial.

18 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
19 ALBUQUERQUE:

20 SECTION 1. MODIFICATIONS TO THE LAND USE DISTRICT OVERLAY  
21 MAP.

- 22 A. The title of Figure 10, the Map on page 25, "Proposed Land Use Plan"  
23 shall be amended to read "Land Use District Overlay".
- 24 B. The parcel described as Tract A-1, plat of Tract A-1 Coronado Village,  
25 containing approximately 57.3349 acres and located in the northwest  
26 quadrant of the intersection of Interstate-25 and Paseo del Norte, is  
27 included in the Land Use District Overlay presented in the Plan and is  
28 designated an overlay district of RC (Regional Commercial).
- 29 C. A revised map showing this property within the RC overlay is attached  
30 as Exhibit A. This map shall substitute the current Figure 10 on page 25  
31 in the Plan document.

32 SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO SU-2/MUD ZONING DEVELOPMENT

33 STANDARDS. The zoning descriptor for SU-2/MUD zoning (found on page 15

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- 1 on the sector development plan) shall be amended as follows: “SU-2/MUD –  
2 Mixed-Use Development (only one tract – mobile home site of Coronado  
3 Village; I-25 & Paseo) - Shall be regulated by the Zoning Code’s IP regulations  
4 with the following specifications:
- 5 1. Mobile Homes as of effective date of [the 1986] plan.
  - 6 2. 16 acres in west portion of site shall be residential not exceeding  
7 30 du/net acre.
  - 8 3. Balance of site may be used for IP.
  - 9 4. Up to 15 gross acres of the area otherwise allowed for IP uses  
10 may be used for uses permissive in the C-2 zone, provided the  
11 Development Review Board determines (or another body  
12 determines on appeal) that there will be adequate traffic operation  
13 with respect to the surrounding network, a determination made at  
14 least in part based upon the following material submitted by the  
15 developer:
    - 16 a. A detailed land use plan for all of the site which indicates  
17 square feet of floor area by land use category and provides an  
18 on-site circulation system adequate to serve the proposed  
19 uses;
    - 20 b. A Traffic Impact Study, acceptable to the City of Albuquerque  
21 Traffic Engineer and the New Mexico Department of  
22 Transportation (NMDOT), which demonstrates the engineering,  
23 legal, and feasibility of construction of San Mateo Boulevard  
24 from Wilshire Avenue through the site and connecting to the  
25 proposed new City roadway as shown on the plan approved  
26 for the redevelopment of Paseo del Norte and Interstate 25, or  
27 another transportation alternative acceptable to the City; and
    - 28 c. Adequate written assurance or commitment that the portion of  
29 the on-site and off-site improvements that connects with or  
30 relates to the site, as assumed in the Traffic Impact Study, will  
31 be constructed and paid for in a manner acceptable to the City.
  - 32 5. Developer may request and the EPC may approve adjustments  
33 to parking requirements to help pedestrian circulation.”

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**SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO THE REGIONAL COMMERCIAL (RC) LAND USE DISTRICT.** Chapter 3, Land Use Plan, is amended as follows:

1. On page 24, delete in its entirety the second paragraph beginning with “The parcel described as Tract A-1”.
2. On page 28, section d) Mixed-use of the Regional Commercial (RC) Land Use District is amended as follows:
  - d) Mixed-use. Residential uses allowed on second story and above only, except, where abutting or adjacent to a residential zone or a property with a single-family dwelling unit, residential uses may be developed at ground level.
3. On page 28, the following new section e) shall be inserted in the Regional Commercial (RC) Land Use District, and the subsequent section shall be re-lettered as section f):
  - e) Height limit for the property described as “Tract A-1, Plat of Tract A-1 Coronado Village Containing 57.3349 Acres” (the “Coronado Village Site”) and any subdivision of such tract: Within the first 100’, including right-of-way, if any, from the eastern boundary of the SU-2/SU-1 MH Park zone located to the immediate west of the Coronado Village Site, structure height on the Coronado Village Site shall be limited to 30’; within the area between 100’ and 150’, including right-of-way, if any, from the eastern boundary of the SU-2/SU-1 MH Park zone, structure height on the Coronado Village Site shall be limited to 40’. For all other areas on the Coronado Village Site, structure height shall be regulated by section 4.3 Building Height Overlay of this Plan.

**SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO SECTION 4.3 BUILDING HEIGHT OVERLAY.** Section 4.3 Building Height Overlay, located on pages 38-40 of the Plan, is amended as follows:

1. On page 39, amend the sentence that begins “65 ft (5 stories), the maximum height allowed...” as follows: “65 ft (5 stories), the maximum height allowed under the Height Overlay, generally follows the Regional Commercial Land Use District located at the nodes of I-25, except as otherwise provided in the Plan for the property

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1 described as “Tract A-1, Plat of Tract A-1 Coronado Village  
2 Containing 57.3349 Acres” and any subdivision of such tract. As a  
3 condition of Regional Commercial...”

4 2. On page 40, amend Figure 11, Building Height Overlay, by including  
5 an asterisk (\*) in the legend after “65 ft MAX” and a corresponding  
6 asterisk below the legend that contains the following note: \*Certain  
7 limitations, as stated in the Plan, apply to the property described as  
8 “Tract A-1, Plat of Tract A-1 Coronado Village Containing 57.3349  
9 Acres” and any subdivision of such tract.

10 SECTION 5. FINDINGS ADOPTED. The City Council adopts the following  
11 Findings:

- 12 1. This is a request for approval of amendments to the 2010 North I-25  
13 Sector Development Plan as it was remanded by the Second District  
14 Court of the State of New Mexico to include the parcel described in  
15 SECTION 1, B. above in the Plan’s Land Use District Overlay and  
16 designate it as RC (Regional Commercial) and to amend the SU-2/MUD  
17 zoning development standards.
- 18 2. The Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan, Planned  
19 Growth Strategy, the Major Public Open Space Facility Plan, Facility  
20 Plan for Arroyos, Trails & Bikeways Facility Plan, the North Valley Area  
21 Plan, the Alameda Boulevard Design Overlay Zone and the City of  
22 Albuquerque Zoning Code are incorporated herein by reference and  
23 made part of the record for all purposes.
- 24 3. The boundaries of the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are Paseo del  
25 Norte and San Bernardino Avenue to the south, Louisiana Boulevard to  
26 the east, the North Diversion Channel and follow the western right-of-  
27 way boundary of the North Diversion Channel (beginning at the  
28 intersection of Edith Boulevard) north to the sovereign line of Sandia  
29 Pueblo to the west and Sandia Indian Reservation’s sovereign line on  
30 the north.
- 31 4. The zoning descriptor for the Coronado Village parcel is SU-2/MUD  
32 where MUD is described in SECTION 2 above.

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- 1     **5.     These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are**  
2     **generally in compliance with the Open Space goal and policies of the**  
3     **Land Use component of the Comprehensive Plan.**
- 4     **6.     These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are**  
5     **generally in compliance with the Developing Urban and Established**  
6     **Urban goal and policies of the Land Use component of the**  
7     **Comprehensive Plan. These are met as follows:**
- 8             **•     The changes will allow for both residential and commercial uses.**  
9             **The subject site, in conjunction with other properties in the area,**  
10            **support densities of 5 du/acre on average (policy a).**
  - 11            **•     Building height restrictions help to shape the type and mixture of**  
12            **uses future development can have. This helps govern the overall**  
13            **density and intensity as well as the design of new developments**  
14            **within the area (Policy d).**
  - 15            **•     Development of the subject site is regulated by its Zoning as well**  
16            **as the location of public easements for major roads and natural**  
17            **drainage ways (Policy g).**
  - 18            **•     The Regional Commercial Land Use District allows for a mix of**  
19            **multi-family and non-residential uses (Policy i).**
  - 20            **•     The more intense commercial uses are intended for nodes of**  
21            **development and are designated as Regional Commercial.**  
22            **Proposed design standards for these land use districts are**  
23            **intended to promote a quality environment for these areas by the**  
24            **incorporation of design elements for buildings and sites and the**  
25            **encouragement of a pedestrian environment (Policy k, l).**
- 26     **7.     These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are**  
27     **generally in compliance with the goal and policies of the Activity**  
28     **Centers section of the Land Use component of the Comprehensive Plan.**  
29     **This is met as follows: The Regional Commercial Land Use District**  
30     **allows for mixed-use development. Residential uses are allowed**  
31     **second story and above in the Regional Commercial land use district**  
32     **with non-residential uses on the ground floor. This land use district is**  
33     **appropriate for the subject site (Policy i, j).**

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- 1 8. These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are  
2 generally in compliance with the goal and policies of the Economic  
3 Development portion of the Resource Management component of the  
4 Comprehensive Plan. This is met as follows: Light industrial and office  
5 type developments. The demand for this land use will allow the  
6 development of more and smaller buildings to occur. These new  
7 buildings will require more labor and thus an increased amount of jobs  
8 (Policy a, b).
- 9 9. These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are  
10 generally in compliance with the goal and policies of Community  
11 Identity and Urban Design of the Environmental Protection and Heritage  
12 Conservation component of the Comprehensive Plan. These are met as  
13 follows:
- 14 • The subject site could be the location of many commercial  
15 establishments and, therefore, this helps to establish the area's  
16 identity as an employment center (policy c).
  - 17 • The Plan's Design Standards require screening of parking lots  
18 and storage yards, implementation of special signage type and  
19 attractively built interchanges and infrastructure are examples of  
20 ways to achieve this goal (Policy e).
- 21 10. These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are  
22 generally in compliance with the goals and issues of the North Valley  
23 Area Plan (NVAP). While the NVAP identifies the North Valley as a rural,  
24 low-density area, it also recognizes the Plan area as an  
25 industrial/commercial area of high employment. The Plan recognizes  
26 the North I-25 area to develop as an employment center.
- 27 11. The policies of *R-270-1980* are furthered as follows:
- 28 A. The expansion of possible land uses within the Regional  
29 Commercial Land Use District Overlay provided by the Plan is  
30 found to be consistent with the health, safety, morals and general  
31 welfare of the City by allowing property owners the flexibility to  
32 develop/use their property in a manner that is current with the  
33 market place.



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- B. Stability of land use policy is recognized by the Plan through the creation of Land Use Districts appropriate to the areas concerned. The Regional Commercial Land Use District that is overlaid on the Coronado Village parcel is also found to be appropriate. The Plan area is still looked upon as an employment center, but has new elements added since the last version of the sector plan. The biggest change is the addition of residential neighborhoods, which need to be buffered from non-residential uses. Also, the area is developing into a more business park development rather than strictly industrial uses. Therefore, the flexibility afforded by the Land Use Districts provides for better utilization of land use.**
- C. These amendments to the 2010 North I-25 Sector Development Plan are not in conflict with the Comprehensive Plan and promote the idea of a better-served community through the expansion of allowable uses in the Land Use Districts.**
- D. The Regional Commercial Land Use District overlaid on the Coronado Village parcel presents additional use categories that are more advantageous to the community, as articulated in the Comprehensive Plan or other City master plan.**
- E. The Regional Commercial Land Use District has certain expanded allowable uses available and these uses were thought through to make sure that adjacent properties, neighborhoods and the community would not be harmed.**
- F. These amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan do not require capital improvements for the area.**
- G. The cost of land or other economic factors are not a reason for these amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan.**
- H. The location of the parcel on major streets is not the sole reason for these amendments to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan.**
- I. The Regional Commercial Land Use District that is applied to this parcel is in addition to the underlying zoning. It is one of seven different overlay districts used in the Plan area and the parcel is**

1 adjacent to other parcels with the Regional Commercial overlay -  
2 there will be no spot zoning.

3 J. The Regional Commercial Land Use District that is applied to this  
4 parcel is in addition to the underlying zoning. It is one of seven  
5 different overlay districts used in the Plan area and the parcel is  
6 adjacent to other parcels with the Regional Commercial overlay -  
7 there will be no strip zoning.

8 SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This legislation shall  
9 take effect five days after publication by title and general summary.

10 SECTION 7. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,  
11 clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or  
12 unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not  
13 affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council  
14 hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,  
15 paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any  
16 provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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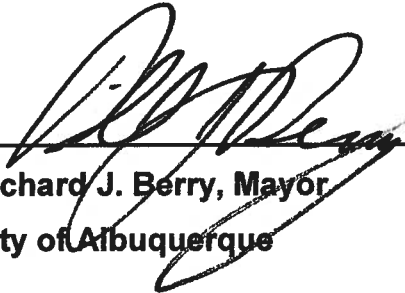
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7 Trudy E. Jones, President  
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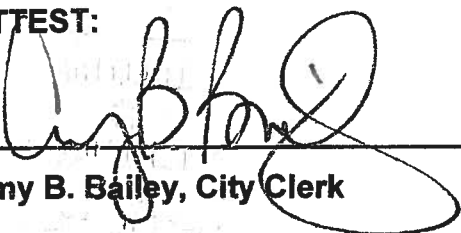
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29 Amy B. Bailey, City Clerk

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**CITY of ALBUQUERQUE  
EIGHTEENTH COUNCIL**

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-09-263

ENACTMENT NO. 8.2010.041

SPONSORED BY: Debbie O'Malley by request

1 RESOLUTION  
2 REPEAL OF THE 1986 NORTH I-25 SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND  
3 ADOPTION OF THE REVISED NORTH I-25 SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN  
4 AND ADDITION OF DESIGN STANDARDS AND AN SU-2 PREFIX FOR CERTAIN  
5 PROPERTY'S WITHOUT A SECTOR PLAN DESIGNATION WITHIN THE  
6 REVISED NORTH I-25 SECTOR BOUNDARY AS SPECIFIED IN EXHIBIT 1. THE  
7 REVISED SECTOR PLAN BOUNDARIES ARE PASEO DEL NORTE AND SAN  
8 BERNARDINO AVENUE TO THE SOUTH, LOUISIANA BOULEVARD TO THE  
9 EAST, THE NORTH DIVERSION CHANNEL AND EDITH BOULEVARD TO THE  
10 WEST AND SANDIA INDIAN RESERVATION'S SOVEREIGN LINE ON THE  
11 NORTH AND CONTAINS APPROXIMATELY 2,800 ACRES.

12 WHEREAS, the Council, the Governing Body of the City of Albuquerque,  
13 has the authority to adopt and amend plans for the physical development of  
14 areas within the planning and platting jurisdiction of the City authorized by  
15 statute, Section 3-19-3, NMSA 1978, and by its home rule powers; and

16 WHEREAS, the City of Albuquerque adopted the North I-25 Sector  
17 Development Plan in 1986 through Council C/S Resolution R-99, Enactment  
18 Number 121-1986; and

19 WHEREAS, the Council has the authority to adopt, amend, or repeal such a  
20 sector development plan; and

21 WHEREAS, on March 15, 2008, the Environmental Planning Commission, in  
22 its advisory role on land use and planning matters, recommended that the City  
23 Council repeal the 1986 North I-25 Sector Development Plan, adopt the revised  
24 North I-25 Sector Development Plan, and change the zoning designation to  
25 include an SU-2 prefix for all properties within the plan area that do not  
26 already have one; and

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1 WHEREAS, the Environmental Planning Commission found approval of the  
2 Revised North I-25 Sector Development Plan consistent with applicable goals  
3 and policies of the Comprehensive Plan, Planned Growth Strategy, the North  
4 Valley Area Plan, Major Public Open Space Facility Plan, Facility Plan for  
5 Arroyos, Trails & Bikeways Facility Plan, the Alameda Boulevard Design  
6 Overlay Zone and R-270-1980.

7 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF  
8 ALBUQUERQUE:

9 SECTION 1. THE 1986 NORTH I-25 SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PLAN,  
10 Council C/S Resolution R-99, Enactment Number 121-1986, and the  
11 corresponding amendments, listed below, are hereby repealed:

- 12 1. R-224, enactment no. 17-1987
- 13 2. R-254, enactment no. 27-1989
- 14 3. R-456, enactment no. 171-1991
- 15 4. R-337, enactment no. 6-1996
- 16 5. R-88, enactment no. 110-1996
- 17 6. R-287, enactment no. 5-1998

18 SECTION 2. ADOPTION OF THE REVISED NORTH I-25 SECTOR  
19 DEVELOPMENT PLAN. The revised North I-25 Sector Development Plan is  
20 hereby adopted. The zone categories of various sites within the identified plan  
21 boundaries have been changed as identified in Exhibit 3 based on the findings  
22 and subject to the conditions of approval contained in the Environmental  
23 Planning Commission's Official Notice of Decision dated May 16, 2008.

24 SECTION 3. FINDINGS ADOPTED. The City Council adopts the following  
25 Findings as recommended by the EPC:

- 26 1. This is a request for a recommendation of approval for an  
27 amendment to the North I-25 Sector Development Plan. The March  
28 2008 draft North I-25 Sector Development Plan is proposed to replace  
29 the existing North I-25 Plan once a recommendation of approval is  
30 forwarded to the City Council. Upon Council adoption of the North I-  
31 25 Sector Development Plan, the existing North I-25 Plan, is to be  
32 rescinded.

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- 1        2.        The floor substitute to R-06-20 established the One-Year Objectives  
2                    for the City of Albuquerque and listed under the Sustainable  
3                    Community Development Goal, Objective 13, the directive to  
4                    “complete and introduce to the City Council the North I-25 Gateway  
5                    Plan”.
- 6        3.        The boundaries of the North I-25 Sector Development Plan are Paseo  
7                    del Norte and San Bernardino Avenue to the south, Louisiana  
8                    Boulevard to the east, the North Diversion Channel and Edith  
9                    Boulevard to the west and Sandia Indian Reservation’s sovereign  
10                   line on the north.
- 11       4.        The boundary of the updated North I-25 Sector Development Plan  
12                   follows the same boundary as the existing North I-25 Sector  
13                   Development Plan with one exception on the north half of the  
14                   western boundary. The existing Plan area is bounded by Edith  
15                   Boulevard for the entire length on the western side. The updated  
16                   North I-25 Sector Development Plan will follow the western right-of-  
17                   way boundary of the North Diversion Channel (beginning at the  
18                   intersection of Edith Boulevard) north to the sovereign line of Sandia  
19                   Pueblo. The parcels that were included between the North Diversion  
20                   Channel and Edith Boulevard (north of their intersection) are no  
21                   longer within the new Plan’s area. This is because these parcels are  
22                   within the unincorporated County and not the City.
- 23       5.        The City of Albuquerque contracted with the professional planning  
24                   firm HDR, Inc. to produce the updated North I-25 Sector Development  
25                   Plan. The public involvement process began in March 2006 with a 3-  
26                   day charrette that included over 20 one-on-one individual  
27                   stakeholder interviews and was attended by over 30 members of the  
28                   public. A series of public meetings began in August 2006 to present  
29                   the direction the consultant team was working. After many  
30                   comments from the public and additional public comments were  
31                   received, submittal to the EPC was made in April 2007 for a June  
32                   2007 hearing.

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- 1       6.     **The EPC recommended deferral at its June 2007 hearing and asked**  
2           **many changes to the Plan occur. The consultant changed its**  
3           **personnel and started a new document in place of the first updated**  
4           **Plan. The Plan that is currently in front of the EPC is the March 2008**  
5           **version.**
- 6       7.     **Two more public meetings were held after the first EPC hearing in**  
7           **June 2007. These meetings were November 14, 2007 and January 9,**  
8           **2008. These meetings were necessary to garner more public input**  
9           **into the creation of the new document – the document that is**  
10          **presented currently. The November 2007 meeting was strictly to**  
11          **gather input. The January 2008 public meeting was to present a**  
12          **document and discuss what else was needed to go into the EPC**  
13          **version of the document.**
- 14      8.     **There are no proposed changes to land uses or entitlements for**  
15          **individual properties with this update to the North I-25 Sector**  
16          **Development Plan. However, all parcels shall have an SU-2 prefix**  
17          **added to it and all parcels within the Plan area will be subject to the**  
18          **design standards.**
- 19      9.     **The update of the Plan is organized into 9 chapters. It consists of**  
20          **goals and strategies to guide development and site design. The**  
21          **introduction is chapter 1 and gives the users of this Plan a procedure**  
22          **to follow in order to develop their property in accordance to the Plan.**  
23          **Chapter 2, the “Community Context” gives an existing conditions**  
24          **assessment as well as describing existing plans that also have some**  
25          **control over the Plan area. Chapter 3 is the “Land Use Plan” and**  
26          **describes the Land Use Districts. Chapter 4 is the substantial**  
27          **portion of the Plan and provides the “Community Design Plan”; this**  
28          **includes the building height overlay. Chapter 5 is the**  
29          **“Transportation Plan” and discusses policies that will make traffic**  
30          **circulation with the Plan area function better. Chapter 6 presents the**  
31          **“Open Space Plan”. Chapter 7, The “Environmental & Public Safety**  
32          **Plan” discusses drainage and landfill issues. Chapter 8 is the “Plan**  
33          **Implementation” portion of the document and essentially is the CIP**

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1 projects list. Chapter 9 is the “City Zoning Districts Applicable to the  
2 Plan”. This was put in to make sure that the intended uses of the  
3 Plan are captured when the Plan is adopted. The appendices contain  
4 the “Interim Guidelines for Development within City Designated  
5 Landfill Buffer Zones” and “Traffic Calming Techniques”.

6 10. Land Use Districts are introduced with the updated Plan. These  
7 districts cover the entire Plan area and provide flexibility by allowing  
8 additional uses that are more characteristic to the promotion of the  
9 vitality of the Plan area and offer a different use category that is more  
10 advantageous to the community as articulated in the Comprehensive  
11 Plan.

12 Land Use Districts are used as a method to guide development and  
13 impose consistency of form. These Land Use Districts are overlay  
14 zones and are used to form the types of developments that can  
15 occur within certain areas. In general, the Land Use Districts expand  
16 the allowable uses for each parcel while imposing tailored design  
17 regulations that depend on the location of each particular parcel.

18 The Land Use Districts are:

- 19 • Low-Medium Residential (LMDR)
- 20 • High Density Residential (HDR)
- 21 • Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
- 22 • Regional Commercial (RC)
- 23 • Commerce (C)
- 24 • Manufacturing (M)
- 25 • Recreation and Open Space (ROS)

26 11. Since the expanded uses are different than the permissive and  
27 conditional uses of the underlying zoning, staff feels that notification  
28 to all property owners in and bordering the Plan area shall be made.  
29 Although this notification is not required, staff feels that it will  
30 provide an additional opportunity for property owners to be notified.

31 12. Design standards are presented in the updated North I-25 Sector  
32 Development Plan to create an image for the northern gateway into  
33 the City and along the I-25 corridor. Along the lines on creating an



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- 1 image for this area, design standards are also to be used for the  
2 screening of manufacturing properties and storage yards from the  
3 view-shed along roadways within this area. This will help to create a  
4 sense of 'place', especially along the entrance to the Balloon Fiesta  
5 Park.
- 6 13. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
7 with the Open Space goal and policies of the Land Use component of  
8 the Comprehensive Plan. These are met as follows:
- 9 • The City's acquisition of the reclaimed Los Angeles Landfill and  
10 using it as part of the Balloon Fiesta Park (policy a).
  - 11 • The natural area adjacent to Wildflower Park and the inter-  
12 connecting and traversing trails within the arroyos (policy c, f, j)
  - 13 • The establishment of a more connected trail network linking open  
14 spaces together and incorporating designated parks as part of a  
15 network (policy g, h, i).
- 16 14. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
17 with the Developing Urban and Established Urban goal and policies  
18 of the Land Use component of the Comprehensive Plan. These are  
19 met as follows:
- 20 • The Plan area contains a variety of zones that allow for both  
21 residential and commercial uses. These zone categories support  
22 densities of 5 du/acre on average (policy a).
  - 23 • Building height restrictions help to shape the type and mixture of  
24 uses each parcel's development can have. This helps govern the  
25 density and intensity as well as the design of new developments  
26 within the area (Policy d).
  - 27 • Development of the Plan area is regulated by the Zoning for each  
28 parcel as well as the location of public easements for major roads  
29 and natural drainage ways (Policy g).
  - 30 • The high-density residential area is adjacent to Balloon Fiesta  
31 Park and accesses Alameda Boulevard to the south (Policy h).

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- 1 • The Land Use Districts Neighborhood Commercial, Regional
- 2 Commercial and Commerce allow for a mix of multi-family and
- 3 non-residential uses (Policy i).
- 4 • The more intense commercial uses are intended for nodes of
- 5 development and are designated as Regional Commercial.
- 6 Proposed design standards for these land use districts are
- 7 intended to promote a quality environment for these areas by the
- 8 incorporation of design elements for buildings and sites and the
- 9 encouragement of a pedestrian environment (Policy k, l).
- 10 15. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance
- 11 with the goal and policies of the Activity Centers section of the Land
- 12 Use component of the Comprehensive Plan. These are met as
- 13 follows:
- 14 • There are two designated Centers within the North I-25 Sector
- 15 Development Plan area: a Specialty Activity Center (Balloon Fiesta
- 16 Park) and a Major Activity Center that straddles Alameda Boulevard
- 17 with the intersection of Jefferson Street at the eastern edge (Policy a).
- 18 • These Activity Center locations, therefore, shall develop in
- 19 accordance with more area-specific sub-area planning efforts, and
- 20 guide more intense development away from existing residential
- 21 areas (Policies f, g).
- 22 • The Land Use Districts Neighborhood Commercial, Regional
- 23 Commercial and Commerce Park allow for mixed-use
- 24 developments. Multi-family structures of a density of at least 12-
- 25 du/acre but no greater than 20-du/acre are allowed in
- 26 Neighborhood Commercial and residential uses are allowed
- 27 second story and above in the Neighborhood Commercial,
- 28 Regional Commercial and Commerce land use districts with non-
- 29 residential uses on the ground floor. These land use districts are
- 30 a large portion of the Plan area including the lands abutting the
- 31 Balloon Fiesta Park and the lands within the Major Activity Center
- 32 that overlays Alameda Boulevard (Policy i, j).

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- 1           16.    The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
2                with the goal and policies of the environmental portion of the  
3                Environmental Protection and Heritage Conservation section of the  
4                Comprehensive Plan. The Goal for Solid Waste is achieved through  
5                Policy e that utilizes the Los Angeles Landfill as a portion of the  
6                Balloon Fiesta Park. The landfills area is used to park RVs during  
7                the Balloon Fiesta and as a balloon landing site.
- 8           17.    The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
9                with the goal and policies of the Transportation and Transit section  
10              of the Community Resource Management component of the  
11              Comprehensive Plan. These are met as follows:
- 12              •    Alameda Boulevard is designated as an Enhanced Transit  
13                    Corridor east of I-25 and an Express Corridor west of I-25 through  
14                    the Plan area in the Centers and Corridors policies of the  
15                    Albuquerque/Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan (policy a).
  - 16              •    Non-motorized connections should be incorporated into the  
17                    interstate crossings linking pedestrian and bicycle trails together  
18                    from the east and west sides of I-25 (policy g) The Plan will  
19                    achieve this along Alameda Boulevard and the NMDOT is  
20                    proposing this connection in their reconstruction of the Paseo del  
21                    Norte/I-25 interchange.
  - 22              •    The North I-25 Sector Development Plan's chapter 5,  
23                    Transportation Plan, addresses the need to have much more  
24                    connectivity throughout the Plan area by showing existing and  
25                    proposed alignments for pedestrian and bike trails (policy h).
  - 26              •    Non-motorized trail connectivity should also provide access  
27                    through the trail network to the Balloon Fiesta Park and the Major  
28                    Activity Center along Alameda Boulevard (policy h).
  - 29              •    The Plan suggests providing connectivity utilizing trails within the  
30                    arroyos, building a continuous bike path along the North  
31                    Diversion Channel, providing bike-lanes along collector streets  
32                    and constructing the I-25 flyover on San Diego Avenue (Policy q).

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1 • Infrastructure projects are addressed in the Plan's  
2 Implementation chapter, chapter 8. These elements, collectively,  
3 address the promotion and integration of pedestrian  
4 opportunities, including at-grade crossings, urban walkways,  
5 multi-purpose paved trails and overall Plan improvements to  
6 mobility (Policies g, h, q).

7 18. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
8 with the goal and policies of the Economic Development portion of  
9 the Resource Management component of the Comprehensive Plan.  
10 These are met as follows:

- 11 • Light industrial and office type developments. The demand for  
12 this land use will allow the development of more and smaller  
13 buildings to occur. These new buildings will require more labor  
14 and thus an increased amount of jobs (Policy a, b).
- 15 • The Balloon Fiesta Park is located on the western boundary of the  
16 Plan area and will bring visitors from all over – regionally,  
17 nationally and internationally. The area already has some  
18 national and multi-national companies located within it, and the  
19 Balloon Fiesta Parks' draw of a large crowd certainly adds to the  
20 exposure of the Plan area as well as the City (Policy d).

21 19. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
22 with the goal and policies of Community Identity and Urban Design  
23 of the Environmental Protection and Heritage Conservation  
24 component of the Comprehensive Plan. These are met as follows:

- 25 • The Plan area is unique for several reasons. First, it is the  
26 gateway to north of the City. Second, Balloon Fiesta Park is  
27 located within the Plan area. Third, the Plan area is also the  
28 location of many commercial establishments and, therefore, this  
29 helps to establish the area's identity as an employment center  
30 (policy c).
- 31 • Since the Balloon Fiesta draws visitors regionally, nationally and  
32 internationally, attention needs to be paid to this area looking  
33 especially aesthetically pleasing. The Plan encourages the

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- 1 aesthetic enhancement of roadways that lead into the Park and  
2 around the Plan area. Screening of parking lots and storage  
3 yards, implementation of special signage type and attractively  
4 built interchanges and infrastructure are examples of ways to  
5 achieve this goal (Policy e).
- 6 20. The North I-25 Sector Development Plan is generally in compliance  
7 with the goals and issues of the North Valley Area Plan (NVAP).  
8 While the NVAP identifies the North Valley as a rural, low-density  
9 area, it also recognizes the Plan area as an industrial/commercial  
10 area of high employment. The Plan recognizes the North I-25 area to  
11 develop as an employment center.
- 12 21. The policies of *R-270-1980* are furthered as follows:
- 13 1) The expansion of possible land uses within each Land Use  
14 District provided by the updated Plan is found to be consistent  
15 with the health, safety, morals and general welfare of the City by  
16 allowing property owners the flexibility to develop/use their  
17 property in a manner that is current with the market place.
- 18 2) Stability of land use policy is recognized by the updated Plan  
19 through the creation of Land Use Districts. The Plan area is still  
20 looked upon as an employment center, but has new elements  
21 added since the last version of the sector plan. The biggest  
22 change is the addition of residential neighborhoods which need  
23 to be buffered from non-residential uses. Also, the area is  
24 developing into a more business park development rather than  
25 strictly industrial uses. Therefore, the flexibility afforded by the  
26 Land Use Districts provides for better utilization of land use.
- 27 3) The updated sector Plan is not in conflict with the Comprehensive  
28 Plan and promotes the idea of a better served community through  
29 the expansion of allowable uses in the Land Use Districts.
- 30 4) Land Use Districts present additional use categories that are  
31 more advantageous to the community, as articulated in the  
32 Comprehensive Plan or other City master plan.

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- 1           5) The various Land Use Districts have certain expanded allowable  
2           uses available to them and these uses were thought through to  
3           make sure that adjacent properties, neighborhoods and the  
4           community would not be harmed.
- 5           6) The updated sector Plan does include a capital improvements list  
6           for projects to be completed that will enhance the area. These  
7           projects are public investments to be made to increase the  
8           attractiveness of the area and to make private investment in the  
9           area more desirable by private property owners.
- 10          7) Land Use Districts are an addition to the underlying zoning. It is a  
11          series of overlays that are Plan area wide - there will be no spot  
12          zoning.
- 13          8) Land Use Districts are an addition to the underlying zoning. It is a  
14          series of overlays that are Plan area wide - there will be no strip  
15          zoning.
- 16      22.   Several of the commenting agencies have responded to the request  
17          to review this Plan. The comments from the City Engineer,  
18          Department of Municipal Development, The Water Authority and  
19          NMDOT have no comments on this Plan. The discussion with their  
20          spokesperson is that the Plan itself does not ask for anything to  
21          happen that they cannot handle at the individual site plan review  
22          level. Thus, they will address specific issues with the property  
23          owners' on a case-by-case basis. The agencies that did provide  
24          comments offer a more explanatory quality and make suggestions  
25          for the Plan to read better than they offer concerns.
- 26      23.   The City Forester expands his observation of minimal design  
27          standards with pointing out that there are no specific requirements  
28          to buffer/screen landfills, Sandia Indian Reservation lands or the  
29          North Diversion Channel. These areas have a large impact within the  
30          Plan area and should be addressed.
- 31      24.   Staff has received letters from residents and stakeholders in the Plan  
32          area. A lot of the concerns from residents are about traffic through  
33          the Plan area. Although these concerns are well noted, the sector

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1 Plan can only make recommendations of solutions, not correct them.  
2 The concerns of the stakeholders have been addressed in the Plan  
3 and their letters are attached to the staff report.

4 SECTION 4. CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL ADOPTED. The City Council  
5 adopts the following Conditions of Approval as recommended by the EPC:

- 6 1. The EPC delegates final sign-off authority of this site development  
7 plan to the Development Review Board (DRB). The DRB is  
8 responsible for ensuring that all EPC Conditions have been satisfied  
9 and that other applicable City requirements have been met. A letter  
10 shall accompany the submittal, specifying all modifications that have  
11 been made to the site plan since the EPC hearing, including how the  
12 site plan has been modified to meet each of the EPC conditions.  
13 Unauthorized changes to this site plan, including before or after DRB  
14 final sign-off, may result in forfeiture of approvals.
- 15 2. Prior to application submittal to the DRB, the applicant shall meet  
16 with the staff planner to ensure that all conditions of approval are  
17 met.
- 18 3. This text shall be inserted on page 4 of the March 2008 Plan as  
19 paragraph 7) of section 1.5 "How to Use This Plan", just in front of  
20 section "1.6 Definitions"*"All developments shall conform to the*  
21 *City's Development Process Manual, City Ordinances and applicable*  
22 *policies with respect to storm water management"*.
- 23 4. Modifications should be made to Section 1.5 "How To Use This  
24 Plan". In paragraph 4) a) *"All site plans must be approved through a*  
25 *DRB process"*.
- 26 5. The DRB is the "Development Review Board", not the "Design  
27 Review Board" and should be changed in section 1.5.
- 28 6. All properties within the Plan area shall have an SU-2 prefix in front  
29 of their land use zoning to signify that they are within the sector  
30 plan's boundaries.
- 31 7. Chapter 1 of the North I-25 Sector Plan shall state that all properties  
32 with an SU-2 prefix shall be in control by the sector plan and shall  
33 comply with the design standards of the sector plan.

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- 1 8. Modifications should be made to Section 3.2 “Land Use Districts”.  
2 Under the heading of Commerce (CP) on page 26, paragraph a) shall  
3 read as follows:
- 4 • IP Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses,
  - 5 • M-1 Zone Permissive Uses, EXCEPT A(1), A(5), A(6), A(12), A(15),  
6 A(16), A(17), and
  - 7 • M-1 Zone Conditional Uses B(5), B(7).
- 8 9. “Height Overlay”, page 36. The height overlay pertains to those  
9 properties that utilize the expanded uses as presented in the Land  
10 Use Districts. Property owners that follow the underlying zoning will  
11 be subject to that zone’s height restrictions. Thus, the use of  
12 bolding the first sentence of the last paragraph on this page should  
13 be made. The sentence will read the same, but in bold letters: *“If*  
14 *following the underlying zoning, development proposals are subject*  
15 *to the height requirements set forth in the City of Albuquerque*  
16 *Zoning Code”*.
- 17 10. The EPC shall be given discretion of the building height when a  
18 development proposal is reviewed by them for SU-1 zoned  
19 properties.
- 20 11. The Environmental Health Department has asked that the following  
21 language be inserted into the Plan:
- 22 *There is a potential for development and infrastructure projects*  
23 *within this Plan area to be impacted by the presence of landfill*  
24 *gas generated by several former private and City owned/operated*  
25 *landfills (Los Angeles Landfill, Colorado Landfill, Nazareth*  
26 *Landfill, Sacramento Landfill and Holly Landfill). Development in*  
27 *select areas within the Plan area will be required to comply with*  
28 *the most current version of the City of Albuquerque Interim*  
29 *Guidelines for Development within City Designated Landfill Buffer*  
30 *Zones. A review and approval of the Site Plan(s), the proposed*  
31 *construction, design drawings and a certification of construction*  
32 *will be required by the Environmental Health Department (EHD),*  
33 *Environmental Services Division.*



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- 1       **12. All Public Utility Easements shall be clearly marked on site plans**  
2       **requesting approval. Adequate clearance must be provided for all**  
3       **ground mounted utilities for operation, maintenance and repair**  
4       **purposes. This language shall be incorporated in chapter 4 on the**  
5       **Plan. Public utility easements (if needed) should be appropriately**  
6       **located and indicated on all site plans. Since these are conceptual**  
7       **plans, it will be necessary for the City to coordinate with all utilities**  
8       **regarding the location of the P.U.E and utilization of the area located**  
9       **above the P.U.E. This is needed to ensure that PNM facilities are**  
10       **adequately addressed during the development phase of future**  
11       **projects.**
- 12       **13. Agreement was obtained between the Albuquerque International**  
13       **Balloon Fiesta, Inc, Cam-Valle Norte, LLC and Westlake Horizon**  
14       **Boulevard, LLC about building height maximums south of the**  
15       **balloon launch field and this agreement shall be made a part of this**  
16       **sector plan. This agreement is for the privately owned properties**  
17       **directly south of the balloon launch field, north of Alameda**  
18       **Boulevard on the east side of the North Diversion Channel (see**  
19       **attached map). This map specifies that Tract 1 and Tract 4 shall have**  
20       **a 72-foot maximum building height, Tract 2 and Tract 3A shall have a**  
21       **maximum 52-foot building height and Tract 3B and the lot between**  
22       **Tract 3B and Tract 3A will have a maximum building height of 39-**  
23       **feet. No other property is included in this agreement.**
- 24       **14. Adjustment to the Building Height overlay map shall be made to the**  
25       **Regional Commercial Land Use District along the south side of**  
26       **Paseo del Norte, east of I-25. Building heights on the north side of**  
27       **Paseo del Norte between San Pedro Drive and Louisiana Boulevard**  
28       **shall remain at 39-feet.**
- 29       **15. Designate San Mateo Boulevard as a minor arterial north of Paseo**  
30       **del Norte to Alameda.**
- 31       **16. Landscaping of the median of Alameda Boulevard west of I-25 within**  
32       **the Plan area shall be included in the Plan Implementation portion of**  
33       **the Plan (Chapter 8).**

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- 1 17. The text in Paragraph 4. of section 5.1.1 “Transportation Capital  
2 Improvements” on page 41 shall state that left turns from San Diego  
3 Avenue to Jefferson Street (south-bound) shall not be allowed at the  
4 San Diego Avenue/Balloon Museum Drive connection. The  
5 exception to this is during special events at the Balloon Park in order  
6 to alleviate traffic congestion. However, right turn traffic from  
7 Jefferson Street to San Diego (north-bound) shall be allowed on a  
8 regular basis.
- 9 18. Language regarding the North La Cueva Arroyo shall be made  
10 consistent. Section 5.1.2 “Transportation Recommended Actions”,  
11 paragraph 9. on page 42 incorrectly states modifications to be made  
12 to the trail are in the South La Cueva Arroyo and should say the  
13 North La Cueva Arroyo.
- 14 19. The word North should also be inserted in front of La Cueva Arroyo  
15 on page 50 Transportation, 5.1.2 (12) in the paragraph under Action.
- 16 20. On page 44, 6.2.1 “Open Space Capital Improvements”, paragraph 4.  
17 should be deleted as it is redundant; a trail connection already exists  
18 at Jefferson Street and Balloon Museum Drive.
- 19 21. The widening of Alameda Boulevard east of I-25 from two-lanes to  
20 four-lanes shall be included in chapter 8, “Implementation” of this  
21 Plan and included on the CIP project list.
- 22 22. Landscaping along Alameda Boulevard as an entrance to Balloon  
23 Fiesta Park shall be listed on the CIP list as a “Community Design”  
24 element on page 48.
- 25 23. Freestanding monument sign regulations on page 35 shall be  
26 amended as follows:
- 27 • maximum sign face area 50 square feet mounted on a 24 inch to
  - 28 36 inch base.
  - 29 • maximum overall height 13 feet
  - 30 • pole mounted signs are prohibited.
- 31 24. Figure 10, page 23, Lots 1A, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6A-2, Block 14, Tract A, Unit B,  
32 North Albuquerque Acres shall be designated regional commercial  
33 land use.

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1       25.    On page 33, landscaping, numbers 4 and 5 shall be combined to read  
2            “The special buffer zone shall be 10 feet”.

3       26.    Building signage, pages 35 and 36 add “Roof mounted signage and  
4            signage that extends above the parapit are prohibited”.


5       SECTION 5. EFFECTIVE DATE AND PUBLICATION. This legislation shall  
6       take effect ninety days after publication by title and general summary.

7       SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. If any section, paragraph, sentence,  
8       clause, word or phrase of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid or  
9       unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not  
10       affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this resolution. The Council  
11       hereby declares that it would have passed this resolution and each section,  
12       paragraph, sentence, clause, word or phrase thereof irrespective of any  
13       provisions being declared unconstitutional or otherwise invalid.

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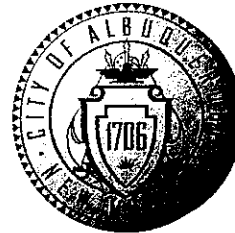
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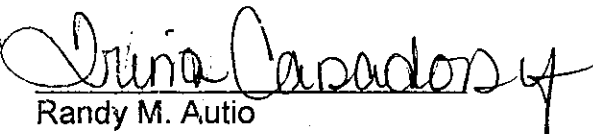
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I hereby certify the Office of the City Clerk received Bill No. R-09-263 as signed by the president of the City Council. Enactment No. R-2010-041 was passed at the Council meeting of February 17, 2010. Pursuant to Article XI, Section 3, City Charter, this Resolution is in full effect without Mayor's approval or signature to the expiration of the ten days allowed for his signature. This memorandum shall be placed in permanent file for Bill No. R-09-263.

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Nor Este Neighborhood Association

North Domingo Baca Neighborhood Association

North Edith Commercial Corridor Association

North Hills Home Owners Association

North Wyoming Neighborhood Association

Pleasant View Mobile Home Association

The Quail Springs Neighborhood Association

Sonora Home Owners Association

Sun North Estates Neighborhood Association

West La Cueva Neighborhood Association

Wildflower Area Neighborhood Association

Vista Del Norte Alliance

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

The North I-25 Sector Plan provides the framework for guiding the development of 2,800 acres in northern Albuquerque. The area covered by this Sector Plan serves as an important asset to the City of Albuquerque, functioning as a northern gateway to the City and as an emergent employment center for the region.

The purpose of the Plan is to achieve the City's vision for the area by guiding the future development of the Sector Plan area as a regional employment center and to control the residential development that has encroached upon the area on its eastern boundary.

The North I-25 Sector Plan is a Rank 3 plan, the most detailed level of the City's planning program, intended to be implemented and enforced through policy, regulation, and capital improvements funding. The Sector Plan includes specific land use regulations, design standards, streetscape recommendations, and capital improvement priorities. The Sector Plan is consistent with the City of Albuquerque's overall goals for Sector Plan development, which are to implement the concept of centers and corridors, enhance livability of communities, attain stakeholder agreement through the planning process, and develop regulatory and capital project plans.

## 1.2 ORGANIZATION OF THE PLAN

The North I-25 Sector Plan is presented in eight chapters:

**Chapter 1 – Introduction**, provides the background information to the I-25 Sector Plan, describing the purpose of the plan, plan boundaries, organization of the plan, the plan development process, and how to use the Plan.

**Chapter 2 – Community Context**, describes the relationship of the Plan to other plans and codes and summarizes the existing conditions in the Plan area including demographic, land use, zoning, infrastructure and transportation conditions.

**Chapter 3 – Land Use Plan**, describes the Plan's Land Use policies and the recommended actions for complying with the policies. Chapter 3 also discusses the Land Use Districts established within the Plan area and the standards associated with each District.

**Chapter 4 – Community Design Plan**, discusses the Plan's Community Design policies and the proposed recommended actions for complying with the policies. Chapter 4 also describes the design regulations for the Plan area regulations for site design, building design and signage.

**Chapter 5 – Transportation Plan**, describes the Plan's Transportation Plan, including policies, capital improvements and recommended actions for motorized and non-motorized transportation and circulation.

**Chapter 6 – Open Space Plan**, describes the Plan's Open Space Plan, including policies, capital improvements and recommended actions for open space conservation and trail development.

**Chapter 7 – Environmental and Public Safety Plan**, discusses the Plan's approach to environmental and safety issues including issues related to drainage and landfills.

**Chapter 8 – Plan Implementation**, specifies how the Plan is to be implemented, including financing methods, plan adoption, and recommended capital improvements.

Within Chapters 3 through 7, the Plan is organized in the following manner:

*Policies* take effect upon adoption of the Plan.

*Capital Improvements* are those initiatives that make physical improvements to the Plan area. The City allocated funds through the Capital Implementation Program (CIP) for these projects, which come from the General Obligation Bonds and other sources.

*Recommended Actions* refer to those actions that would be undertaken by the existing City, County, or State departments, or other entity. They include improvements or suggested additions to current programs.





Figure 1  
Sector Plan  
Boundary



### 1.3 PLAN AREA BOUNDARIES

The Plan area is within the City of Albuquerque Council District's 2 (west of I-25) and District 4 (east of I-25). Sandia Pueblo's Reservation defines the Plan area's northern boundary; Louisiana Boulevard defines the eastern boundary; Paseo del Norte (SR 423) and the Domingo Baca Arroyo define the southern boundary; and the North Diversion Channel and Edith Boulevard define the western boundary. **Figure 1** illustrates the boundaries for the Sector Plan area.

### 1.4 PLAN DEVELOPMENT PROCESS

The North I-25 Sector Plan was developed in collaboration between the public and the City of Albuquerque. Public input, including input from residences, business and landowners, and community organizations, was integral in the planning process.

The development of the North I-25 Sector Plan began with a three-day design charrette held in March 2006. The purpose of the charrette was to receive input from the public regarding the vision for the Sector Plan area and to identify plan area issues. Two additional public meetings were later held to seek public comment through a draft plan review process performed by a stakeholder committee. From this process, a new land use plan was formulated and made available to the public via the City of Albuquerque's web site ([www.cabq.gov](http://www.cabq.gov)) in October 2006. A draft plan was presented for review and comment at the public meeting held in November 2006 and was presented to the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC)

in June 2007. The plan was updated based on comments from the EPC and presented to the public in November 2007 for review and again in January 2008. After incorporating public comments, the Plan was presented before the EPC in March 2008.

### 1.5 HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

This Plan does **NOT** change the existing zoning for properties within the plan area boundaries. The Plan expands upon the uses allowed under current zoning through the use of a Land Use District Overlay, described in Chapter 3. When developing your property, you will have the choice of either developing in accordance to the uses allowed under your existing zoning or developing in accordance to the uses allowed in the Land Use District Overlay. However, this Plan contains design regulations that will be enforced for **ALL** development proposals within the Plan area regardless of whether you choose to develop your property in accordance with the uses allowed under your existing zoning or within the Land Use Districts.

#### Procedures for Development Proposals

When developing a site within the Plan area, the following steps should be taken:

- 1) Locate your property on the Land Use Plan Map referenced on page 20 of this Plan.
- 2) Decide whether you want to proceed using the uses allowed under your current zoning or the uses allowed in the Land Use District that overlays your property, as described and contained in this document.

- 3) If your property has P, C-1, C-2, C-3, M-1 or M-2 zoning **and** is five acres or greater, the Shopping Center Regulations apply (See §14-16-3-2 of the City Zoning Code).
- 4) Consult the Design Regulations described in Chapter 4 and determine if your proposed development is in conformance with these regulations.

If the development proposal **is in conformance** with the Design Regulations, the following shall apply:

- a) The development proposal may be approved with no public hearing(s) required. Developments that do not need to go to the EPC or the DRB will be administratively approved by the Planning Director or his/her designee. Examples of development proposals that do not need a public hearing are:
  - Proposed developments that follow the underlying zoning in the City's Zoning Code, include a landscape plan and incorporate the design regulations found in Chapter 4 of this Plan.
  - Proposed developments that follow the land-use districts as described in this Plan (Chapter 3), include a landscape plan and incorporate the design regulations found in Chapter 4 of this Plan.

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If it is determined that the development proposal and/or Site Development Plan is *NOT* in conformance with the underlying zoning and/or Design Regulations, you may either:

- Withdraw your application (no refund of fee) or;
- Amend the development proposal (additional fees may be required as determined by the Planning Director) or go to the Planning Commission for a zoning change.

This Plan strongly discourages any zoning change requests that are not in conformance with this Plan.

- b) If the subject property is within 100-feet of a single-family dwelling, it must be submitted for Design Review Board approval.
  - c) All sites with SU-1 zoning are required to go to the Environmental Planning Commission for a public hearing (§14-16-2-22).
- 5) Prepare a Site Plan for Building Permit that includes a landscaping plan and other documentation required by this Plan. A Site Plan shall be required for all development within the North I-25 Sector Plan area.
- 6) Submit the Site Plan (that includes a landscaping plan) to the City of Albuquerque

Planning Department, with the appropriate fee.

## 1.6 DEFINITIONS

Desired future conditions are stated in the form of goals, policies and regulations, which are the essence of the Sector Plan. These terms are defined below:

**Goals:** A general, overall and ultimate purpose, aim, or end toward which the City will direct effort.

**Policy:** A specific statement of principle or guiding actions that implies a clear commitment but is not necessarily mandatory (the word “shall” makes a policy mandatory). A policy is a general direction that the City elects to follow in order to accomplish its goals.

**Regulation:** A rule or measure establishing levels of quality or quantity that must be complied with or satisfied.

The following conventions are used in this plan to designate the extent to which a statement is mandatory or optional:

- “May” refers to that which is permissible.
- “Should” signifies a directive to be honored if at all possible.
- “Shall” means that which is obligatory or necessary.

## 2 Community Context

This section describes how the Plan relates to other adopted plans and discusses the existing framework in the Plan area including demographics, land use, zoning and transportation. This section also summarizes the issues in the Plan area and the concerns raised by the public during the plan development process.

### 2.1 RELATED PLANS & POLICIES

During the development of the I-25 Sector Plan, several existing plans were taken into consideration. These plans either have policies, regulations or codes that directly apply to the Plan area or have identified future projects within the boundaries of the Plan area. This Plan shall be considered supplemental to these plans and provisions. Where conflict arises between the City / County plans and policies and this Plan, the more restrictive shall prevail. The following plans were taken into consideration:

#### **Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan**

The I-25 Sector Plan area is part of the Developing Urban and Established Urban Area in the 2002 Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan. The Established Urban Area consists of existing, planned, or platted areas and the Developing Urban Area consists of undeveloped,

fringe areas. The Sector Plan conforms to the goals and policies for the Developing Urban and Established Urban Areas and will serve as the official policy guide for new development, redevelopment and improvements in the Plan area.

Specific Developing and Established Urban Area policies in the comprehensive plan that relate to the I-25 Sector Plan include the following:

**Policy d:** The location, intensity, and design of new development shall respect existing neighborhood values, natural environment conditions and carrying capacities, scenic resources, and resources of other social, cultural, and recreational concern.

**Policy i:** Employment and service uses shall be located to complement residential areas and shall be sited to minimize adverse effects of noise, lighting, pollution and traffic on residential environments.

**Policy k:** Land adjacent to arterial streets shall be planned to minimize harmful effects of traffic; livability and safety of established neighborhoods shall be protected in transportation planning and operation.

**Policy l:** Quality and innovation design shall be encouraged in all new development; design shall be encouraged which is appropriate to the Plan area.

#### **Alameda Boulevard Design Overlay Zone**

The *Alameda Boulevard Design Overlay Zone* (ABDOZ) was adopted in 1998 by the Extra-

territorial Land Use Authority and makes recommendations of regulations and guidelines for public streetscape improvements along Alameda Boulevard from the Rio Grande to I-25. The Alameda Boulevard corridor is broken into 4 segments or Character Zones. The primary focus is the portion of Alameda Boulevard that traverses the north valley from the Rio Grande River to Edith Boulevard. Character Zone 4 is from Edith Boulevard to I-25 and is the only character zone that is within the City. It recognizes that its character is focused on the Balloon Fiesta Park while maintaining a commercial campus feel. There are design regulations and guidelines that are for the entire corridor and apply to character zone 4. The regulations and guidelines address a uniform corridor with continuous sidewalks, landscaping, consistent off-street parking, restrictions on lighting, regulations of walls, consistent setbacks and limited on-premise signs.

#### **Facility Plan for Arroyos**

The *Facility Plan for Arroyos* establishes guidelines and procedures for implementing the goals of the Comprehensive Plan in order to create a multi-purpose network of recreational trails and open space along arroyos. The South La Cueva Arroyo, which runs east-west in the middle of the Plan area and abuts the natural area of Wildflower Park, is designated as a Major Open Space Link per the *Facility Plan*. Major Open Space Links are scheduled for the development of arroyo corridor plans which will locate recreational trails that will form continuous east-west linkages. The Domingo

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Baca Arroyo, which is in the southern portion of the Plan area, is designated an Urban Recreational Arroyo per the *Facility Plan*. Urban Recreational Arroyos are located either in highly urbanized or in developing areas. They have the potential to connect major activity centers with residential development by trails located along segments of the arroyo.

### **Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan**

The *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan* was adopted in July 1993 with an amendment made to the *Trails and Bikeways Master Plan* in November of 1996. The initial intent of the plan was the implementation of an off-road recreational trail system. However, after public hearings in the fall of 1990, the public strongly indicated a strong desire that the trail system function not only as a recreational network, but also as an alternative method of transportation. The major goals for the *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan* are to: secure a funding source; find an “administrative home” for the trails and bikeways; create a map of the proposed network; and develop policies for future trail and bikeway development and usage.

The *Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan* identifies two different types of trails, a Primary Trail and a Secondary Trail, with distinct policies and recommendations that apply to both types of trails. A Primary Trail is proposed for the Domingo Baca Arroyo east of I-25. At the intersection of the North Diversion Channel and Paseo del Norte to the north, a Primary Trail is proposed and Secondary Trails

are proposed along the La Cueva Arroyos and the Camino Arroyo.

### **Major Public Open Space Facility Plan**

The purpose of the *Major Public Open Space (MPOS) Facility Plan* is to establish guidelines for implementation of the open space network goals as specified in the *Albuquerque / Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan*. Section 6 of the *Major Public Open Space Facility Plan*, regarding arroyos, states several policies related to planning, land use, management and revenue generation. Applicable policies specific to this project are presented in the Planning Policies and state below:

**Policy A.1:** MPOS lands in the Major Public Open Space Arroyos shall be acquired and managed to promote the purposes of Major Public Open Space as is stated in the *Comprehensive Plan* and the following sub-goals:

- (a) Conserve natural resources and environmental features including the natural flow of water and the drainage capacity of the largest arroyos in Bernalillo County, the natural state of historic environmental features, geological features such as bluffs, wildlife habitat corridors, native vegetation, the infiltration of water into the arroyo’s gravel soils and recharge of the aquifer, provide wildlife corridors from both the Rio Puerco Escarpment and the Sandia foothills to the Rio Grande.

- (b) Provide opportunities for outdoor education and recreation including trails for a variety of users.

**Policy A.3:** The drainage management plans will attempt to address the policy recommendations for Major Public Open Space Arroyos contained in the *Facility Plan for Arroyos* and policies stated in A.1. The Open Space Division and Planning Department will work with the lead agency to determine areas that may be acquired as Major Public Open Space and to incorporate design policies, trails and other recreational uses into the drainage management plan. The draft arroyo corridor plans will be used for guidance in planning these facilities to the extent applicable.

### **Balloon Fiesta Park Master Development Plan**

The *Balloon Fiesta Park Master Development Plan* was developed for the Parks and Recreation Department and adopted by City Council in December 1998. The plan provides the necessary framework for the phase development and implementation of the Balloon Fiesta Park based upon a number of considerations including the establishment of priorities for various recreational facilities and associated costs.

Applicable recommendations stated in the plan related to this project include the following:

- The gateway area to the Park from I-25 and nearby access roads east and west, should be protected by the City and County. It is

recommended that a regional set of design guidelines and/or overlay zone be prepared with enforcement provided by the City and County.

- The local governments, including Sandia Pueblo and the State of New Mexico, should continue cooperative work on a regional multi-modal circulation system that connects the local access of the Park with the metropolitan transportation system as a whole in the most efficient way possible.

### **Metropolitan Transportation Plans & Programs**

The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is the policy board created and designated to carry out the metropolitan transportation planning process. In the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area, the MPO is the Metropolitan Transportation Board (MTB). The MTB and MPO staff is administratively housed with the Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG). The MPO is responsible for developing transportation plans and programs. The most important of these are the Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) and the Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); they are the tools for bringing federal transportation funds to the metropolitan area.

The 2030 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is the official multimodal transportation plan through the year 2030. The MTP is developed, adopted, and updated by the MPO through the

metropolitan transportation planning process. The MTP must conform with all State Implementation Plans for air quality. The MTP projects anticipated growth and land uses in the Albuquerque Metropolitan Planning Area through the year 2030 and identifies transportation strategies, projects and policies to facilitate the movement of people and goods.

The Fiscal Year (FY) 2008-2013 Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) covers a six-year period and lists, in detail, all transportation projects that will receive federal transportation funds within that timeframe, as well as all regionally significant projects, regardless of funding source.

All of the transportation projects identified in the I-25 North Sector Plan must be consistent with the approved MTP and TIPs. New projects and policies in this sector plan may update the MTP and TIPs. Early and continuous coordination with MPO staff will ensure the appropriate consistency between these plans.

### **The Facility Plan: Electric Service Transmission Facilities**

The Facility Plan: Electric Service Transmission Facilities (1995-2005) is a Rank II facilities plan that states policy for the system of electric transmission facilities in the City of Albuquerque and Bernalillo County. Transmission line corridors and substation sites are chosen based on the standards contained in the facility Plan, as well as economic feasibility and other operating

requirements. These criteria support the long range planning goals and policies of the City of Albuquerque, Bernalillo County and the electric utilities. The Plan identifies standards for the location and design of transmission facilities, project review process, and future electric facilities.

## **2.2 PLAN AREA DEMOGRAPHICS**

### **Population**

Data from the 2000 U.S. Census and Mid-Region Council of Governments (MRCOG) was used to provide demographic information about the I-25 Sector Plan area. According to these sources, the Plan area had a population of 4,425 persons. The Plan area has experienced an average annual growth rate of six percent since 1990; a higher growth rate than the City of Albuquerque's metropolitan area during the same time period.

The ages of the Plan area population resemble that of the Albuquerque metropolitan area. Nearly one-third of the Plan area population is between the ages of 30 and 49 years of age. In addition, 28 percent of the Plan area residents are under 18 years of age, 20 percent are between 18 and 29 years old, 11 percent are 50 to 64 years of age, and 10 percent are 65 years and over.

### **Household Income**

In regards to income, the Plan area varies substantially between the residential areas east and west of I-25. As indicated by the 2000 U.S Census, the residential areas east of I-25 reported a median



household income of \$52,824 and the residential areas west of I-25 reported a median household income of \$34,851. For purposes of comparison, the Albuquerque metropolitan area had a median household income of \$39,308.

In correlation to the numbers reported for median household income, 6 percent of the households in the Plan area east of I-25 had incomes below the poverty level in 2000 as compared to 15 percent of the households in the Plan area west of I-25.

### **Owner-Occupied Housing**

Demographic data also indicates that the Plan area is comparable to the Albuquerque metropolitan area in terms of owner-occupied housing. Owner-occupied housing is often an indicator of the stability of an area and can provide insight into redevelopment opportunities. In the Plan area, 94 percent of the available housing is occupied, with 70 percent accounting for owner-occupied housing. Within the Albuquerque metropolitan area, renter-occupied housing accounted for 32 percent of the market and owner-occupied dwellings accounted for 68 percent of the market.

## **2.3 LAND USE**

Existing land use within the I-25 Sector Plan Area is shown in **Figures 2-6**. The most prominent land uses existing in the area include vacant, commercial, open space, industrial and residential uses. Currently, 20 percent of the Plan area is represented by vacant lands, 18 percent by commercial uses, 14

percent by parks and open space uses and 13 percent by industrial uses. The following discusses in more detail each of the major land uses in the Plan area.

### **Vacant Lands**

The majority of vacant land within the Plan area occurs in larger parcels, indicating the potential for continued development. Large areas of vacant land are located in the northeast part of the Plan area and include the former Coronado Airport site located east of I-25. The property is owned by Sandia Pueblo and is primarily vacant with the exception of several buildings associated with the former airport facility. The Sandia Pueblo also owns several other smaller vacant tracts of land located along the La Cueva Arroyo, east of I-25. Other areas of vacant land are concentrated north of San Diego Avenue, west of I-25 and along Alameda Boulevard, east of I-25.

### **Commercial**

Existing commercial uses within the Plan area include both retail and service oriented uses. Existing retail commercial development is primarily concentrated along Alameda Boulevard near the interchange of Alameda / I-25 and includes the Toyota and Drive Time auto dealerships. Existing service commercial uses throughout the Plan area are intermittent. New commercial development include the Blue Cross/Blue Shield building at Balloon Fiesta Parkway and several new commerce buildings in the vicinity of Alameda Boulevard.



*View of an existing auto dealership located east of I-25*

### **Parks and Open Space**

The predominant parks and open space use in the Plan area is the Balloon Fiesta Park, a 365-acre, city-owned multi-use area located between the northern Plan area boundary and Alameda Boulevard. The Balloon Fiesta Park, operated by the City of Albuquerque, includes a 78-acre joint-use area which functions as a balloon launch field, driving range and 9-hole chip and putt course. Located south of the launch field are the city-owned Albuquerque Golf and Training Center. Other amenities within the park include the Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum, 23 game fields, eight youth baseball fields, and a 16-acre natural wildlife area, located on the south side of the intersection of Balloon Museum Drive/ Jefferson Street. The AIBF also uses other lands surrounding the park during the Balloon Fiesta event. The Nazareth Landfill, east of the launch field and the



Figure 2  
Existing  
Vacant Lands



Legend

- Vacant Lands
- Pueblo of Sandia Owned Lands



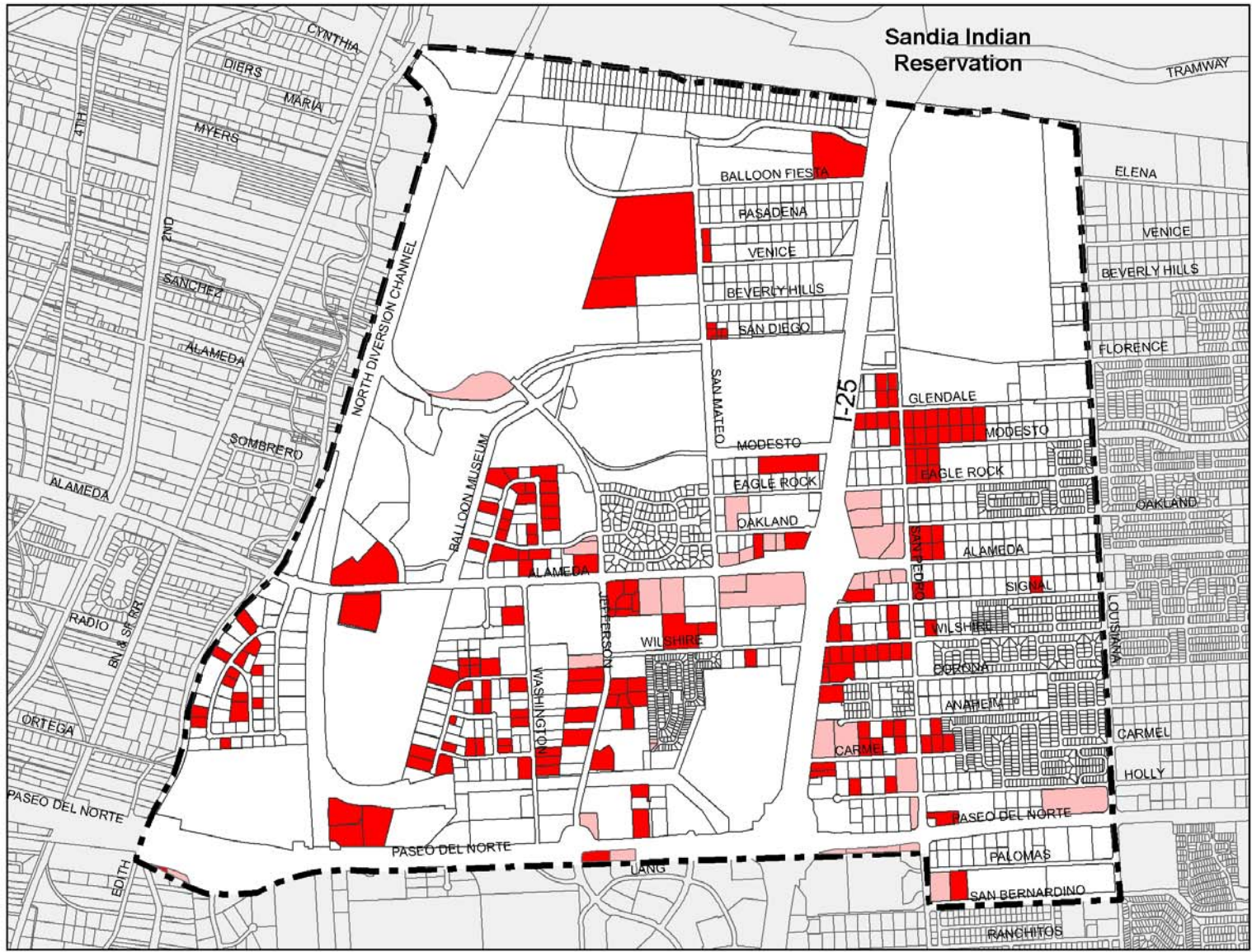


Figure 2  
Existing  
Commercial



- Legend**
-  Plan Boundary
  -  Commercial Retail
  -  Commercial Service





Figure 4  
Existing Recreation  
& Open Space



- Legend**
-  Plan Boundary
  -  Recreation & Open Space
  -  Balloon Fiesta Park

Los Angeles Landfill, south of the launch field and Alameda Boulevard, are used for recreational vehicle parking. The AIBF also uses surrounding properties owned by the Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) for the Balloon Fiesta event.



*View of Anderson-Abruzzo International Balloon Museum located at Balloon Fiesta Park*

Other parks and open space uses within the Plan area include the Wildflower Park and the North Domingo Baca Park. Wildflower Park is a 12.5-acre passive park owned and maintained by the City. The park is located adjacent to the Wildflower subdivision, east of the Balloon Fiesta Park.

The North Domingo Baca Park is a multiuse, 32-acre community park located in the residential area of North Albuquerque Acres. While located outside of the Plan area, the park serves the residents within the Plan area. The park is bounded by Wyoming Boulevard on the east, Carmel Avenue on the south,

Louisiana Boulevard on the west and Corona Avenue on the north. Future plans for the park site include an off-leash dog area, a multi-generational center, as well as several other community facilities. The park is adjacent to a 27-acre AMAFCA property, which is available for joint use.

### **Industrial**

Industrial land uses are focused in the southwest portion of the study area and continue to the north between I-25 and the Balloon Fiesta Park.

Heavy industrial uses are concentrated in the southwest portion of the Plan area including the General Mills operation, located at the southwest corner of this area, west of the North Diversion Channel. Light industrial uses occur at various locations throughout the Plan area, with newer development taking place west of Jefferson Street



*View of the former Philips plant, located near the intersection of San Mateo Boulevard and San Diego*

and north of San Diego Avenue. Major light industrial uses include Honeywell, Sumco and Miox.

Another major industrial operation in the Plan area is the old Philips plant, located near the San Mateo Boulevard / San Diego Avenue intersection. The Philips plant closed their 500,000 square foot facility in 2003, was purchased in 2006, and is now being considered for redevelopment.

### **Residential**

Residential development in the Plan area is diverse, consisting of single-family homes, apartments and manufactured home subdivisions. Existing residential developments west of I-25 include Wildflower, Desert Apartments, Sun North Estates, Coronado Village and the Village at Alameda Assisted Living Facility.

Wildflower is a single-family residential subdivision located north of Alameda Boulevard and west of San Mateo Boulevard. Homes in the neighborhood were constructed in the early 1980's and were built at 3-6 dwelling units per acre. Directly west of the Wildflower subdivision is the newly constructed Desert Apartments complex. The apartment complex was built at 30 dwelling units per acre and is the only apartment complex in the Plan area. Other residential areas west of I-25 include the Sun North Estates manufactured home subdivision and the Coronado Village trailer park. Sun North Estates is located directly south of Wilshire Avenue and east of Jefferson Street. A majority of the lots in the development are under








Figure 5  
Existing  
Industrial



Legend

-  Plan Boundary
-  Industrial
-  Wholesale/Warehousing

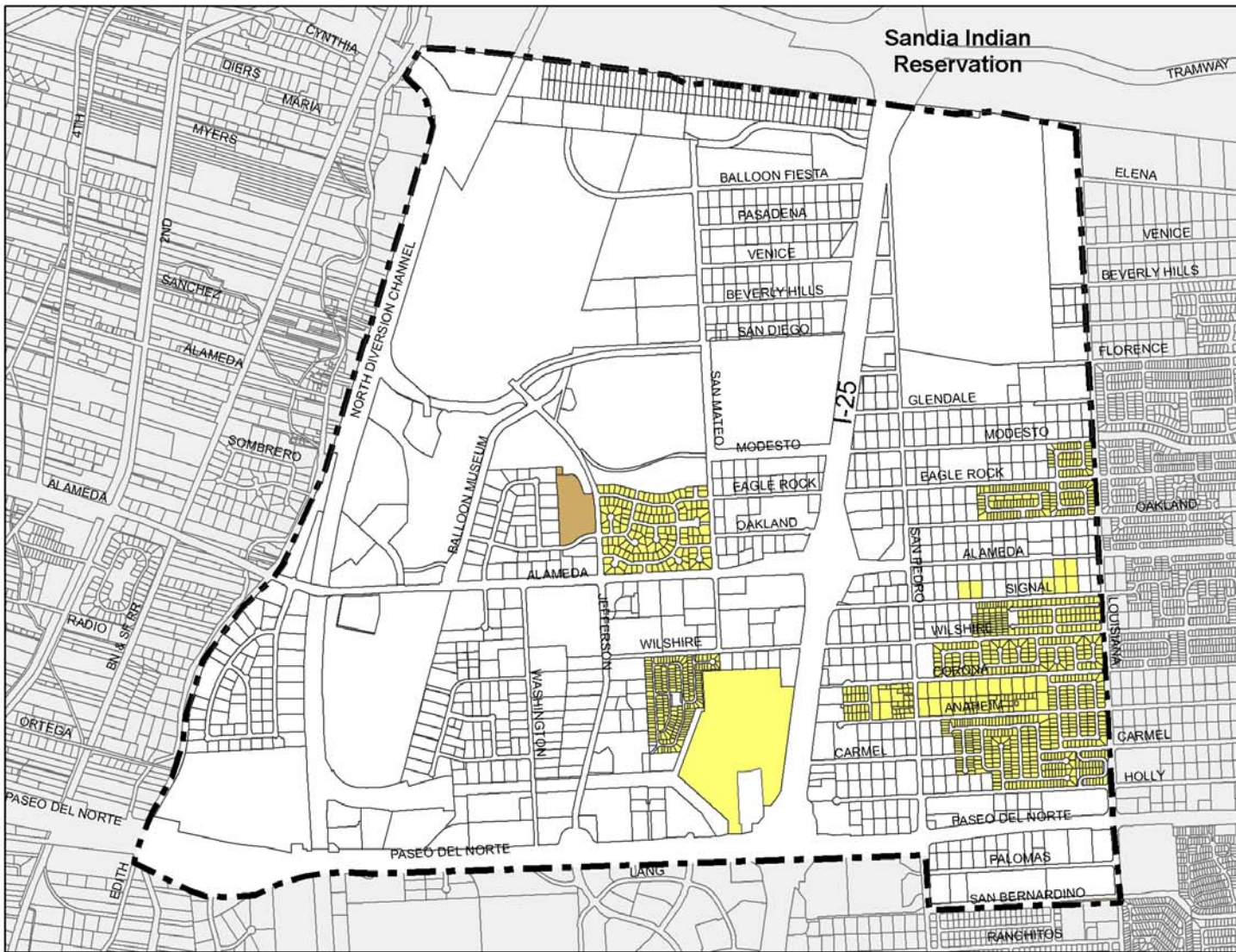





Figure 6  
Existing Residential



- Legend**
-  Plan Boundary
  -  Single-Family
  -  Multi-Family



single ownership and were built at 13 dwelling units per acre and greater. Coronado Village is located in the northwest quadrant of the I-25 / Paseo del Norte interchange and unlike Sun North Estates, is currently under single ownership. The Villages at Alameda, an assisted living facility, is located north of the office buildings at Alameda Boulevard and Balloon Museum Drive.

Residential development east of I-25 consists primarily of newer single-homes. Single-family development is located mainly west of Louisiana Boulevard between Alameda Boulevard and Paseo del Norte, and San Pedro Boulevard to the west. Additional residential development includes Pleasant View, a manufactured home development located between Anaheim Avenue and Corona Avenue.

### **Electric Facilities**

There are numerous existing electrical transmission and substation facilities in the plan area. Traversing the plan area are two 15kV line facilities that extend from the Reeves Generating Station northward to Tramway Boulevard then on to the Sandia Pueblo. Other radial transmission lines serve substations in the plan area. Another bulk transmission line to serve Albuquerque may extend from Reeves Generating Station through the plan area. However, no alignment has been identified by the Public Service Company of New Mexico (PNM).

## **2.4 ZONING**

The study area is primarily zoned for industrial uses, as shown in **Figure 7**, but also includes lands zoned residential, open space, commercial, and institutional. The majority of residential zoning is located east of I-25 and south of Modesto Avenue. There are also areas zoned for residential development near Alameda Boulevard between Jefferson and San Mateo and between Wilshire Avenue and the North Diversion Channel Easement. Lands zoned for open space are located along the western border of the Plan area, with the majority of the zone encompassing the Balloon Fiesta Park. Commercially zoned land is located directly to the northwest of the I-25/Paseo del Norte interchange. Lands zoned for institutional uses include the Edmund G. Ross Elementary School located in the southeast corner of the Plan area, the Hope Christian Academy, and the senior living facility located north of Alameda Boulevard. The remaining lands in the Plan area are zoned for industrial uses (IP, M-1) and account for more than half of the Plan area.

## **2.5 TRANSPORTATION**

### **Vehicular Circulation**

Alameda Boulevard and Paseo del Norte are the only two roads within the Plan area that provide east-west access across I-25 and are two of the eight Rio Grande River crossings within metropolitan Albuquerque. These roadways are designated as Principal Arterials west of I-25 on the City of Albuquerque's Current *Roadway Functional*

*Classification Map: Albuquerque Metropolitan Area*, prepared by the Mid-Region Council of Governments. East of I-25, Paseo del Norte retains a principal arterial street designation and Alameda Boulevard is reclassified as a minor collector. Paseo del Norte is currently a limited access roadway within the Plan area, with access into the west side of the Plan area at Jefferson Street. Alameda intersects the north-south routes of San Mateo Boulevard, Jefferson Street and Balloon Museum Drive. On the east side of I-25, Paseo del Norte and Alameda intersect San Pedro Drive and Louisiana Boulevard. Alameda Boulevard is also the only east-west truck route through the Plan area and the North Valley. A third major east-west route in the Plan area is San Diego Avenue. San Diego Avenue is shown on the *Long Range Roadway System Map* as a continuous collector street that crosses I-25, with a 68-foot right-of-way.

North-south roadways in the Plan area include Louisiana Boulevard, San Pedro Drive, San Mateo Boulevard, Jefferson Street, Balloon Museum Drive and I-25. I-25 is a limited access facility with interchanges at Roy/Tramway (north of the Plan area), Alameda Boulevard and Paseo del Norte. A southbound service road on the west side of the freeway provides access to east-west crossroads north of Alameda Boulevard, and serves as the primary access into the Pleasant View manufactured housing subdivision. On the east side, the northbound service road provides access to east-west crossroads east of I-25. Jefferson Street provides access from Paseo del Norte to San Diego Avenue and San Mateo Boulevard provides north-







Figure 8  
Existing  
Transportation  
Facilities



**Legend**

- Roadway
- Multi-Use Trail
- ▲ Bike Lane
- Bus Stop

**Bus Routes**

- Wyoming Commuter
- San Mateo / Jefferson
- North Fourth Street



south access between Alameda Boulevard and Balloon Fiesta Parkway. Jefferson Street is designated as a minor arterial with 86 feet of right-of-way between Paseo del Norte and Alameda Boulevard as indicated in the City's *Roadway Functional Classification Map*. San Mateo Boulevard and Balloon Museum Drive are designated as collector streets with a 68-foot right-of-way.

### **Public Transportation**

Public transit is available at several locations within the Plan area including stops along Jefferson Street, Balloon Fiesta Parkway and San Mateo Boulevard. With the exception of Alameda Boulevard, there are no planned or funded transit services in the Plan area, east of I-25 at this time.

Another transit route, the Rio Rancho Rail Runner connection, travels across Paseo del Norte west of the Plan area. The Rail Runner Express stop is located southwest of the Plan area at the location where El Pueblo Road and Paseo del Norte meet between Edith Boulevard and 2nd Street. There is no transit service connecting the Rail Runner Express to locations within the Plan area at this time.

### **Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation**

There are several trails within and adjacent to the Plan area including the North Diversion Channel Trail and the Domingo Baca Arroyo Trail. The North Diversion Channel Trail is located along the

west side of the channel and approaches the Plan area from the south, terminating near Alameda Boulevard. The Domingo Baca Arroyo Trail is adjacent to the arroyo and approaches the Plan area from the east, terminating near San Pedro Drive south of Paseo del Norte. A third trail exists along Paseo del Norte, approaching the Plan area from west and termination at the North Diversion Channel.

In addition to the multi-use trails, there are several bikeways that are located near the southern Plan area boundary. There are bikeways that approach the area from the south and terminate at Paseo del Norte, including bikeways along San Pedro Drive and Louisiana Boulevard.

## **2.6 DRAINAGE**

Arroyos are considered primary elements in the City of Albuquerque's flood control system. The arroyos carry storm water runoff from the Sandia Mountains, foothills and mesas on the City's east side to the Rio Grande River. The Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority (AMAFCA) was established in 1963 to manage these systems, although some are maintained by the City of Albuquerque.

The North I-25 Plan area drains from east to west from the Sandia Mountains and foothills. The Plan area is located on the East Mesa and the North Valley, which rises above the Rio Grande. Multiple arroyos carry water to the Rio Grande including the North Camino Arroyo, the La Cueva Arroyo and the



*View of the North Camino Arroyo located in the northern part of the Plan area.*

Domingo Baca Arroyo. The North Camino Arroyo traverses the Sandia Indian Reservation and enters the Plan area near its northern boundary. The arroyo channel is stabilized between I-25 and San Mateo Boulevard and is free flowing east of I-25 and again from San Mateo Boulevard to the North Diversion Channel. The La Cueva Arroyo parallels San Diego Avenue east of I-25 and traverses the Balloon Fiesta Park to the North Diversion Channel. East of I-25, the La Cueva Arroyo continues in an east-west direction towards Louisiana Boulevard. The Domingo Baca Arroyo channel is located north of Paseo Del Norte and conveys storm water through Coronado Village and Villa San Mateo subdivisions before continuing west to the North Diversion Channel.

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## 2.7 LANDFILLS

There is the potential for development and infrastructure projects within the plan area to be impacted by the presence of landfill gas generated by several former private and City owned/operated landfills including the Los Angeles, Nazareth, Coronado, Oakland Avenue and Sacramento Landfills as shown in **Figure 9**. Currently, if a person/company wishes to develop property within the limits of a City landfill buffer zone, development is required to comply with the *City of Albuquerque Interim Guidelines for Development within City Designated Landfill Buffer Zones (Appendix A)*. As part of the process, a review and approval of the site plan(s), the proposed construction, design drawings, and a certification of construction is required by the Environmental Health Department (EHD), Environmental Services Division. The following City designated landfill buffer zones for the landfills within the plan area are as follows:

- Coronado Landfill North Cell -250 ft
- Coronado Landfill Middle and South Cells - 1000 ft
- Los Angeles Landfill -1000 ft
- Nazareth Landfill -500 ft
- Oakland Avenue Landfill – 1000 ft
- Sacramento Landfill - 500 ft

The Sacramento Landfill site was cleaned-up by the land owner as part of the development approval process. The Middle and South Cells of the Coronado Landfill, located near the former Philips

facility, have also been identified for clean-up as the process for redevelopment of the site moves forward.

The Los Angeles Landfill is the largest former landfill site in the Plan area. The site is currently used for RV parking during the Balloon Fiesta event but is otherwise left vacant. The site closed in the mid 1980's but in recent years there has been a general concern because water seepage into the landfill debris has been generating methane gas. A landfill gas extraction system was installed in 2007 with the intent of removing landfill gas and diminishing the potential for landfill contaminants to travel as a gas and dissolve into the ground water. A drainage plan for the site is also in place and is being implemented by the EHD, however, the plan has not been fully implemented because of the lack of funds.

## 2.8 COMMUNITY-IDENTIFIED ISSUES

The following information was compiled through the public involvement process in addition to letters and emails received by the City Planning Department. The following highlights the main concerns and issues in the Plan area as identified by the residents, stakeholders and other participants in the planning process.

### Land Use

Residents in the Plan area recognize the need to control and have regulations for new development as well as those areas being considered for redevelopment. Residents identified concerns over

those areas that will serve as transition areas between existing residential development and future uses. In particular, there was a concern about the height of buildings and whether height is something that can be restricted. In addition, residents also saw the need to prohibit certain uses such as adult-oriented businesses and package liquor sales.

### Community Design

Concerns were also expressed in regards to design regulations and the overall continuity within the Plan area. Residents stated they would like to see design regulations for signage, lighting, streetscapes and site design. Several community members also stated their concerns over the median landscaping and maintenance of the Alameda Boulevard median due to the lack of inappropriate plant materials and improper maintenance. Residents also view the area as a gateway to the City and would like to see a unique identity established that would distinguish the Plan area as a gateway.

It was noted by those representing Balloon Fiesta Park the need for design regulations or a design overlay zone that would facilitate the flight and landing of balloons. It was stated that design considerations affecting this activity include building heights, cell phone towers or other tall obstacles, the percentage of property that's devoted to improvements, the percentage of property devoted to open space, the types and height of landscaping, and the number and height of light poles.



**Figure 9**  
**Closed**  
**Landfill Sites**



**Legend**

- Plan Boundary
- Closed Landfill Sites Present in the Plan Area
- 1000 Ft. Landfill Buffer

**Landfills**

- 1** Los Angeles
- 2** Nazareth
- 3** Coronado
- 4** Oakland Avenue
- 5** Sacramento



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## **Transportation**

Plan area residents have several concerns related to vehicular traffic and circulation in the residential neighborhoods. Key concerns for residents living within the Wildflower subdivision include traffic volumes and speeds on Jefferson Street, Alameda Boulevard and San Mateo Boulevard; the amount of truck traffic on Alameda Boulevard and the associated noise impacts; vehicle conflicts along Alameda Boulevard due to the high number of curb cuts; and the traffic traveling along Jefferson Street and accessing San Diego Avenue. Residents living east of I-25 expressed concerns over the amount of cut-through traffic using neighborhood streets; the amount of traffic congestion and speeds on Louisiana Boulevard and San Pedro Drive; and traffic congestion associated with the I-25 / Paseo del Norte interchange.

It was also noted at the public meetings the traffic problems related to special events at Balloon Fiesta Park. Thousands of visitors make their way to the park during the Balloon Fiesta, resulting in a number of traffic related issues. Traffic circulation in the area is poor, there is a lack of directional signage, and accessing neighboring properties was said to be problematic.

## **Open Space and Trails**

Residents stressed the importance of the Balloon Fiesta Park and the need to try and incorporate previous planning for the park into the Sector Plan. It was also stated by residents in the community the

importance of maintaining and utilizing the existing recreational resources in and around the Plan area.

Plan area residents identified the lack of non-motorized circulation and connectivity as an important issue to be addressed. Residents cited the lack of connectivity between I-25 and the North Diversion Channel; concerns over the omission of non-motorized connectivity in the design of the new arterial proposed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation; and in general, the lack of north south connectivity from and to existing community resources such as parks and schools.

## **Environmental Issues**

Landfills and drainage were two major environmental issues identified by community members. In particular, several residents identified the Los Angeles landfill as a concern and the need to address the problems occurring at the site. Others also identified drainage as a concern, citing the need to protect existing arroyos from encroaching development and to utilize existing arroyos as recreational resources.

# 3 Land Use Plan

## Land Use Goal

**Integrate existing and future land uses to support and promote economic and employment opportunities within the Plan area**

This chapter of the Plan addresses the land use districts and their descriptions with reference to the corresponding zoning categories for the City of Albuquerque. The intent of the Land Use Plan is not to change the underlying zoning but to provide flexibility by allowing for additional uses within the different districts described in this chapter. It should be understood that a property can still be developed using the underlying zoning, but must comply with the design regulations outlined in Chapter 4. This Plan strongly discourages any zone change requests that are not in conformance with the land use districts contained herein. If the Comprehensive City Zoning Code changes over time, the allowable uses shall remain as described in Appendix E.

### 3.1 LAND USE POLICIES

**Policy LUZ1:** Define development patterns for guiding future development by establishing a land use plan.

**Policy LUZ2:** Promote land uses that contribute to

the vitality of the Plan area and strengthen the economic and functional relationships to surrounding areas.

**Policy LUZ3:** Encourage a mix of uses that will balance the time and direction of traffic movements and promote other means of vehicular trip reduction so as to minimize increases in vehicular traffic produced by new development.

#### 3.1.1 Land Use Recommended Actions

1. Incorporate and enforce the policies and Land Use District requirements into the development approval process.
2. As the Land Use Plan is implemented, areas of conflict between the desired land use and existing development should be identified, and incentives developed to encourage private property owners to bring their property into conformance with the land use plan.
3. Utilize the level of service (LOS) standards identified or referenced in the various chapters of the City's Comprehensive Plan to determine the capacity, or lack thereof, of supportive infrastructure and services. This determination should then serve as a guide in determining the need, and the extent of that need, for additional support facilities as a result of the proposed Land Use Districts.
4. Increase support for development and redevelopment that strengthens and meets the

goals for Activity Centers as identified in the City's Comprehensive Plan.

5. Amend the City Zoning Ordinance to create development procedures to allow for additional residential/ nonresidential mixed-use buildings in the Plan Area.

### 3.2 LAND USE DISTRICTS

The Land Use Districts described in this Plan serve as a guide to the physical development of the Plan area and reflects the spatial distribution of various land use classifications. Within each land use district, there is a range of expanded permissible uses and required actions that must be taken for development approval. The permissible uses listed for each Land Use District are in addition to the uses allowed under a properties existing zoning. It should be noted that public utility structures are permitted in each district within the Public Utility Easement (PUE). Land Use Districts include:

- Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR)
- High Density Residential (HDR)
- Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
- Regional Commercial (RC)
- Commerce (C)
- Manufacturing (M)
- Recreation \ Open Space (ROS)

The following describes each of the Land Use Districts and their permissible uses.

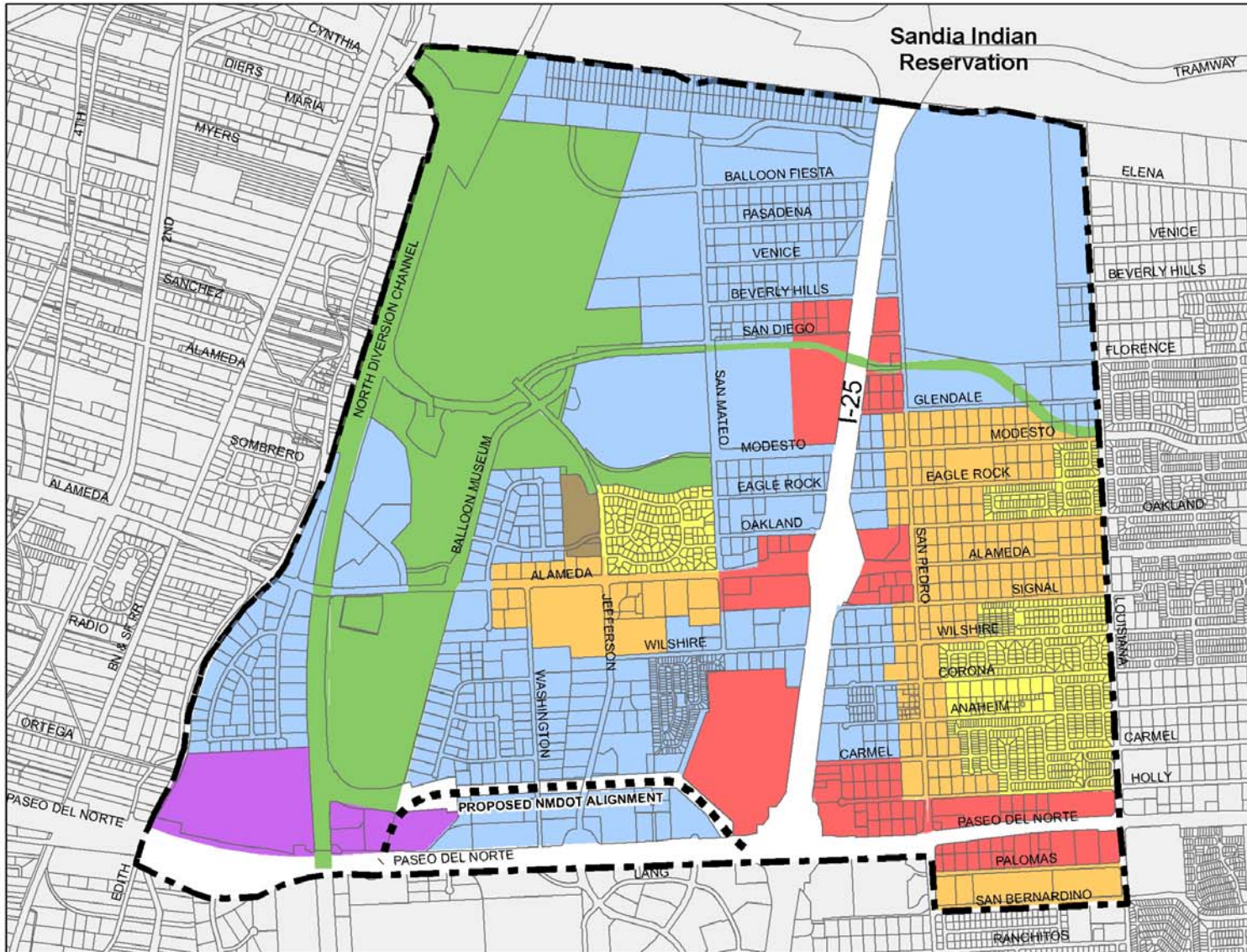


Figure 10  
Proposed  
Land Use Plan



- Legend**
- Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR)
  - High Density Residential (HDR)
  - Neighborhood Commercial (NC)
  - Regional Commercial (RC)
  - Commerce (C)
  - Manufacturing (M)
  - Recreation/Open Space (ROS)



Land Use District	COA Zoning District											
	R-1	R-LT	R-T	R-2	R-3	R-G	R-C	O-1	C-1	C-2	IP	M-1
Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR)	■	■	■									
High Density Residential (HDR)				■	■	■						
Neighborhood Commercial (NC)							■	■	■			
Regional Commercial (RC)								■	■	■		
Commerce (C)											■	■*
Manufacturing (M)												■
Recreation and Open Space (ROS)												

**Land Use District Summary Table**

\* M-1 Zone Permissive Uses, EXCEPT A(1), A(2), A(5), A(6), A(7), A(12), A(15), A(16), A(17), and M-1 Zone Conditional Uses B(5), B(7).

**Low-Medium Density Residential (LMDR)**

The Low-Medium Density Residential land use district encompasses the existing single-family residential developments in the Plan area including the West La Cueva and Eagle Rock neighborhoods located east of I-25 and the Wildflower neighborhood located west of I-25. The intent of this land use district is to restrict single-family residential development to existing neighborhoods and not allow for additional single-family to occur within the Plan area.

- a) **Permissive uses:** Development proposals that are in conformance with the requirements of the R-1 zone in the City Zoning Code and the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan are appropriate to this category. Allowable uses include:

- 1. R-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses;
- 2. R-LT Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, and
- 3. R-T Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses.

**b) Required actions:**

- 1. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) §14-16-3-11 shall be submitted with all development proposals in this land use district.

Plan area. Densities of 9 dwelling units and above per acre and up to 26 dwelling units per acre are appropriate within this land use district.

- a) **Permissive uses:** Development proposals in conformance with the requirements of the R-3 zone in the City Zoning Code and the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan are appropriate to this category. Allowable uses include:

- 1. R-G Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses;
- 2. R-2 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, and
- 3. R-3 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses.

**High Density Residential (HDR)**

The High Density Residential land use district is provided to include the existing multi-family in the

**b) Required actions:**

1. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) and as regulated by §14-16-3-11 shall be submitted with all development proposals in this land use district.

**Neighborhood Commercial (NC)**

The Neighborhood Commercial land use district is provided to encourage neighborhood-oriented street level retail and office uses, and retail and residential mixed uses along the corridors adjacent to existing residential development in the Plan area. The Neighborhood Commercial land use district is intended to create corridor consisting of pedestrian oriented elements and to create a transition zone between residential and non-residential uses.

The Neighborhood Commercial land use district is used and described as places that are designed to be pedestrian-friendly, activity areas that support a mix of retail and commercial service uses. These areas denote a high level of visual interest and are characterized by an attractive pedestrian-oriented environment. Uses may include restaurants, retail shops, entertainment and recreational uses, offices, and plazas. They may also include higher density (a minimum of 12 dwelling units per acre), vertically-mixed, commercial and residential uses. This land use district is not considered appropriate for “Big Box” commercial-type development (e.g., single use retail establishments greater than 100,000

square feet).

**a) Permissive uses:** Development proposals that are in conformance with the requirements of the C-1 zone in the City Zoning Code and the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan are appropriate to this category. Allowable uses include:

1. RC Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses;
2. O-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, and
3. C-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses.

**b) Setback Requirements:**

1. Front setback: 0 feet min.
2. Side street setback: 5 feet min.
3. Rear setback: 5 feet min.

**c) Nonresidential Off-street parking requirements:** per the COA Zoning Code, with reductions for mixed-use shared parking and transit proximity per the COA Comprehensive Plan.

**d) Residential off-street parking requirements:** 2 spaces for units with 3 or more bedrooms, 1.5 spaces for units with 2 bedrooms, 1 space for units with 1 bedroom or studio apartments.

**e) Mixed-use:** Residential uses allowed on second story and above only.

**f) Required actions:**

1. All proposals for development in this land use district shall include a Site Development Plan for Building Permit as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) and as regulated by §14-16-3-11.

**Regional Commercial (RC)**

This land use district provides areas for large, pedestrian-oriented retail and retail/office centers that provide everyday goods and services for a number of neighborhoods. Regional Commercial uses are intended for nodes of activity and are oriented along major arterials.

**a) Permissive uses:** Development proposals that are in conformance with the requirements of O-1, C-1 and C-2 zones in the City Zoning Code and the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan are appropriate to this category. Allowable uses include:

1. O-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, or;
2. C-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, or;
3. C-2 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses.

**b) Setback Requirements:**

1. Front setback: 15 feet min.
2. Side street setback: 5 feet min.
3. Rear setback: 5 feet min.



- 4. Setback along I-25: minimum 50  
Landscape setback

Regulations (§14-16-3-18) for non-residential uses.

**c) Off-street parking requirements:** Parking is per the COA Zoning Code, with reduction for mixed-use share parking and transit proximity per the COA Comprehensive Plan, and with the following exceptions:

1. On street parking spaces adjacent to the site may be counted towards a site's off street parking requirements.
2. No single parking area shall exceed 150 spaces unless divided into smaller sub-areas by a building, internal landscaped street or shaded landscaped pedestrian way with trees planted 30 feet on center.

**d) Mixed-use:** Residential uses allowed on second story and above only.

**e) Required actions:**

1. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) and as regulated by §14-16-3-11, shall be submitted with all development proposals in this land use district.
2. Development proposals shall be in conformance with City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code Shopping Center Regulations (§14-16-3-2) and General Building and Site Design

### Commerce (CP)

The Commerce land use district is intended to accommodate a variety of light industrial/business parks in campus-like settings, commercial support uses, corporate offices, high-tech uses and mixed-use residential developments. This category also provides for employment uses such as warehousing, assembly and storage that occur in a closed building or in a yard that is fenced and screened from view from the street, sidewalk or adjacent non-industrial land uses.

**a) Permissive uses:** Development proposals in conformance with the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan and the following conditions are considered appropriate to this land use district:

1. IP Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses, EXCEPT with the provision of exceptions listed below,
2. M-1 Zone Permissive Uses, EXCEPT A(1), A(2), A(5), A(6), A(7), A(12), A(15), A(16), A(17), and
3. M-1 Zone Conditional Uses B(5), B(7).

**b) Setback Requirements:**

1. Front setback: 0 feet min.
2. Side setback: 10 feet min.
3. Rear setback: 10 feet min.

**c) Nonresidential Off-street parking**

**requirements:** per the COA Zoning Code, with reductions for mixed-use shared parking and transit proximity per the COA Comprehensive Plan, and with the following exceptions:

1. On street parking spaces adjacent to the site may be counted towards a site's off street parking requirements.
2. No single parking area shall exceed 150 spaces unless divided into smaller sub-areas by a building, internal landscaped street or shaded landscaped pedestrian way with trees planted 30 feet on center.
3. A maximum of one bay of parking (one drive aisle parked on both sides) is permitted between the front of the building and the street. All other parking shall be located at the rear and sides of the buildings.

**d) Residential off-street parking requirements:** 2 spaces for units with 3 or more bedrooms, 1.5 spaces for units with 2 bedrooms, 1 space for units with 1 bedroom or studio apartments.

**e) Mixed-use:** Residential uses allowed on second story and above only.

**f) Required actions:**

1. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) and as regulated by §14-16-3-11, shall be submitted with all

development proposals in this land use district.

### Manufacturing (M)

The Manufacturing land use district provides for the development of areas where businesses, because of the nature of their manufacturing or storage operations (highly volatile substances), appearance, traffic generation or other conditions, may not be compatible with residential, retail, commercial, or business park land uses, or do not require visibility from arterial streets.

Appropriate land uses in the manufacturing land use district are characterized by businesses that use raw materials to manufacture or fabricate goods on-site. These businesses generally require outdoor storage and proximity to major transportation corridors, accessibility to water and sewer systems and are incompatible with adjacent residential land uses.

**a) Permissive uses:** Development proposals in conformance with the design regulations defined in Chapter 4 of this Plan and the following conditions are considered appropriate to this land use district:

1. M-1 Zone Permissive and Conditional Uses.

**b) Required actions:**

1. A Site Development Plan for Building Permit, as defined by the City of Albuquerque Comprehensive City Zoning Code (as amended) and as regulated by

§14-16-3-18 shall be submitted with all development proposals in this land use district.

### Recreation and Open Space (ROS)

The Recreation and Open-Space designation includes existing and planned City parks, open spaces, conservation areas, public recreation facilities, and arroyos intended for public recreation and resource conservation. Included in this designation are the Balloon Fiesta Park, the Domingo Baca, La Cueva and North Camino Arroyos and the North Diversion Channel.

**a) Permissive uses:** Development proposals appropriate to this land use district shall be in conformance with the *Balloon Fiesta Master Development Plan* and the *Facility Plan for Arroyos: Multiple Use of Albuquerque's Arroyos and Their Floodplains*. Other site design regulations for development proposals within this land use district are found in Chapter 5 of this Plan.

# 4

## Community Design Plan

### Community Design Goal

**Provide quality development and a quality, cohesive visual environment throughout the Plan area for residents, businesses and visitors**

The intent of this Community Design Plan is to provide for an attractive, well-designed Plan area that will attract quality development, improve the visual character of the area, and create a positive, cohesive image for the Plan area.

It is the intent of the Community Design Plan to provide design regulations for the effective and efficient design of new commercial, employment, and mixed-use developments and for the redevelopment of existing areas within the Plan area. The Plan applies to both public and private development projects and should be used by citizens, developers, and public officials in the decision-making process.

The Community Design Plan is supplemented by design regulations that illustrate certain policies and action strategies contained in this chapter. As needed, regulations shall be updated and supplemented with appropriate examples of building and/or site design or other site features that meet the policies of this chapter.

### 4.1 COMMUNITY DESIGN POLICIES

**Policy CD1:** Views from the public right-of-way to natural features, including the Sandia Mountains, should be maintained. View opportunities for all major site developments should be identified.

**Policy CD2:** Buildings should be oriented to respect desired development patterns, such as the placement of structures to the street, alignment of building fronts and setbacks, relationship to neighboring properties, and the location of buildings at major intersections.

**Policy CD3:** Pedestrians and bicyclists should have safe, convenient access to the various functions of a site. A coordinated pedestrian and bicycle circulation system that fits the character of the site and minimizes conflicts between vehicular traffic should be provided.

**Policy CD4:** A continuous, safe, and convenient internal vehicular circulation system should be provided. Entry points for vehicles should be clearly defined and circulation should be planned as an integrated system throughout the site.

**Policy CD5:** Site lighting should be designed to facilitate sufficient light levels for safe and convenient circulation of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.

**Policy CD6:** Service areas, outdoor storage, loading docks and other similar features should be visually

unobtrusive and should be integrated with the design of the site and the building.

**Policy CD7:** Provide an informal, naturalistic landscape throughout the Plan area consistent with the prevailing landscape character of the City of Albuquerque.

**Policy CD8:** Buildings should appear to have a human scale, accomplished by using familiar forms and elements that can be interpreted in human dimensions.

**Policy CD9:** The primary roof form of a structure should help reduce the perceived scale of the building; varied roof forms in the appropriate context are encouraged.

**Policy CD10:** Exterior building facades should contribute to the human scale and encourage pedestrian integration by featuring a variety of design elements.

**Policy CD11:** Materials that reduce the perceived mass of a building and appear to blend with the natural setting should be used.

**Policy CD12:** Utilities and mechanical equipment should be designed such that visual impacts are minimized.

**Policy CD13:** Monument signage should be coordinated with the overall character of the property and be developed with the overall context of the building and of the area in mind.

**Policy CD14:** Building signage should take into consideration the overall character of the building, size and location.

#### 4.1.1 Community Design Recommended Actions

1. Incorporate the Community Design Plan into the City's development application review and approval processes.
2. Prepare, in cooperation with the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) and the private sector, landscape plans to improve the scenic quality of highly visible areas along I-25.
3. Provide incentives for improvements to existing private properties.
4. Work with all applicable public agencies, as well as private entities, such as local neighborhood / business associations, to develop maintenance plans prior to implementation of the proposed improvements. Ensure that the necessary maintenance for all of the improvements is provided, including but not limited to seasonal landscaping where applicable, regular litter collection, street cleaning, and general landscaping and lighting maintenance. Work with private property owners to improve the maintenance of private properties in order to enhance the overall appearance of the gateway.

5. Periodically review the design regulations referenced in this Plan and keep these regulations and graphics current.

#### 4.2 DESIGN REGULATIONS

The following design regulations relate directly to the policies identified above. The intent of these design regulations is to create a cohesive built environment that emphasizes the use of quality materials and creates a human scale setting. The design regulations are specific to the Plan area and are intended to identify and address issues of importance. These design regulations shall be considered supplemental to the applicable zoning use provisions and development regulations, including the Alameda Design Overlay Zone, and any other applicable Federal, State, or local regulation governing development unless otherwise noted. When the regulations are silent on an issue that would otherwise be governed by other City codes or plans, those codes and plans shall prevail. Where conflict arises between the City regulations and regulations and these design guidelines, the more restrictive provisions shall prevail.

##### Site Design Regulations

The following site design regulations address the orientation of uses on a site, the arrangement of pedestrian and vehicular circulation, the development of open space, and the organization of buildings and landscape design.

##### a) Views

1. Enhance views from the public right-of-way to scenic natural features, when feasible.
2. Locate a building to maintain key views as they are seen from the public right-of-way.
3. Orient buildings in relation to adjoining properties to frame a view as it may be observed from the public right-of-way.



*Views to natural features should be maintained. Significant views may occur from major public open spaces, street intersections, bridges and roadways.*

##### b) Outdoor Public Spaces

1. Provide an outdoor public space on site when feasible including plazas, parks, covered arcades, etc.
2. Develop an outdoor space as a focal point for the site. The space can be shared by

adjoining buildings, when feasible or could be positioned on the site such that it may visually or physically connect with outdoor public spaces on adjacent properties.

3. Connect an outdoor space with major building activities.

**c) Building Placement**

4. Where two or more buildings are planned in site development, arrange them in a cluster to define outdoor spaces.
5. Where a major intersection occurs, provide a building anchor at the corner.
6. A building shall be positioned to fit within the established setback requirement for the land use district the building is within.
7. For buildings that abut a public sidewalk, building entrances shall be directly accessible from the public sidewalk. Pavement is required along the entire length of the façade that abuts the sidewalk.
8. Customer entrances shall be located convenient to pedestrian walkways and bus stops.
9. Consider solar orientation and access when siting a building.



*Where an intersection occurs, provide a building anchor at the corner.*

**d) Non-residential building orientation:**

1. Buildings shall orient customer entrances and/or windows to all public spaces, including common areas, trails and streets.
  - display window and landscaping
  - at least one customer entrance and landscaping
  - building design and details similar to a front façade and landscaping
2. When the side of a building faces open space, trails or other public use, one of the following shall be provided to create an attractive façade facing the public street:
  - display window and landscaping
  - at least one customer entrance and landscaping
  - building design and details similar to a front façade and landscaping
3. When the rear of a building faces open space, trails or other public use, one of the following shall be provided to create an attractive façade facing the public street:

- display window and landscaping
- building design and details similar to a front façade and landscaping

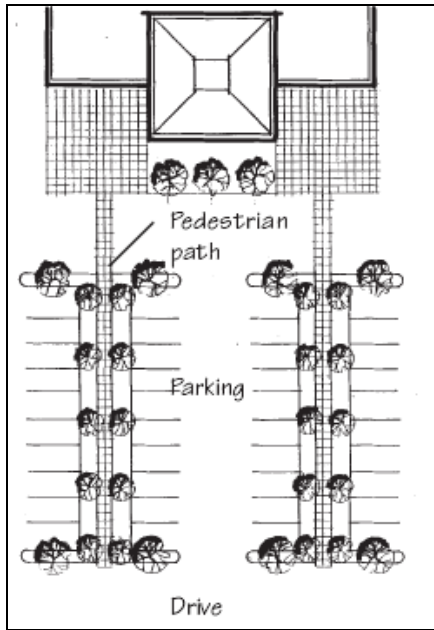
**e) Pedestrian and Bicycle Circulation**

1. Link the various functions and spaces on a site with pedestrian ways in a coordinated system including connections from parking areas to buildings and connections to public outdoor space and green space.
2. Distinguish pedestrian surfaces or key pedestrian way from driving surfaces through the use of special materials such as special pavers, bricks, or scored concrete to enhance pedestrian safety and the attractiveness of the walkways.



*Distinguish pedestrian surfaces from driving surfaces to enhance pedestrian activity and attractiveness of walkways.*





3. Clearly define the primary pedestrian entrance into a major site development with distinctive landscape elements.
4. Use of curb cuts, curb returns and drive pads that reduce the continuity of walks or result in sidewalk grade changes shall be minimized and ADA compliant.
5. Continuous internal pedestrian walkways, not less than five (5) feet in width, shall be provided from the public sidewalk or right-of-way to the principal customer or employee entrance of all principal buildings on the site.

6. Sidewalks, no less than five (5) feet, in width, shall be provided along the full length of the building along any façade featuring a customer or employee entrance.

**f) Internal Vehicular Circulation**

1. Within a development, convey the hierarchy of internal streets and driveways in the streetscape design.
2. Minimize the number of curb cuts onto a public street along a property edge through the use of shared driveways and connections to secondary cross-streets, when feasible.
3. Identify a key entry point into a site development with landscape elements including accent paving, landscaping and/or signage.
4. Minimize the width of internal roadways, when feasible.

**g) Site Lighting:**

1. Site lighting shall be of a design and height in character with the setting and shall be located so as to illuminate only the lot. Up-lighting is not permitted. An exterior lighting plan must be approved as consistent with these regulations by the City.
2. Street lights shall be located between thirteen (13) feet and sixteen (16) feet

above grade with a maximum average spacing (per block face) of 60 feet on center placed two (2) feet from the back of curb on each side of the street and travel lanes.

3. At the front of the building, exterior lights shall be mounted between 6 feet and 14 feet above adjacent grade.
4. All lots with alleys shall have lighting fixtures within 5 feet of the alley right of way. This fixture shall illuminate the alley, shall be between 13 and 16 feet in height, and shall not cause glare into adjacent single-family lots.
5. Lighting elements shall be incandescent, metal halide or halogen only. No HID or fluorescent lights (excepting compact fluorescent bulbs that screw into standard sockets) may be used on the exterior of buildings.
6. Floodlights or directional lights (maximum 75- watt bulbs) may be used to illuminate alleys, parking garages and working (maintenance) areas, but must be shielded or aimed in such a way that they do not shine into other lots or the street.
7. Floodlighting shall not be used to illuminate building walls (i.e. no up-lighting).



*Site lighting should be design to facilitate safe and convenient circulation of motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians.*

8. No flashing, traveling, animated, or intermittent lighting shall be visible on the exterior of any building except in historic areas where it is expressly permitted.
9. Lighting in the vicinity of Balloon Fiesta Park shall be limited to area lighting regulations that are no greater in height than 20 feet. Spacing for area lighting shall be spaced as far as part as possible to minimize the total number of fixtures. Pedestrian lights along Balloon Fiesta Park for trails and walks shall be limited to bollard lighting only.

**h) Service Areas, Outdoor Storage, Loading Docks and Similar Facilities:**

1. Service entrances, storage areas, loading docks and other similar uses shall not front onto public streets and open spaces.
2. Service areas, outdoor storage, trash collection area and other similar uses shall be visually screened from the view of public streets or open space by a visual barrier such as fencing or landscaping.
3. Non-enclosed areas for the storage and/or sale of seasonal inventory shall be permanently defined and screened with walls and/or fences.
4. Loading docks, garage doors, bays and other similar facilities shall be incorporated into the overall design of the building and landscaping.
5. Roof canopies shall be provided over all loading docks viewable from the public street and shall be architecturally integrated with the building.
6. Service areas shall be positioned to minimize conflicts with other abutting uses.
7. Service and emergency service lanes shall be designed as part of the site circulation and shall not use dedicated lanes that add impervious surface.

**i) Landscape Design**

Note that the landscape design regulations shall be per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code and Development Process Manual, with the following additions/exceptions:

1. Per the COA Zoning Code, 15% of the site shall be landscaped (no artificial turf allowed).
2. In reference to the Front Landscape Buffer, a minimum landscape strip of ten feet, or a six foot landscaped area with a 4 foot high screen wall, shall be maintained between parking areas and the primary street right of way.



*A landscape buffer should be provided between the street right-of-way and parking area*

3. In reference to the Side/Rear Landscape Buffer, a minimum landscaped strip of 6

feet shall be maintained between parking areas and adjacent lots, regardless of site size.

4. Where a nonresidential zone is developed for a nonresidential purpose and the site abuts a residential zone, special buffer landscaping is required to minimize noise and sight impact of the non-residential activities in the residential area:
  - i) Trees and plants shall have non-invasive growth habits, and be planted in soil and conditions that are appropriate for their growth habits.
  - ii) Property owners are strongly encouraged to use xeriscape and other water conservation methods in selecting plant materials.
  - iii) Turf areas shall be identified on the landscape plan and cannot constitute more than twenty five (25) percent of the landscape area requirement.
5. Buffers may be either native vegetation or landscaping materials provided the buffer strip is a minimum of ten (10) feet in width and of sufficient occurrence and density so as to block from view the property to be buffered.
6. For sites greater than 20 acres, 5% of the site must be designated for usable open space. Open space requirements may be

met on site by incorporating pedestrian, corridors, plazas, or other similar features throughout the site.

7. Off-street Landscaping requirements are per the City of Albuquerque Zoning Code, with the following exceptions:
  - i) Landscape requirements apply to surface parking only.
  - ii) Required parking area trees may be of a deciduous or evergreen species.
  - iii) Landscape coverage: Tree canopy shall count towards the requirement that 75% of landscape areas 36 square feet or greater be covered with living, vegetation materials.
  - iv) Where practical, surface runoff into water harvesting areas shall be provided in parking lots.

### Building Design Regulations

The following building design regulations focus on promoting buildings that will be compatible in scale and compatible with the Plan area by using materials and forms that reflect the design styles of the Albuquerque region.

#### a) Building Principles

1. Architectural details should be used to provide appropriate scale and proportion to facades. Details should be related, where

feasible, to the properties of the materials from which the building is made.



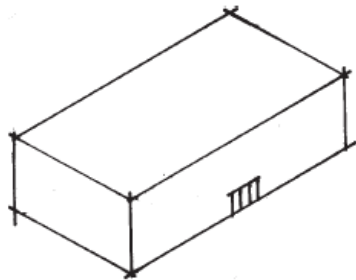
*This building is divided into vertical segments, reducing the mass and providing interest from the street view.*

2. Building masses should be appropriate to the scale of the context of the building's locality and be designed to provide interest and variety.
  3. Multiple buildings on the same site shall be designed to create a cohesive visual relationship between buildings.
  4. Architectural styles will be based on contemporary interpretations of regional design styles of the southwest.
- #### b) Exterior Façade Treatments:
1. Building entrances shall be articulated with an awning, arcade, change in roof line, portico, recess or projection, tower

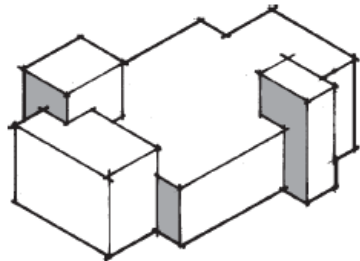


element, or similar feature to identify a clear sense of entry.

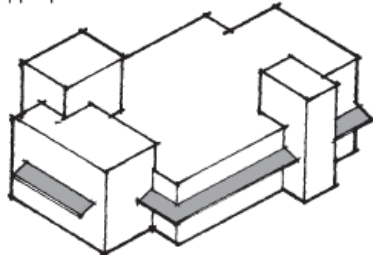
2. Facades that face a public street shall have the front facade wrap around the structure at a distance equal to or greater than one-third the depth of the building or 20 feet, whichever is greater.



Inappropriate architectural treatment



Appropriate use of vertical articulation



Appropriate use of horizontal articulation

3. Facades should be articulated to reduce the massive scale and composition of large buildings by providing visual interest that will be consistent with each Land Use Districts' identity, character and scale.
4. Facades with a length greater than 100 feet, measured horizontally, shall incorporate wall plane projections or recesses having a depth of at least 3 feet and extending at least 20 percent of the length of the facade.

**c) Building Roofs:**

1. Parapet Roofs are allowed only in a configuration where the roof material is not visible from any adjacent public right-of-way. The average height of such parapets shall not exceed 15 percent of the height of the supporting wall and shall not at any point exceed one-third of the height of the supporting wall.
2. Skylights and roof vents are permitted only on the roof plane opposite the primary street or right-of-way or when shielded from public right-of-way view by the building's parapet.

**d) Permitted Building Materials:**

1. Building facades shall be required to use a minimum of two different finishes. Combinations of materials are strongly encouraged to create visual interest and diversity.



*Varying roof forms is encouraged*

2. All primary building facades shall use materials that are durable and of a quality that will retain their appearance over time.
3. All accessory buildings shall be contextual and shall be of the same materials used in the primary building design.
4. Materials that are highly reflective or that do not convey a human scale are inappropriate as primary building materials.
5. Roof materials that reflect the design traditions of the Albuquerque region should be used.

**e) Screening of Undesirable Materials:**

1. Materials, colors, and design of screening walls and/or fences shall complement those used as predominant materials and colors on the building(s). If such areas are to be covered, the covering shall conform to

those used as predominant materials and colors on the building(s).

2. Where feasible, mechanical equipment on the roof should not be visible or should be screened from all vantage points. Screening shall be consistent with the buildings architectural design, materials, and finishes.
3. Ground mounted mechanical and electrical equipment, excluding transformers, adjacent to a major façade shall be screened through the use of walls, earth berms, dense evergreen foliage or other acceptable screening devices.

## Signage Regulations

The purpose of the signage regulations is to provide guidance in the design and evaluation of signage throughout the Plan area. These regulations address the relationship between adjoining uses and the general context of the sign with respect to natural features, views, proximity to residential uses, size and orientation to pedestrian activity.

### a) Monument Signage

1. Freestanding, monument style with concealed supports are allowed (no poles), either single or double faced, limited to the building or major tenant name and address. Monument signs are limited to one sign per building/buildings complex and shall be designed as part of the overall theme of the

Land Use District in which it is located. The color and materials used for the sign shall complement the materials, color and texture of the building and have a good relationship with the surrounding landscaping.

2. Monument signage shall not block the visibility of vehicular traffic or risk the safety of pedestrians.
3. The allowable dimensions for monument signage are 10' long by 4' high with an additional base height of 18".



*Monument signs should have a good relationship to the surrounding landscaping.*

4. Monument signage shall be attractively illuminated without excessive spillage of light upward or outward. Any exposed light source, flashing or moving character type sign shall not be permissible.

5. In addition to the regulations stated above, properties greater than 10 acres in size are permitted 1 monument sign that is in accordance with the C-2 sign regulations per the COA Zoning Code.

### b) Building Signage

1. One building sign will be permitted per development parcel, limited to the name of the business, business logo and street address number. The color and materials used for the signs shall complement the materials, color and texture of the building.
2. Business signs are not permitted at or near the rear of the buildings.
3. For multiple-story building, wall signs are permitted within the area between the second story floor line and the first floor ceiling, within a horizontal band not to exceed 2' in height. In no case shall this band be higher than 18' or lower than 12' above grade.
4. For multi-tenant buildings, all wall signs shall be located at a consistent location on the building façade with only one building sign allowed for each building.
5. Projecting signs may be hung below the second story level, perpendicular to the right-of-way or from an overhang or awning. Signs shall not project more than

thirty six (36) inches, perpendicular to the right-of-way, beyond the façade.

6. Building sign letters shall not exceed 18 inches in height or width and 3 inches in relief.
7. Company logos shall not be larger than a rectangle of 8 square feet.
8. Street addresses may be placed at between 6' and 12' above grade using 6 to 12 inch tall lettering.
9. Projecting signs shall not be more than 24 inches vertical by 48 inches horizontal and shall have a 9' minimum clearance height above the sidewalk.
10. Animated, illuminated flashing or intermittent illumination signage is prohibited.



Position a sign to be part of the overall building composition.

#### 4.3 HEIGHT OVERLAY

The maximum building height regulations are intended to protect adjacent residential neighborhoods and open space resources, including compatibility in scale and character, and to facilitate and maximize development / redevelopment opportunities. As shown in **Figure 11**, the majority of the Plan area west of I-25 has a height limitation of 39ft, which takes into account and accommodates the uses at Balloon Fiesta Park. Areas east of I-25, adjacent to existing single-family homes, also have height limitations of 39 ft. Moving inward towards I-25, away from Balloon Fiesta Park and the single-family residences, the height limitations gradually increase. Approaching the Interstate, the height regulations closely reflect the Land Use Districts contained in the proposed Land Use Plan. 65 ft (5 stories), the maximum height allowed under the Height Overlay, follows the Regional Commercial Land Use District located at the nodes of I-25. As a condition of Regional Commercial, hospitality uses located within 600 ft of the Interstate will be allowed to exceed the 65 ft height limitation and build up-to 10 stories or 120 ft.

If following the underlying zoning, development proposals are subject to the height requirements set forth in the *City of Albuquerque Zoning Code*. If the development proposal is not following the underlying zoning but instead following the requirements of the Land Use Districts, the development proposal is required to adhere to the height limitations set forth in the Building Height Overlay.



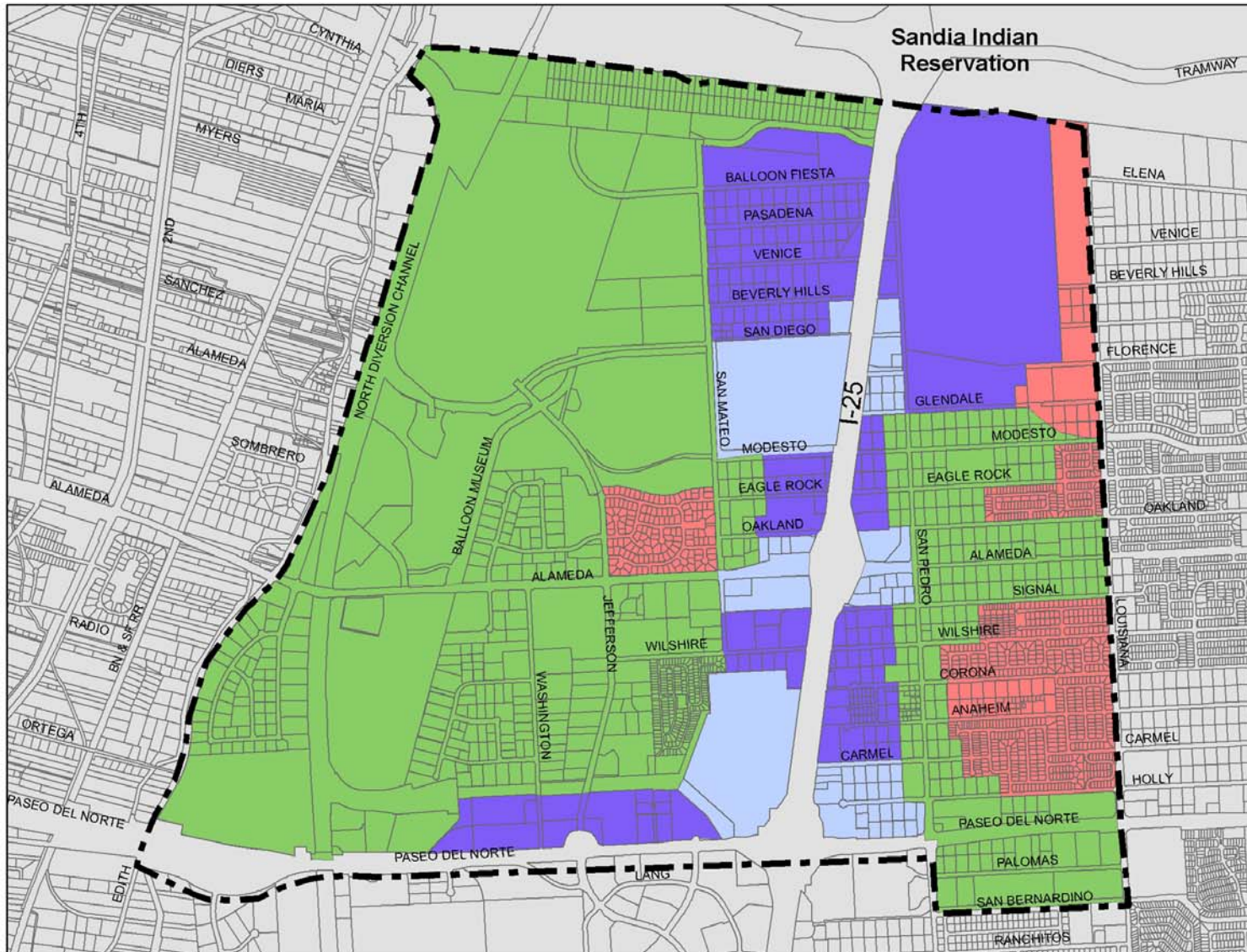


Figure 11  
Building  
Height Overlay



- Legend**
- 26 ft MAX
  - 3st - 39 ft MAX
  - 4st - 52 ft MAX
  - 5st - 65 ft MAX

# 5 Transportation Plan

## Transportation Goal

To improve circulation and access to facilitate the movement of goods and people throughout the Plan area

A well-functioning transportation system in the Plan area is essential to ensure the efficient movement of people and goods, maintain the quality of life, and provide for economic growth and diversification. The intent of the Transportation Plan is to promote the safe and efficient movement of goods and people throughout the Plan area and surrounding areas. The plan utilizes a multi-modal approach to the transportation network including roadway, transit, bicycle, and pedestrian facilities, by providing policies, capital improvements and recommended actions for each mode of transportation.

### 5.1 TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

**Policy T1:** Provide additional north-south access to and from the Plan area.

**Policy T2:** Provide east-west vehicular access through the Plan area north of Alameda Boulevard

**Policy T3:** Reduce traffic speeds throughout the Plan area to improve safety and reinforce quality development.

**Policy T4:** Improve service levels throughout the Plan area.

**Policy T5:** Reinforce the hierarchy of streets, through the use of landscaping and design elements that are scaled appropriately to the street's width and function.

**Policy T6:** Alleviate traffic problems occurring during special events within the Plan area.

**Policy T7:** Encourage the provision of pedestrian and bicycle links between and among commercial properties, community facilities, and nearby residential neighborhoods.

**Policy T8:** Establish an interconnected system of right-of-way to provide for safe and efficient movement of pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

**Policy T7:** Enhance access from the Plan area to the Rail Runner Express platform located at Paseo del Norte and Edith Boulevard.

**Policy T8:** Provide additional transit routes and stops within the Plan area.

**Policy T9:** Improve pedestrian access to public transit facilities.

#### 5.1.1 Transportation Capital Improvements

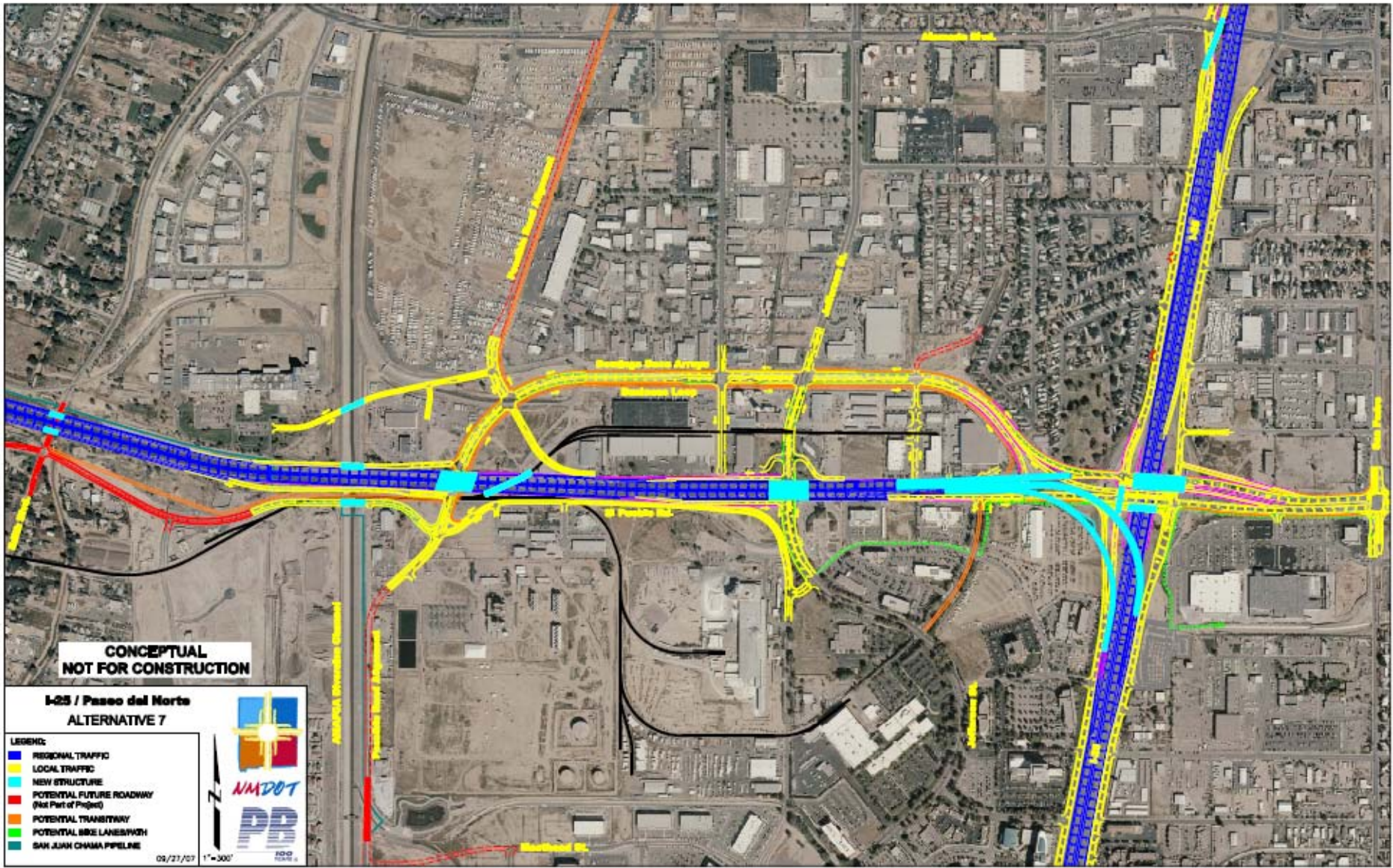
1. *Extend San Mateo Boulevard south to the arterial proposed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. NMDOT is*

currently evaluating several alternatives that would improve the Paseo del Norte / I-25 Interchange and the segment of Paseo del Norte that serves as the southern boundary of the Plan area. Plans call for a new arterial roadway that would be located north of Paseo del Norte along the Domingo Baca Arroyo. A box culvert will be placed over the arroyo and a grade separated interchange will be provided at Jefferson Street. Two of the alternatives being considered are shown on the following pages. Extending San Mateo Boulevard to the south would improve north-south circulation and alleviate anticipated increases in traffic as the northern portions of the Plan area continue to develop. The extension of the roadway could be done in coordination with the redevelopment of the Coronado Trailer Park site.

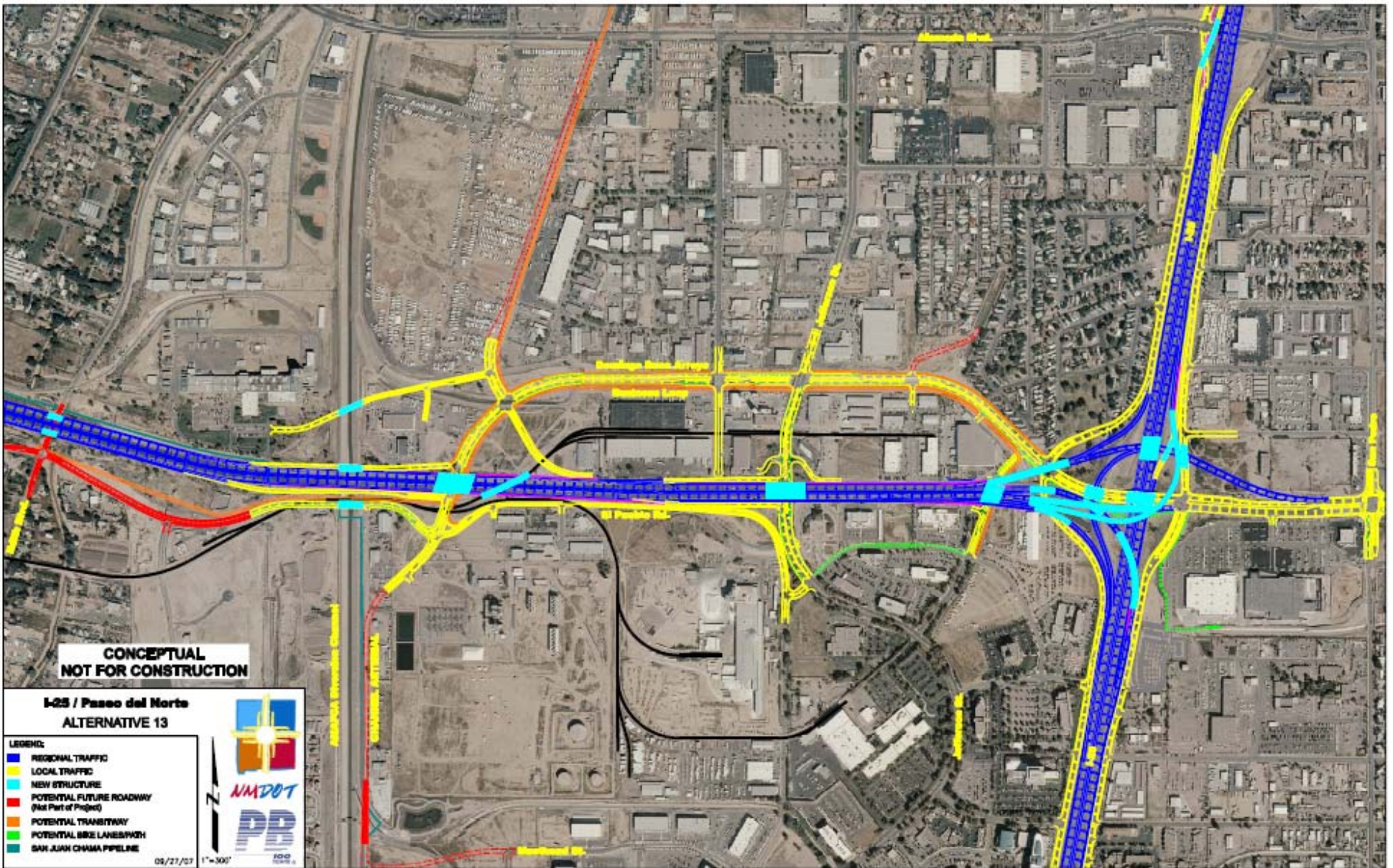
2. *Extend Balloon Museum Drive south to Paseo del Norte.* Extending Balloon Museum Drive would also improve north-south circulation and serve as an alternate route to accessing Balloon Fiesta Park from the south. The extension could be constructed utilizing the public right-of-way and drainage channel on the eastern edge of the Los Angeles landfill. A Location Study should be conducted to determine the location and feasibility of constructing a road along the landfill.

3. *Extend San Diego Avenue across I-25 to San Pedro Drive.* Extending San Diego Avenue east of I-25 would provide additional east-west











capacity within the Plan area. The extension could be incorporated via an overpass of I-25 and could also serve as an opportunity to serve as a gateway to the City.

4. *Connect San Diego Avenue to Balloon Museum Drive.* The connection should allow for left turn/southbound traffic only from San Diego to Jefferson Street. The connection would provide the needed additional north-south capacity to the west side of the Plan area. The improvement should be evaluated in coordination with the proposed extension of Balloon Museum Drive to Paseo del Norte.
5. *Place a traffic signal at the intersection of San Pedro Drive and Alameda Boulevard.* A major concern for residents east of I-25 is the congestion and safety concerns at the intersection of San Pedro Drive and Alameda Boulevard. The intersection is currently a four-way stop but 2006 traffic counts indicated that a traffic signal is warranted.
6. *Conduct traffic calming studies.* Conduct traffic calming studies along the corridors in the Plan area encompassing Alameda Boulevard, San Mateo Boulevard, San Pedro Drive and Louisiana Boulevard. As congestion east of I-25 has worsened, cut-through traffic within existing residential neighborhoods has become problematic. The City should take steps to evaluate traffic calming measures and implement improvements in collaboration with

residents. Recommended traffic calming methods are provided in **Appendix B**.

7. *Extend the existing bicycle lane along Alameda Boulevard from its current termination at Jefferson Street to Louisiana Boulevard.* Extending the bicycle lane will provide additional non-motorized east-west access within the Plan and would provide an additional connection to the existing multi-use trail located south of Domingo Baca Park.
8. *Provide a bicycle lane along Jefferson Street between Balloon Fiesta Park and the Journal Center.* A bike-lane along Jefferson Street would provide a needed north-south connection for non-motorized traffic. The bike-lane would provide a connection between the proposed trails at the Domingo Baca Arroyo and the North La Cueva Arroyo and would also provide access to Wildflower Park.
9. *Provide a sidewalk along San Mateo Blvd. and Jefferson Street.* Sidewalks should be completed along Jefferson Street south of Alameda and along San Mateo Boulevard, north of Alameda. Completing the sidewalk connections at these locations will enhance pedestrian circulation and safety.

#### **5.1.2 Transportation Recommended Actions**

1. Remove the truck restrictions on Paseo del Norte and designate the roadway as the area's primary truck route.

2. Encourage the consolidation of commercial parking areas in order to reduce curb cuts and vehicular conflicts.
3. Consider making the temporary traffic signal at the intersection of Balloon Museum Drive and Alameda Boulevard a permanent signal.
4. Encourage the consolidation of access points and reconfigure internal circulation drives to improve vehicular and traffic safety, in a manner that does not cause internal congestion. Where appropriate and where such connections will not cause internal congestion, encourage the creation of inter-parcel connections to permit vehicular movement between adjacent commercial properties.
5. Examine a pedestrian / vehicular crossing from Alameda Road to Balloon Fiesta Park for use during special Park events.
6. Update the functional street classifications contained in the Long Range Roadway System Map to reflect land uses and roadway functions proposed in this Plan, including the Paseo del Norte alignment, identified by NMDOT as a principal arterial roadway.
7. Plan roadways to operate at a level of service (LOS) "D" or better.
8. During the development proposal process, require that the applicant set forth techniques to maintain existing LOS for those intersections

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and roadway segments already operating below LOS "D" and which would be further reduced by the traffic impacts of the requested development.

9. Place permanent signs, using a consistent theme, for directional purposes and identification within and around the Balloon Fiesta Park.
10. Place temporary way finding signage on affected roadways during special events in the Plan area including signage on I-25, Paseo del Norte, Alameda Boulevard, San Diego Avenue, San Mateo Boulevard and Jefferson Street.
11. Require the submittal of a circulation master plan as a condition of any Zone change request or development proposal on the former Coronado Airport site.
12. Require any redesign of Paseo del Norte to include protected north-south bicycle and pedestrian crossings at San Pedro Drive and Louisiana Boulevard.
13. Encourage the clear delineation of pedestrian ways in commercial parking lots and other thoroughfares for public use—through the use of landscaping, lighting, signage, contrasting pavement, pavement marking, or other innovative treatments.
14. Amend the Trails and Bicycle Facility Plan to include on street bike-lanes within the existing right-of-way along Alameda Boulevard, Jefferson Street and Louisiana Boulevard and to

include a trail adjacent to the South La Cueva Arroyo.

15. As development continues, take the necessary steps to evaluate the speed limits in the Plan area, specifically in the areas near existing residential neighborhoods.
16. Require that new development within 150 feet of a bus stop provide direct access to the stop location.
17. Require the dedication of through streets to be no more than a quarter-mile apart in all new developments.
18. As development continues and transportation improvements are made, reevaluate the bus route system to ensure that a sufficient number of stops are being provided.
19. Provide a 25% parking space reduction for employers in the Plan area that provide private shuttle service for their employees to the Rail Runner Express.



# 6 Open Space Plan

## Open Space Goal

**To protect and maintain a high-quality, accessible sufficient system of recreation facilities and sites to serve the Plan area**

The intent of this Open Space Plan is to integrate existing open space and recreational resources into the Plan area by providing for improved access to those resources. The Balloon Fiesta Park consumes a large portion of the Plan area and is an important resource to the Plan area and to the City of Albuquerque. As such, the Park should be considered and integrated into the Plan's vision. Although this Plan does not directly address or recommend improvements to the Park, the Balloon Fiesta Park Master Plan should be taken into consideration and respected as the Plan area continues to develop.

## 6.2 OPEN SPACE POLICIES

**Policy OS1:** Provide better access to the broad range of recreational opportunities, by improved or reinforced links to open spaces within and outside the City.

**Policy OS2:** Encourage the location of public open spaces and facilities in new developments close to active uses--commercial, community services,

employment, and schools.

**Policy OS3:** Provide connections between existing trails and recreational resources within the Plan area.

**Policy OS4:** Encourage the integration of existing drainage facilities into the open space system.

### 6.2.1 Open Space Capital Improvements


1. *Provide for a multi-use trail along the North La Cueva Arroyo connecting Balloon Fiesta Park to Louisiana Boulevard.* A trail could be constructed along the North La Cueva Arroyo or within the existing San Diego Avenue right-of-way. The trail could use the I-25 flyover, proposed for San Diego Avenue as part of this Plan, and proceed east to connect to the bike lane located along Louisiana Boulevard.
2. *Provide for a multi-use trail along the Domingo Baca Arroyo, connecting the North Diversion Channel to Louisiana Boulevard.* A trail along the Domingo Baca Arroyo could be constructed within the right-of-way of the new arterial proposed by the New Mexico Department of Transportation. The trail could connect to the portion of the Domingo Baca Arroyo Trail already constructed south of the Plan area, east of I-25.
3. *Provide for a multi-use trail from the North Camino Arroyo, south to the Domingo Baca Arroyo.* A trail could be constructed in the

vicinity of San Mateo Boulevard, providing an additional north-south non-motorized connection. Private land owners could contribute to the trail right-of-way as the former Phillips site and Coronado Trailer Park are redeveloped.

4. *Provide for a multi-use trail between Wildflower Park and the Balloon Fiesta Park.* Providing for a trail at this location will provide a connection between existing open space resources.
5. *Renovate Wildflower Park.* The Park is in need of renovation, specifically for water conservation and the possible addition of a play area.

### 6.2.2 Open Space Recommended Actions

1. Amend the Trails and Bikeways Facility Plan to include trails along the Domingo Baca and North La Cueva Arroyos and delete the trail along the South La Cueva Arroyo. A trail along the South La Cueva Arroyo already exists.
2. Continue the phased development of Balloon Fiesta Park and identify adequate funding for maintenance.
3. Provide convenient, well-marked, well-defined entrance points of access for existing and proposed trails within the Plan area. Where possible, locate these entrance points at activity centers, such as park locations, public facilities public transit, residential communities, and private businesses.

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4. Consider placing a trail study corridor designation on the proposed trails map a quarter-mile north and south of Paseo del Norte, between San Pedro Drive and the North Diversion Channel. This will ensure that the existing trail connection between the Bus Rapid Ride system at Paseo del Norte and Edith Boulevard and the North Domingo Baca Arroyo remains.
  5. Provide/study a north-south trail connection between I-25 and the North Diversion Channel in the redesign of the Paseo del Norte / Jefferson Street intersection.
  6. Coordinate planning efforts to implement an interconnected system of trails between the Plan area and surrounding areas including trails for pedestrian and non-motorized vehicles. Connectivity between parks via trails, sidewalks, and linear corridors shall be encouraged.
  7. Utilize the *Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED)* practices for points of access to trails and in trail designs.
  8. Promote the implementation of proposed trails with the assistance of citizen groups, the development community, and the New Mexico Department of Transportation in order to link trails and open spaces to the Plan area's neighborhoods, businesses and transit facilities.
  9. Develop and maintain regulations governing construction of trails. Regulations should

consider, but not be limited to, the following factors:

- **Surfaces and Widths:** Trail surfaces and widths should be appropriate to the expected user types, intensity of use, and maintenance levels expected.
  - **Access Points:** Frequency and location of access points should relate to activity centers and transportation facilities.
  - **Lighting:** Adequate lighting should be provided where trails traverse security risk areas and serve users of public transit facilities.
10. Develop an appropriate structure to ensure community involvement in the management of open spaces.





Figure 13  
Proposed Open Space & Trails Plan



**Legend**

-  Plan Boundary
-  Existing Open Space
-  Existing Trails
-  Planned Trails

# 7 Environmental & Public Safety Plan

## Environmental & Public Safety Goal

Preserve, protect, and enhance the significant environmental resources and features of the Plan area, including arroyos, air quality, ground water, and natural viewsheds

### 7.3 ENVIRONMENTAL & PUBLIC SAFETY POLICIES

**Policy EPS1:** Consider environmental concerns at all levels of land use-related decision-making.

**Policy EPS2:** Limit the amount and extent of impervious surfaces.

**Policy EPS3:** Improve and reduce the effects of flooding as a result of existing and planned development.

**Policy EPS4:** Monitor former landfills within the Plan area in an effort to protect the environment and public's health and safety.

#### 7.3.1 Environmental & Public Safety Capital Improvements

1. *Continue the North Arroyo Channel through the northern boundary of Balloon Fiesta Park.* Completing the improvements to the North

Camino Arroyo in the Northwest portion of the Plan area is necessary to proceed with development in the area and reduce flooding in the Park.

#### 7.3.2 Environmental & Public Safety Recommended Actions

1. Incorporate community involvement in the design and maintenance of environmentally sensitive open space areas.
2. Require a master drainage plan for the closed Coronado Airport site to be submitted for any development proposals for the site. Require the drainage plan to address the connection between the North Camino Arroyo and its termination at I-25 and Louisiana Boulevard.
3. Implement the drainage plan for the Los Angeles Landfill established by the Environmental Health Department. Furthermore, evaluate potential surface stabilization methods as part of the landfill site remediation efforts.
4. All City departments and offices involved in land use shall coordinate with local, state, and regional environmental organizations to facilitate the exchange of data and implementation of environmental protection measures.
5. Ensure that the City is cognizant of the environmental issues and impacts of development projects within and adjacent to the

Plan area that might affect the health, safety, and welfare of its residents.

6. Encourage developers to incorporate into site planning various environmentally sensitive approaches including low-impact development techniques, green building and sustainable design.
7. Encourage the minimization of the amount of impervious surfaces of development and utilize acceptable retrofit techniques in redevelopment in order to minimize storm water runoff through the use of appropriate low-impact development techniques.
8. Continue to remediate ground water contamination originating from former landfills in the Plan area.
9. Evaluate the effectiveness of the landfill gas extraction system at the Los Angeles landfill through close monitoring of the ground water, methane wells and underground structures in the nearby area.
10. Evaluate alternative energy uses for the landfill gas being removed at the Los Angeles landfill.

# 8

## Plan Implementation

*Abbreviations and Acronyms used in the table below:*

To implement the Plan, the following projects should be considered for inclusion in the City of Albuquerque Component Capital Improvement Plan (CCIP).

**AMAFCA** – Albuquerque Metropolitan Arroyo Flood Control Authority

**CIP** – Capital Improvement Program

**COA** – City of Albuquerque

**DMD** – Department of Municipal Development

**EHD** – Environmental Health Department

**MR-COG** – Mid Region Council of Governments

**NMDOT** – New Mexico Department of Transportation

**NTMP** – Neighborhood Traffic Management Program

Element	ID	Policy Implemented	Action	Lead Agency	Coordination Required	Potential Funding Sources
Land Use	3.1.1 (1)	LUZ1	Incorporate the policies and Land Use District requirements into the development approval process	Planning (COA)		
Land Use	3.1.1 (5)	LUZ2, LUZ3	Amend the City ordinance to create development procedures to allow for additional residential/non residential mixed-use buildings	Planning (COA)	Property Owners	
Community Design	4.1.1 (1)		Incorporate the Community Design Plan into the City's development application and approval processes	Planning (COA)		
Community Design	4.1.1 ( )	CD2, CD5	Provide streetscape improvements to present a cohesive site design for existing and proposed developments	DMD (COA)	Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP
Community Design	4.1.1 (2)	CD7, CD1	Prepare landscape plans to improve the scenic quality of highly visible areas along I-25, Paseo del Norte and Alameda Boulevard	DMD (COA)	Parks & Recreation (COA) / Property Owners / NMDOT /	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (1)	T1, T4, T6	Extend San Mateo Boulevard south to the arterial proposed by the NMDOT	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	Property Owners / NMDOT / AMAFCA	CIP

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Transportation	5.1.1 (1)	T1, T4, T6	Extend San Mateo Boulevard south to the arterial proposed by the NMDOT	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	Property Owners / NMDOT / AMAFCA	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (2)	T1, T4, T6	Extend Balloon Museum Drive south to Pase del Norte	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	NMDOT / EHD	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (3)	T2, T4, T6	Extend San Diego Avenue across I-25 to San Pedro Drive	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	Property Owners / NMDOT / DMD / Parks & Recreation (COA) / AIBF	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (4)	T2, T4, T6	Conect San Diego Avenue to Balloon Museum Drive	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	Property Owners / Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta / Wildflower Neighborhood Assoc.	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (5)	T2, T6	Extend Alameda Drive to Balloon Fiesta Park	Public Works / Traffic Analyses (COA)	Property Owners / Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta / AMAFCA / Bernalillo County	CIP
Transportation	5.1.1 (7)	T3, T4	Place a traffic signal at the intersection of San Pedro Drive and Alameda Boulevard	DMD / Traffic Analyses (COA)	La Cueva Neighborhood Assoc.	CIP / NTMP
Transportation	5.1.1 (8)	T3, T4, T7	Conduct traffic calming studies	DMD / Traffic Analyses (COA)		CIP / NTMP
Transportation	5.1.1 (9,10)	T7, T8	Provide bike lanes along Alameda Boulevard, San Pedro Drive, Louisiana Boulevard and Jefferson Street	DMD (COA)	MR-COG / Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP / General Fund
Transportation	5.1.2 (1)	T3, T7	Remove truck restrictions on Paseo del Norte	DMD (COA)	NMDOT	

Element	ID	Policy Implemented	Action	Lead Agency	Coordination Required	Potential Funding Sources
Transportation	5.1.2 (4)	T5	Update the functional classifications contained in the Long Range Roadway System Map	Planning (COA)	MR-COG	
Transportation	5.1.2 (8)	T6	Place temporary way finding signage on affected roadways during special events	DMD (COA)	Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta / NMDOT	CIP
Transportation	5.1.2 (12)	T6	Amend the Trails and Bicycle Facility Plan to include bike lanes along Alameda Boulevard, San Pedro Drive, Louisiana Boulevard and Jefferson Street and trails along the La Cueva Arroyo and Domingo Baca Arroyo	DMD (COA)	Planning (COA) / Parks & Recreation (COA)	
Transportation	5.1.2 (13)	T7, T8, T9	Construct Sidewalks along Jefferson Street & San Mateo Boulevards	DMD (COA)	Property Owners / NMDOT	CIP
Open Space	6.1.1 (1)	OS2, OS3, OS4	Construct a multi-use trail along the North La Cueva Arroyo	DMD (COA)	Property Owners / NMDOT / Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP
Open Space	6.1.1 (2)	OS1, OS2, OS3, OS4	Construct a multi-use trail along the Domingo Baca Arroyo	DMD (COA)	Property Owners / AMAFCA / Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP
Open Space	6.1.1 (3)	OS1, OS2, OS3, OS4	Construct a multi-use trail along San Mateo Boulevard from the North Camino Arroyo, south to the Domingo Baca Arroyo	DMD (COA)	Property Owners / AMAFCA / NMDOT / Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP
Open Space	6.1.2 (4)	OS1, OS2, OS3, OS4	Study a north-south trail connection between I-25 and the North Diversion Channel in the redesign of the Paseo del Norte / Jefferson Street interchange	DMD (COA)	NMDOT / Parks & Recreation (COA)	CIP



<b>Element</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Policy Implemented</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Lead Agency</b>	<b>Coordination Required</b>	<b>Potential Funding Sources</b>
Environment & Public Safety	7.1.1 (1)	EPS3	Continue the North Arroyo Channel through the northern boundary of Balloon Fiesta Park	DMD (COA)	AMAFCA / Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta	CIP / General Fund
Environment & Public Safety	7.1.2 (3)	EPS3	Implement the existing drainage plan for the Los Angeles Landfill prepared by EHD and the surface stabilization recommendation cited in this Plan	DMD (COA)	EHD (COA) / Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta	CIP / General Fund

# 9 City Zoning Districts Applicable to the Plan

## R-1 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for houses and uses incidental thereto in the Established and Central Urban areas.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) House, one per lot.
- (2) Accessory use:
  - (a) Accessory structure (noncommercial) for garage, storage, recreation, hobby, greenhouse, bathhouse, or for the keeping or housing of domestic pets, other allowed animals or agricultural products.
  - (b) Agricultural animal keeping, for noncommercial purposes, as follows: rabbits and similar animals, poultry, pigeons. Cows, horses, goats or sheep, provided the number of animals does not exceed one cow or horse for each 10,000 square feet of open lot area, or one sheep or goat for each 4,000 square feet of open lot area, or equivalent combination, provided the lot has an area of at least 21,780 square feet. Animals shall be so controlled that

they cannot graze on any other premises. Animals under four months old are not counted.

- (c) Garage and yard sale, provided:
  1. No more than one sale at a given dwelling in any 12-month period. The duration of the garage or yard sale shall not exceed three consecutive days.
  2. No items shall be purchased for a garage or yard sale for the purpose of resale; items shall be of the type normally accumulated by a household.
  3. One non-illuminated sign not exceeding six square feet in area shall be permitted. The sign shall pertain to the garage or yard sale only and shall be located on the premises. The sign shall be permitted for the three-day period only.
- (d) Antenna (noncommercial), up to 65 feet in height.
- (e) Family Care facility, provided there is no sign and only members of the residing family serve as provider of care.
- (f) Family day care home, with any sign limited as for home occupations, provided:

1. Only members of the residing family serve as providers of care.
2. Group composition shall not exceed six children; this limit does not consider the resident provider's children who are age six or more.
3. The activity is licensed by the state as a family day care home.

### (g) Home occupation and sign identifying the activity, provided:

1. The activity is clearly incidental and secondary to use of the premises for a dwelling.
2. Only members of the residing family are employed.
3. No stock in trade is manufactured, displayed, or sold on the premises, except a small stock of art objects and custom sewing created by a resident of the dwelling is allowed.
4. All business activities are conducted entirely indoors.
5. No more than 25% of the floor area of the dwelling is devoted to the home occupation. No more than 5% of the floor area of the dwelling is devoted to storing stock in trade.

- 6. There is no external evidence of the activity, including, but not limited to, the parking of commercial vehicles, inordinate vehicular traffic, outside storage, noise, dust, odors, noxious fumes, or other nuisances emitted from the premises.
- 7. Health care (including physicians, nursing homes, massage, and the like) shall not be considered a permissive home occupation.
- 8. One related on-premise sign is permitted, provided:
  - a. It does not exceed one square foot in area.
  - b. It is a non-illuminated wall sign.
- (h) Parking of a noncommercial vehicle incidental to another use permitted in this zone, provided all motor vehicles, both noncommercial and commercial, which are not parked inside a building are operative and are not wholly or partially dismantled, and as provided elsewhere in this section. Inoperative and dismantled vehicles shall be governed by the provisions of Chapter 8, Article 5. This section shall not apply to the parking of commercial vehicles parked on a temporary basis for the sole purpose of providing a commercial service incidental to a residential use such as delivery, repair and utility installation and/or repair. The parking of a vehicle meeting the definition for recreational vehicle, except for size, is not deemed incidental to another use permitted in this zone.
  - (i) Recreational vehicle, boat, or boat-and-boat-trailer parking as follows:
    - 1. Inside parking;
    - 2. Outside parking in the side yard or the rear yard, provided no part of the unit extends over the public sidewalk; or
    - 3. Outside parking in the front yard, provided:
      - a. The unit is parked perpendicular to the front curb;
      - b. The body of the recreational vehicle or boat is at least 11 feet from the face of the curb; and
      - c. No part of the unit extends over the public sidewalk.
    - 4. Parking is permitted only if the unit, while parked in this zone, is:
      - a. Not used for dwelling purposes, except one recreational vehicle may be used for dwelling purposes for a maximum of 14 days in any calendar year on any given lot. Cooking is not permitted in the recreational vehicle at any time. Butane or propane fuel shall not be used.
      - b. Not permanently connected to sewer lines, water lines, or electricity. The recreational vehicle may be connected to electricity temporarily for charging batteries and other purposes if the receptacle and the connection from the recreational vehicle has been inspected and approved by the city; this connection must meet the Electrical Code of the city and a city electrical permit must be obtained for all such installations. The individual taking out the permit must call for an inspection of the electrical wiring when ready for inspection. Standard inspection fees will be charged, except no inspection shall be made for less than a \$3.50 fee.
      - c. Not used for storage of goods, materials, or equipment other than those items considered to be a part of the unit or essential for its immediate use.

- 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of divisions 3. and 4. above, a unit may be parked anywhere on the premises during active loading or unloading, and use of electricity or propane fuel is permitted when necessary to prepare a recreational vehicle for use.
- 6. If the dwelling unit on the lot is under construction, the provisions of division (2)(k)3. of this subsection shall control, rather than the provisions of (2)(i)1. through 4. of this division (A).
- 7. No recreational vehicle or boat may be parked in a clear sight triangle.
- (j) Sign, provided that it meets the requirements of (2)(f)8. of this division (A) or § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code.
- (k) Trailer parking as follows:
  - 1. Inside parking if all provisions of (2)(h)4. of this division (A) are met;
  - 2. Outside parking in the side yard or the rear yard of cargo trailers of less than 2,500 pounds carrying capacity.
  - 3. As a dwelling connected to any utilities during construction of a building on the premises, for a period of up to six months or until the construction is completed, whichever comes first. The six-month period shall begin to run from the date on which a building permit is issued for a dwelling unit on the same lot. The body of the trailer shall be set back at least five feet from any lot line and eight feet from the dwelling unit under construction.
- 4. Notwithstanding the other provisions of this subsection, a trailer may be parked anywhere on the premises during active loading or unloading.
  - (1) Hobby breeder, as defined by and under a permit pursuant to Chapter 9, Article 2, Animal Control.
  - (3) Community residential program except not either Community residential corrections program or Community residential program for substance abusers: up to ten client residents provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
  - (4) Growing plants, noncommercial.
  - (5) Private Commons Development, not less than two acres in area, if allowed in a Sector Development Plan or area plan governing the site.
- (6) Public park.
- (7) Public school, including caretaker's mobile home.
- (8) Public utility structure, provided its location is in accord with an adopted facility plan and a site development plan for building permit purposes has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- (9) Real estate office and an incidental sign in connection with a specific development, provided it is not used as living quarters during the time it is used as an office, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year unless the time is extended through approval by the Zoning Enforcement Officer. A site plan and floor plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer is required prior to establishment of this activity.
- (10) Wireless Telecommunications Facility which is concealed or located on a public utility structure, provided the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (11) Family Housing Development, as defined by the Family Housing Development Ordinance, Section 4.
- (B) *Conditional Uses.*
  - (1) Accessory living quarters.

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| <p>(2) Animal keeping, noncommercial, the species being other than those which are permissive in this section.</p>   | <p>building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.</p>   | <p>roofed structure, either detached or attached, in the required rear yard setback area, provided:</p>   |
| <p>(3) Carport in the required front or side setback area, provided:</p> <p>a. No part is within three feet of a property line, other than a right-of-way line.</p> <p>b. No building wall is ever built within a required setback area.</p> <p>c. The specific carport proposed is in harmony with the building site.</p>                                   | <p>(7) Health care, including physicians, massage, therapy, etc. (but not nursing homes), as physically limited under home occupations.</p> <p>(8) Public library.</p> <p>(9) Public utility structure which is not permissive.</p> <p>(10) Recreational facility (non-profit), such as community center, swimming pool, tennis club.</p> <p>(11) Second kitchen within a house, provided:</p> <p>(a) The kitchen is incidental to occupancy of the entire house in common by members of one family (as herein defined); that, in fact, there would not be two separate and distinct dwelling units, each exclusively occupied by some family members.</p> <p>(b) If such use is approved, the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall record the terms of the action with the County Clerk, together with a signed acceptance of such terms by the owners. The terms of the city action shall run with the land.</p> | <p>(a) No part is within three feet of a property line.</p> <p>(b) No building wall is ever built within the required setback area.</p> <p>(c) No more than 50% of the required rear yard setback area is covered by a roof.</p> <p>(d) The structure shall not exceed 12 feet in height nor shall it exceed the height of the principal building on the site.</p> <p>(e) A second floor deck is prohibited.</p> <p>(f) The specific structure proposed is in harmony with the building site and with surrounding sites.</p>  |
| <p>(4) Construction office in connection with a specific construction project provided it is limited to a period of one year unless the time is extended through a new conditional use.</p>  | <p>(12) Shade structure including a covered patio, a gazebo, a pergola, a ramada or similar</p>   | <p>(13) Storage structure or yard for equipment, material, or activity incidental to a specific construction project, provided it is of a temporary nature and is moved after the specific construction project is completed or work on the project has been dormant for a period of six or more months, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year. Incidental signs may also be approved.</p> <p>(14) Walls, fences, and retaining walls, in a setback area where height is normally limited to three feet, up to five feet high when less than ten feet from the property</p> |
| <p>(5) Family day care home, with any sign limited as for home occupations. There shall be an outdoor play area adequately enclosed with a wall or fence. At least one member of the residing family shall serve as a provider of care. The activity shall be licensed by the state as a family day care home. (See also the permissive use provisions.)</p> |   |   |
| <p>(6) Front yard setback of not less than 15 feet if there is no front yard driveway and vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley or if the garage setback is not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing</p>   |   |   |



line, and up to six feet high when ten or more feet from the property line, provided:

- (a) It is attractive and in harmony with its site, the style of the wall or fence blending architecturally with the adjacent residences and with the general streetscape, it is consistent with the requirements of Section 14-16-3-19, and it is at least one of the following:

1. At least 11 feet from the public sidewalk or planned public sidewalk location, or 14 feet from the edge of the street pavement, whichever is more restrictive;

2. The portion of the wall or fence which is more than three feet above the adjacent curb top is essentially an open fence which permits good visibility through it; or

3. On a corner lot, the rear yard of which is contiguous to the front yard of a residentially-zoned lot, and the wall or fence is not in the required front yard setback.

- (b) The Zoning Hearing Examiner shall not approve a wall or fence unless the Traffic Engineer finds that the specific plan approved would not be a hazard to traffic visibility.

- (c) Wire fences over three feet high and in setback areas are not normally

considered to be in harmony with a residential streetscape.

- (C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code and antenna as provided in division (A) of this section.

- (D) *Lot Size.*

- (1) Except as provided in division (2) and (3) below, minimum lot area shall be 6,000 square feet. Minimum lot width shall be 60 feet.

- (2) (a) Lot standards in subdivisions for which plats are submitted after February 1, 1981, shall be:

1. Minimum lot area of 5,000 square feet.
2. Minimum lot width of 50 feet.

- (b) Provided, however, that these standards rather than the standards indicated in division (1) above shall apply only where the Planning Director finds that such a lot size will not depart from a pattern of larger developed lots, which pattern constitutes the established character of the neighborhood.

- (3) Lot standards for Family Housing Development subdivisions which meet the requirements set forth in the Family Housing Development Ordinance or for a lot with vehicle access only to the rear

yard from an alley or for a lot with a detached garage located in the rear yard and accessed by a driveway with a maximum width of 12 feet in the front yard and in the side yard abutting the side of the dwelling, shall be:

- (a) Minimum lot area of 4,000 square feet.

- (b) Minimum lot width of 40 feet.

- (E) *Setback.* The following regulations apply, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3:

- (1) There shall be a front yard setback of not less than 20 feet.

- (2) For lots created after January 1, 2005 and for lots granted conditional use approval, if one of the following conditions is met, then there shall be a front yard setback of not less than 15 feet:

- (a) There is no front yard driveway and vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley, or

- (b) The garage is set back not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.

- (3) On a corner lot, the side-yard setback adjacent to the side of the street shall be as follows:

- (a) If the rear yard abuts the front yard of a residentially-zoned lot, not less than 20 feet.
  - (b) If division (3)(a) does not apply, not less than ten feet.
- (4) Side-yard setbacks which are interior, i.e., measured from side lot lines which are not adjacent to streets, shall be either:
- (a) Not less than five feet on each side if the lot width (see definition in § 14-16-1-5) is 65 feet or less. The setback on one side shall increase one foot for every one foot incremental increase in lot width to a maximum side setback of ten feet (thus, if lot width is 70 feet or more, the minimum side setbacks are ten feet on one side and five feet on the other);
  - (b) There shall be one side-yard setback of not less than ten feet on one side. The other side-yard setback shall be at least five feet, except that it may be reduced or eliminated if the owner of the abutting lot agrees in writing to permanently bind his lot to not have a house closer than ten feet to the areas allowed for a house on the subject lot, and the agreement is included with the application for a building permit. The agreement shall be filed by the owners with the Planning Director after being recorded with the County Clerk. In no case shall the distance between two residential buildings be less than ten feet; or
- (c) For lots where a common, interior side lot line is oriented more than 60° from due north-south, the minimum side-yard setback on the northerly side of the common lot line shall be as follows:
1. Not less than 15 feet if the immediately adjacent side yard setback is less than five feet;
  2. Not less than ten feet if the immediately adjacent side yard setback is five feet or more.
  3. Provided the provisions of divisions (a) and (b) above shall apply if:
    - i. For irregularly shaped lots, setback lines allow one side of the house on the irregularly shaped lot to be oriented 30° or more from due north-south, and which allow solar access equal to or greater than the provisions of division 1. or 2. above; or
    - ii. The owner of the property on the northerly side of the common lot line agrees in writing to permanently waive the requirement of the 15 foot side yard originally required to protect that property's solar access. The agreement must be included with the application for a building permit, if applicable, and shall be filed by the owners with the Planning Director after being recorded with the County Clerk.
  4. Unless waived pursuant to division 3.ii above, in no case shall the distance between two residential buildings be less than 15 feet.
  5. Setback lines shall be as indicated on the final plat (either by note, reference, or dimension) not inconsistent with this division (E).
- (5) (a) There shall be a rear-yard setback of not less than 15 feet.
- (b) For lots created after January 1, 2005, if alleys are provided, either a second story heated space or the rear yard wall or fence shall provide a view of the alley.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.*
- (1) Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
  - (2) Maximum front yard setback area that can be an improved parking and maneuvering area: 60%, but no more than 30 feet wide or the width of the front of the garage, whichever is wider.

(3) Parking on any portion of a front yard setback area, other than the improved parking and maneuvering areas, is prohibited.

(G) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.

('74 Code, § 7-14-10) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 63-1978; Am. Ord. 7-1979; Am. Ord. 23-1979; Am. Ord. 52-1980; Am. Ord. 62-1980; Am. Ord. 23-1981; Am. Ord. 101-1981; Am. Ord. 20-1982; Am. Ord. 51-1985; Am. Ord. 5-1987; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 53-1989; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 3-1991; Am. Ord. 45-1991; Am. Ord. 23-1993; Am. Ord. 10-1995; Am. Ord. 31-1996; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 15-1999; Am. Ord. 27-2001; Am. Ord. 8-2002; Am. Ord. 25-2003; Am. Ord. 29-2004; Am. Ord. 44-2005; Am. Ord. 17-2007)

### R-LT RESIDENTIAL ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for houses, limited townhouses, and uses incidental thereto in the Established and Central Urban areas.

#### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

(1) Uses permissive in the R-1 zone, except:

(a) Agricultural animal keeping (§ 14-16-2-6(A)(2)(b)) is not permitted; and

(b) Front yard parking of recreational vehicles (§ 14-16-2-6(A)(2)(h)3.) is not permitted.

(2) Townhouses, provided:

(a) There shall be only one dwelling unit per lot; and

(b) No more than two dwelling units shall be in a building.

#### (B) *Conditional Uses.*

(1) Uses conditional in the R-1 zone.

(2) Townhouses with three dwelling units per building and one dwelling unit per lot. Such townhouses existing in the R-LT zone prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code shall be considered approved conditional uses.

(C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code.

#### (D) *Lot Size.*

(1) For a townhouse, except as provided in division (2) below, minimum lot area shall be 3,200 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 24 feet.

(2) For a townhouse in a Family Housing Development or for a townhouse on a lot with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley, minimum lot area shall be 2,560 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 20 feet.

(3) For a house, except as provided in division (4) below, minimum lot area shall be 4,000 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 40 feet.

(4) For a house in a Family Housing Development or for a house on a lot with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley or for a lot with a detached garage located in the rear yard and accessed by a driveway with a maximum width of 12 feet in the front yard and in the side yard abutting the side of the dwelling, minimum lot area shall be 3,200 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 32 feet.

#### (E) *Setback.*

(1) There shall be a front yard setback of not less than 15 feet, except driveways shall not be less than 20 feet long.

(2) For lots created after January 1, 2005 and for lots granted conditional use approval, if one of the following conditions is met, then there shall be a front yard setback of not less than 10 feet:

(a) There is no front yard driveway and vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley, or

(b) The garage is set back not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.

- (3) There shall be no required side-yard setback, except:
  - (a) There shall be ten feet on the street side of corner lots; and
  - (b) There shall be five feet from a side lot line that separates the R-LT zone from another zone.
- (4) There shall be a rear-yard setback of:
  - (a) Not less than 15 feet; or
  - (b) For houses with offset rear lot lines, not less than five feet, provided that the average rear yard setback is not less than 15 feet. Such reduced setbacks are allowed only when approved by the Planning Director and specified on a subdivision plat for not less than two back-to-back lots.
  - (c) For lots created after January 1, 2005, if alleys are provided, either a second story heated space or the rear yard wall or fence shall provide a view of the alley.
- (5) There shall be a distance of not less than ten feet between residential buildings.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.*
  - (1) Off-street parking spaces shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.

- (2) Maximum front yard setback area that can be an improved parking and maneuvering area: 75%, but no more than 27 feet in width or the width of the front of the garage, whichever is wider, perpendicular to the curb.
  - (3) Parking on any portion of a front yard setback area, other than the improved parking and maneuvering areas, is prohibited.
  - (G) *Usable Open Space.* Usable open space shall be provided on-site at 800 square feet per townhouse dwelling unit or 600 square feet per townhouse dwelling unit with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley.
  - (H) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.
- (’74 Code, § 7-14-12) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 85-1978; Am. Ord. 54-1980; Am. Ord. 3-1986; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 69-1990; Am. Ord. 15-1999; Am. Ord. 44-2005; Am. Ord. 17-2007)

## R-T RESIDENTIAL ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for houses, townhouses, and uses incidental thereto in the Established and Central Urban areas.

- (A) *Permissive Uses.*
  - (1) Uses permissive in the R-1 zone, except:

- (a) Agricultural animal keeping (see § 14-16-2-6(A)(2)(b)) is not permitted;
  - (b) Front yard parking of recreational vehicles (§ 14-16-2-6(A)(2)(h)3.) is not permitted;
  - (c) Hobby breeders (see § 14-16-2-6(A)(2)(k)) are not permitted; and
  - (d) Houses are not limited to one per lot.
- (2) Townhouses.
- (B) *Conditional Uses.* Uses conditional in the R-1 zone.
  - (C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code.
  - (D) *Lot Size.*
    - (1) For a townhouse, except as provided in division (2) below, minimum lot area shall be 2,200 square feet per dwelling unit; minimum lot width shall be 22 feet per dwelling unit.
    - (2) For a townhouse in a Family Housing Development or for a townhouse with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley, minimum lot area shall be 1,760 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 18 feet.

- (3) For a house, except as provided in division (4) below, minimum lot area shall be 3,600 square feet per dwelling unit; minimum lot width shall be 36 feet.
- (4) For a house in a Family Housing Development or for a house with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley or for a lot with a detached garage located in the rear yard and accessed by a driveway with a maximum width of 12 feet in the front yard and in the side yard abutting the side of the dwelling, minimum lot area shall be 2,880 square feet; minimum lot width shall be 29 feet.
- (E) *Setback.*
- (1) There shall be a front-yard setback of not less than 15 feet except driveways shall be not less than 20 feet long.
- (2) For lots created after January 1, 2005 and for lots granted conditional use approval, if one of the following conditions is met, then there shall be a front yard setback of not less than 10 feet:
- (a) Vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley, or
- (b) The garage is set back not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.
- (3) There shall be no required side-yard setback except:
- (a) There shall be ten feet on the street side of corner lots.
- (b) There shall be five feet from a side lot line that separates the R-T zone from another zone.
- (4) There shall be a rear-yard setback of:
- (a) Not less than 15 feet; or
- (b) For houses with offset rear lot lines, not less than five feet, provided that the average rear yard setback is not less than 15 feet. Such reduced setbacks are allowed only when approved by the Planning Director and specified on a subdivision plat for not less than two back-to-back lots.
- (c) For lots created after January 1, 2005, if alleys are provided, either a second story heated space or the rear yard wall or fence shall provide a view of the alley.
- (5) There shall be a distance of not less than ten feet between residential buildings.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.*
- (1) Off-street parking spaces shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (2) Maximum front yard setback area that can be an improved parking and maneuvering area: 85%, but no more than 22 feet in width or the width of the front of the garage, whichever is wider, perpendicular to the curb.
- (3) Parking on any portion of a front yard setback area, other than the improved parking and maneuvering areas, is prohibited.
- (G) *Usable Open Space.*
- (1) Usable open space shall be provided on-site at 750 square feet per house, 650 square feet per house on a lot with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley or on a lot with a detached garage located in the rear yard and accessed by a driveway with a maximum width of 12 feet in the front yard and in the side yard abutting the side of the dwelling, 550 square feet per townhouse dwelling unit, and 360 square feet per townhouse dwelling unit on a lot with vehicle access only to the rear yard from an alley.
- (2) Where an aggregate of two or more dwelling units is constructed on any given lot, the development shall include landscaping of the ground-level usable open space planted and maintained according to a landscaping plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.
- (H) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.



(I) *Dwelling Units Per Building.* Where the rear yard(s) of townhouse units abut the rear or side yard areas of lots zoned specifically for houses, no more than two townhouse units per residential building shall be permitted.

('74 Code, § 7-14-13) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 23-1979; Am. Ord. 54-1980; Am. Ord. 92-1980; Am. Ord. 3-1986; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 69-1990; Am. Ord. 4-1995; Am. Ord. 15-1999; Am. Ord. 44-2005; Am. Ord. 17-2007)

## R-G RESIDENTIAL GARDEN APARTMENT ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for houses, townhouses, and low density apartments, in the Established and Central Urban areas.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Uses permissive in the R-T zone.
- (2) Accessory living quarters.
- (3) Apartment.
- (4) Sign, on-premise, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code.

### (B) *Conditional Uses.*

- (1) Uses conditional in the R-1 Zone.

(C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code.

### (D) *Lot Size.*

- (1) Minimum lot area for lots developed with apartments other than townhouses shall be 6,000 square feet. Minimum lot width for lots developed with apartments other than townhouses shall be 60 feet.
- (2) Minimum lot area and width for lots developed only with houses and townhouses shall be as provided in the R-T zone.

### (E) *Setback.*

- (1) There shall be a front-yard setback of not less than 15 feet except that the length of a driveway shall be not less than 20 feet.
- (2) For lots created after January 1, 2005 and for lots granted conditional use approval, if one of the following conditions is met, then there shall be a front yard setback of not less than 10 feet:
  - (a) Vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley, or
  - (b) The garage is set back not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.

(3) There shall be a side-yard setback of not less than five feet, except:

- (a) There shall be ten feet on the street side of corner lots; and
  - (b) There is no required side-yard setback from internal lot lines for townhouses.
- (4) (a) There shall be a rear-yard setback of not less than 15 feet.
- (b) For lots created after January 1, 2005, if alleys are provided, either a second story heated space or the rear yard wall or fence shall provide a view of the alley.

(5) There shall be a distance of not less than ten feet between residential buildings.

### (F) *Density.*

- (1) For apartments other than townhouses, a floor area ratio of 0.5 is the maximum permitted; and
- (2) Density of a lot may not exceed 20 dwelling units per acre.

(G) *Off-Street Parking.* Shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.

(H) *Usable Open Space.* Usable open space shall be provided on-site in an amount equal to 400 square feet for each efficiency or one-bedroom dwelling unit, 500 square feet for each two-bedroom dwelling unit, and 600

square feet for each dwelling unit containing three or more bedrooms.

(\*74 Code, § 7-14-14) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 92-1980; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 44-2005)

## R-2 RESIDENTIAL ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for houses, townhouses, and medium density apartments, and uses incidental thereto in the Established and Central Urban areas.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Uses permissive in the R-T zone.
- (2) Accessory living quarters.
- (3) Apartment.
- (4) Community residential program except not either community residential corrections program or community residential program for substance abusers: up to ten client residents provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (5) Family day care home, with any sign limited as for home occupations.
- (6) Sign, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code.

### (B) *Conditional Uses.*

- (1) Uses conditional in the R-1 zone.
  - (2) Community residential program except not either community residential corrections program or community residential program for substance abusers: 11 to 18 client residents provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of the Zoning Code are met.
  - (3) Community residential corrections program with up to ten client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
  - (4) Community residential program for substance abusers with up to ten client residents, provided that the standards for § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
  - (5) Day care center.
  - (6) Emergency shelter with up to 18 clients normally present, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-13 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (C) *Height.* Structure height up to 26 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 26 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 26 feet shall fall within 45° angle planes drawn from the horizontal at the mean grade along each internal boundary of the premises and each adjacent public right-of-way centerline, or drainageway right-of-way centerline. To protect solar access, a structure over 26 feet

may not exceed the northern boundary of these 45° planes, but may be sited in any other direction within planes drawn at a 60° angle from the same boundaries or centerline. Exceptions to the above are provided in §§ 14-16-3-3 and 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code. Notwithstanding any of the above regulations, apartment structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height within 85 feet of a lot zoned specifically for houses.

### (D) *Lot Size.*

- (1) Minimum lot area for lots developed with apartments other than townhouses shall be 6,000 square feet. Minimum lot width for lots developed with apartments other than townhouses shall be 60 feet.
- (2) Minimum lot area and width for lots developed only with houses and townhouses shall be provided in the R-T zone.

### (E) *Setback.*

- (1) There shall be a front-yard setback of not less than 15 feet, except driveways shall not be less than 20 feet long.
- (2) For lots created after January 1, 2005 and for lots granted conditional use approval, if one of the following conditions is met, then there shall be a front yard setback of not less than 10 feet:
  - (a) Vehicle access is only to the rear yard from an alley, or

- (b) The garage is set back not less than 25 feet and comprises no more than 50% of the width of the street-facing building facade and driveways and off-street parking areas cover no more than 60% of the area of the front yard.
- (3) There shall be a side-yard setback of not less than five feet, except:
  - (a) There shall be ten feet on the street side of corner lots; and
  - (b) There is no required side-yard setback from internal lot lines for townhouses.
- (4) (a) There shall be a rear-yard setback of not less than 15 feet.
- (b) For lots created after January 1, 2005, if alleys are provided, either a second story heated space or the rear yard wall or fence shall provide a view of the alley.
- (5) There shall be a separation between apartment buildings other than townhouses, and off-street parking and vehicular circulation areas of not less than ten feet.

(F) *Density.*

- (1) A floor area ratio of 0.5 is the maximum permitted.
- (2) Density of a lot may not exceed 30 dwelling units per acre.

(G) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking spaces shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.

(H) *Usable Open Space.*

- (1) Usable open space shall be provided on-site in an amount equal to 400 square feet for each efficiency or one-bedroom dwelling unit, 500 square feet for each two-bedroom dwelling unit, and 600 square feet for each dwelling unit containing three or more bedrooms.
- (2) Where an aggregate of two or more dwelling units is constructed on any given lot, the development shall include landscaping of the ground-level usable open space, planted and maintained according to a landscaping plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

(I) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.

(74 Code, § 7-14-15) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 57-1978; Am. Ord. 50-1980; Am. Ord. 22-1981; Am. Ord. 3-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 44-2005)

**R-3 RESIDENTIAL ZONE**

This zone provides suitable sites for the highest density housing outside of urban centers. It is most appropriately mapped adjacent to commercial, office, or employment centers, where primary

access to a major street is available. The R-3 zone may be mapped in the Established and Central Urban areas, where appropriate.

(A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Uses permissive in the R-2 zone, provided there are not over 30 dwelling units per net acre.
- (2) Uses incidental to an apartment such as day care center, news, cigar, or candy stand, delicatessen, personal-service shop, and the like, are permitted with an apartment development, provided:
  - (a) The use is intended for the exclusive use of residents of the premises on which the incidental use is located.
  - (b) At least 100 dwelling units are on the same premises.
  - (c) The use is limited to a maximum of 2% of the gross leasable floor area of the apartment development.
  - (d) The use is not directly accessible from the outdoors.
  - (e) A sign or window display relating to the use is not discernible from a public right-of-way.
  - (f) Adult book stores and photo studios are not permitted.
- (3) Boarding or lodging house.

- (4) Community residential program for substance abusers with up to seven client residents, all of whom shall be under 18 years old, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.

(B) *Conditional Uses.*

- (1) Uses conditional in the R-2 zone.
- (2) Apartment, if there are over 30 but not over 36 dwelling units per net acre. Such development may be approved if and only if it is an appropriate transition between modest density residential areas, such as townhouses, and much more intensive development.
- (3) Club, provided it has no liquor license.
- (4) Fraternity or sorority house or dormitory.
- (5) Nursing or rest home, provided it is conducted in a structure which has the exterior appearance of a residential structure.

- (C) *Height.* Structure heights up to 26 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 26 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 26 feet shall fall within 45° angle planes drawn from the horizontal at the mean grade along each internal boundary of the premises and each adjacent public right-of-way centerline, or drainageway right-of-way centerline. To protect solar access, a structure over 26 feet

may not exceed the northern boundary of these 45° planes, but may be sited in any other direction within planes drawn at a 60° angle from the same boundaries or center line. Exceptions to the above are provided in §§ 14-16-3-3 and 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code. Notwithstanding any of the above regulations, apartment structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height within 85 feet of a lot zoned specifically for houses.

(D) *Lot Size.*

- (1) Minimum lot width and depth shall be 150 feet.
- (2) Lots legally nonconforming to minimum lot width or depth may be developed governed by the R-T zone in all respects; no variance is required for such development.

(E) *Setback.*

- (1) There shall be a front-yard setback of not less than 15 feet except driveways shall not be less than 20 feet long.
- (2) There shall be a side-yard setback of not less than five feet, except:
  - (a) There shall be ten feet on the street side of corner lots; and
  - (b) There is no required side-yard setback from internal lot lines for townhouses.

- (3) There shall be a rear-yard setback of not less than 15 feet.
- (4) There shall be a separation between apartments other than townhouses, and off-street parking and vehicular circulation areas of not less than ten feet.

(F) *Density.* A floor area ratio of 1.0 is the maximum permitted.

(G) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking spaces shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.

(H) *Usable Open Space.*

- (1) Usable open space shall be provided on-site in an amount equal to 200 square feet for each efficiency or one-bedroom dwelling unit, 250 square feet for each two-bedroom dwelling unit, and 300 square feet for each dwelling unit containing three or more bedrooms.
- (2) Where an aggregate of two or more dwelling units is constructed on any given lot, the development shall include landscaping of the ground-level usable open space, planted and maintained according to a landscaping plan approved by the Zoning Enforcement Officer.

(I) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.

('74 Code, § 7-14-16) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 92-1980; Am. Ord. 3-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990)

## RC RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL ZONE

This zone permits a mixture of residential and small commercial activities.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Uses permissive in the R-T zone.
- (2) Apartment, provided the density does not exceed 20 dwelling units per acre.
- (3) Institution.
  - (a) Church or other place of worship, including the usual incidental facilities. Incidental uses allowed include but are not limited to an emergency shelter operated by the church on the church's principal premises which is used regularly for public worship, notwithstanding special limitations elsewhere in this Zoning Code.
  - (b) Library.
- (4) The following uses are permissive if the total nonresidential floor area does not exceed one-half of the gross floor area on the lot, and if all business activity except parking is inside a building:

- (a) Office.
- (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:
  1. Arts and crafts objects, supplies, plus their incidental creation.
  2. Books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, except adult book store.
  3. Cosmetics, notions, hobby supplies.
  4. Drugs, medical supplies.
  5. Flowers and plants.
  6. Food and non-alcoholic drink for consumption on-premises or off but not drive-in restaurant or restaurant with drive-up facility for take-out orders.
  7. Jewelry.
- (c) Services, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity except parking:
  1. Barber, beauty.
  2. Day care center.

3. Dry cleaning station (no processing), self-service laundry.
  4. Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, or crafts.
  5. Interior decorating.
  6. Photography, except adult photo studio.
  7. Tailoring, dressmaking, shoe repairing.
- (5) Sign, on-premise, as in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
- (a) Location. Signs shall be wall signs or canopy signs.
  - (b) Number. No limit on number of wall signs. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - (c) Size. Sign area shall not exceed 7.5% of the area of the facade to which it is related.
  - (d) Height, Illumination, Motion. No regulations, apart from the general sign regulations.

### (B) *Conditional Uses.*

- (1) Uses conditional in the R-1 zone and not permissive in this zone.



- (2) Uses permissive in the C-1 zone and not permissive in this zone.
- (3) Community residential program except not either community residential corrections program or community residential program for substance abusers: up to 18 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (4) Community residential corrections program with up to ten client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (5) Community residential program for substance abusers with up to ten client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (6) Retail sales and services permissive in this zone where nonresidential floor area exceeds one-half the gross floor area on the lot.
- (7) Retail business in which products may be manufactured, processed, assembled, treated, or repaired, as an accessory use, provided:
- (a) All activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building.
- (b) The number of persons physically engaged in manufacturing, processing, assembling, treating, or repairing products is limited to five at any one time.
- (c) Activities or products are not objectionable due to odor, noxious fumes, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, or similar cause.
- (C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code.
- (D) *Usable Open Space.*
- (1) Usable open space shall be provided on-site at 750 square feet per townhouse dwelling unit.
- (2) For apartments other than townhouses, usable open space shall be provided on-site in an amount equal to 200 square feet for each efficiency or one-bedroom apartment, and 300 square feet for each dwelling unit containing two or more bedrooms. Where apartments other than townhouses occupy the same structure as the permissive nonresidential uses, and no apartments are located on the ground level, the required usable open space may be reduced by 50%.
- (E) *Lot Size.* No requirements.
- (F) *Setback.* The following regulations apply, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code:
- (1) There shall be a front and a corner side-yard setback of not less than five feet and a setback of 11 feet from the junction of a driveway and a public sidewalk or planned public sidewalk location.
- (2) Where the site faces or is contiguous to a different residential zone the setback requirements of that zone apply.
- (3) The clear sight triangle shall not be infringed upon.
- (G) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (H) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.
- (‘74 Code, § 7-14-17) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 86-1976; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 22-1979; Am. Ord. 92-1980; Am. Ord. 74-1985; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990)

## O-1 OFFICE AND INSTITUTION ZONE

This zone provides sites suitable for office, service, institutional, and dwelling uses.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Antenna, up to 65 feet in height.

- (2) Beauty shop, barber shop. candy stand, restaurant, personal-service shop, and the like, provided the incidental uses comply with the following:
- (3) Church, or other place of worship, including the usual incidental facilities. Incidental uses allowed include but are not limited to an emergency shelter operated by the church on the church's principal premises which is used regularly for public worship, notwithstanding special limitations elsewhere in this Zoning Code.
- (4) Club, provided there is no liquor license.
- (5) Community residential program except not either Community residential corrections program or Community residential program for substance abusers: up to 18 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (6) Dwelling unit (house, townhouse, or apartment) constituting up to 25% of the gross floor area on the premises, provided usable open space is provided on-site in an amount equal to 400 square feet for each efficiency or one-bedroom dwelling unit, 500 square feet for each two-bedroom dwelling unit, and 600 square feet for each dwelling unit containing three or more bedrooms. If located in an area designated by the master plan as "Developing" or "Semi-Urban," the total open space requirement of the R-D or RA-1 zone, respectively, shall also be met.
- (7) Incidental uses within a building, most of which is occupied by offices and/or dwelling units, such as news, cigar or
- (a) The use is intended primarily for the use of the occupants of the structure.
- (b) At least 10,000 square feet of floor area are contained in the structure.
- (c) The use is limited to a maximum of 10% of the total floor area.
- (d) The use is so situated within the structure that it is not directly accessible from a public right-of-way.
- (e) A sign or window display relating to the use is not discernible from a public right-of-way.
- (8) Institution, including library, museum, nursing or rest home, school, day care center, except not hospital for human beings, sanatorium, or disciplinary or mental institutions.
- (9) Medical supplies and services, such as drug prescription and supply shop, physical therapy office, or shop for fabricating and fitting prosthetic or correcting devices, or medical or dental laboratory.
- (10) Office.
- (11) Park-and-ride temporary facilities.
- (12) Parking lot, providing it complies with the following:
- (a) Paving, all of which shall be maintained level and serviceable.
1. The lot must be graded and surfaced with one of the following:
    - a. Blacktop or equal: Two inches of asphalt concrete on a prime coat over a four inch compacted subgrade, or a surface of equal or superior performance characteristics.
    - b. For parking lots of 20 or fewer spaces, Gravel: A layer at least two inches thick of gravel sized from 3/8 minimum to one inch maximum diameter, at least 1/2 inch of which shall be maintained on the surface; gravel shall be kept off the right-of-way.
  2. If street curbs and gutters exist adjacent to the parking lot property on a side where lot egress is allowed, the surfacing shall be blacktop for the width of the egress drive(s) and shall extend inward from the property line a minimum of 25 feet along all normal lines of egress traffic flow from the lot.

- (b) The lot shall have barriers which prevent vehicles from extending over the sidewalk or abutting lots, or beyond the sides of a parking structure.
- (c) A solid wall or fence at least six feet high shall be erected on sides which abut land, other than public right-of-way land, in a residential zone. (See also § 14-16-3-10 of this Zoning Code.) However:
  - 1. Such wall or fence shall be three feet high in the area within 11 feet of a public sidewalk or planned public sidewalk location.
  - 2. If the wall or fence plus retaining wall would have an effective height of over eight feet on the residential side, the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall decide the required height; such decision shall be made by the same process and criteria required for a conditional use.
- (d) In a parking structure there shall be a six-foot solid wall on every parking level where the structure is within 19 feet of privately owned land in a residential zone.
- (e) Ingress or egress shall be designed to discourage parking lot traffic from using local residential streets for more than 150 feet, unless no reasonable alternative is available.

- (f) A parking lot hereafter developed shall include landscaping planted and maintained according to a Landscaping Plan approved by the Planning Director; however, the Planning Commission may waive this requirement where it is found not useful to achieving the intent of this Zoning Code.
- (13) Photocopy, photography studio, except adult photo studio.
- (14) Public utility structure, provided its location is in accord with an adopted facility plan and a site development plan for building permit purposes has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- (15) Radio or television studio.
- (16) Sign, on-premise, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
  - (a) Location.
    - 1. Only wall signs, canopy signs, and free-standing or projecting signs are permitted.
    - 2. A sign may not overhang into the public right-of-way, except a wall sign may protrude up to one foot into the public right-of-way. (See also § 14-16-3-5(B)(2) of this Zoning Code.)

- 3. Projecting signs shall not project horizontally more than four feet.
- (b) Number.
  - 1. No limit on number of wall signs.
  - 2. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - 3. In the Established or Redeveloping Areas, one free-standing or projecting sign structure shall be permitted for each premises, or joint sign premises, providing the premises or joint sign premises is at least 100 feet wide.
  - 4. In the Developing or Semi- Urban Areas:
    - a. Free-standing or projecting sign not permitted on premises of under five acres.
    - b. One free-standing or projecting sign on premises of five acres or more, provided the street frontage is at least 100 feet wide.
- (c) Size.
  - 1. Size of Free-Standing or Projecting Signs. Sign area of a free-standing or projecting sign shall not exceed 75 square feet.

2. Size of Building-Mounted Signs, Except Projecting Signs. Sign area of a building-mounted sign shall not exceed 15% of the area of the facade to which it is applied if there is no free-standing or projecting on-premise sign on the premises or joint sign premises, or 7.5% of the area of the facade if there is such a free-standing or projecting sign on the premises or joint sign premises.
- (d) Height. Sign height shall not exceed 26 feet or the height of the walls of the tallest building on the premises, whichever is lower.
- (e) Motion. Signs or sign parts shall not move; there shall be no wind devices. No sign shall automatically change its message unless it is a time or temperature sign.
- (f) Lettering. No lettering on a free-standing sign shall have any character exceeding nine inches in height.
- (17) Storage structure or yard for equipment, material, or activity incidental to a specific construction project, provided it is of a temporary nature and is moved after the specific construction project is completed, or work on the project has been dormant for a period of six or more months, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year unless the time is extended by the Planning Director.
- (18) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met, and as specifically allowed below:
- (a) A free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 65 feet in height.
- (b) A collocated free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 75 feet in height.
- (c) A face-mounted wireless telecommunication facility.
- (d) A roof-mounted wireless telecommunications facility, up to 6 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed.
- (e) A concealed wireless telecommunications facility.
- (f) A Community Identity Feature, if it is approved by the Planning Commission pursuant to § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code.
- (g) A wireless telecommunications facility for which all antennas are mounted on an existing vertical structure.
- (B) *Conditional Uses.*
- (1) Antenna, over 65 feet in height.
- (2) Community residential corrections program: up to 15 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (3) Community residential program for substance abusers with up to 15 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (4) Dwelling units constituting more than 25% of the gross floor area on a premises, open space provided as specified for permissive dwelling units in this zone.
- (5) Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, or crafts.
- (6) Public utility structure which is not permissive.
- (7) Office machines and equipment sales and repair.
- (8) Printing, copying, blueprinting incidental to office uses.
- (9) Retailing of food and drink, for consumption on premises or off, but not drive-in facility and provided that alcoholic drink is not dispensed for off-premise consumption in broken packages or the following packages within 500 feet of a pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school, a religious institution, a residential zone, a designated Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (as defined in the State Metropolitan Redevelopment Code),

- a city owned park or city owned major public open space:
- (a) distilled spirits, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any package that contains less than 750 milliliters;
  - (b) beer, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any single container labeled as containing 16 or fewer ounces; and
  - (c) fortified wines with a volume of alcohol of more than 13.5 percent, provided that retailing alcoholic drink, for on or off premise consumption, within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers is prohibited pursuant to § 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994.
- (10) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Roof-Mounted, up to 20 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (C) *Height.*
- (1) Structure height up to 26 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 26 feet shall fall within 45° angle planes drawn from the horizontal at the mean grade along each internal boundary of the premises and each adjacent public right-of-way centerline. To protect solar access, a structure over 26 feet may not exceed the northern boundary of these 45° planes, but may be sited in any other direction within planes drawn at a 60° angle from the same boundaries or centerline. Exceptions to the above are provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code, and for sign and antenna height, in division (A) of this section. Notwithstanding any of the above regulations, structures shall not exceed 26 feet in height within 85 feet of a lot zoned specifically for houses.
- (2) Exceptions to division (1) above are provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code, and for sign and antenna height, in division (A) of this section.
- (D) *Lot Size.* No requirements.
- (E) *Setback.* The following regulations apply to structures other than signs except as provided in §§ 14-16-3-1 and 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code:
- (1) There shall be a front and a corner side yard setback of not less than five feet and a setback of 11 feet from the junction of a driveway or alley and a public sidewalk or planned public sidewalk location.
  - (2) Near residential zones, the following greater setback requirements shall apply:
    - (a) There shall be a front or corner side setback of not less than ten feet where the lot is across the street from the front lot line of a facing lot in a residential zone. This setback applies to on- and off-premise signs.
- (b) There shall be a side or rear setback of not less than five feet where the site abuts the side of a lot in a residential zone.
  - (c) There shall be a side or rear setback of not less than 15 feet where the site abuts the rear of a lot in a residential zone.
- (3) The clear sight triangle shall not be infringed upon.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (G) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.
- (‘74 Code, § 7-14-20) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 48-1980; Am. Ord. 61-1980; Am. Ord. 39-1983; Am. Ord. 40-1983; Am. Ord. 54-1983; Am. Ord. 11-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 58-1995; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 11-2002; Am. Ord. 36-2002; Am. Ord. 4-2005; Am. Ord. 16-2005)

## C-1 NEIGHBORHOOD COMMERCIAL ZONE



This zone provides suitable sites for office, service, institutional, and limited commercial uses to satisfy the day-to-day needs of residential areas.

(A) *Permissive Uses.* Permissive uses, provided there is no outdoor storage or activity except parking and as specifically allowed below:

- (1) Antenna, up to 65 feet in height.
- (2) Institution:
  - (a) Church or other place of worship, including incidental recreational and educational facilities. Incidental uses allowed include but are not limited to an emergency shelter operated by the church on the church's principal premises which is used regularly for public worship, notwithstanding special limitations elsewhere in this Zoning Code.
  - (b) Club, provided there is no liquor license.
  - (c) Library.
  - (d) Museum.
  - (e) Schools, including a private school which serves to provide basic education to children as is provided in public schools in grades K through 12, and excluding all other private schools.
- (3) Office.

- (4) Office machines and equipment sales and repair.
- (5) Park-and-ride temporary facilities.
- (6) Public utility structure, provided its location is in accord with an adopted facility plan and a site development plan for building permit purposes has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- (7) Residential uses permissive in the R-3 Zone with the following exceptions:
  - (a) Houses are not allowed;
  - (b) No less than 20% and no more than 60% of the gross floor area of the structures on the site shall be developed with residential uses;
  - (c) Residential uses shall be part of a vertical mix of uses (e.g. residential over commercial or residential over office).
  - (d) Where residential uses are proposed, the following regulations shall apply:
    1. Area: minimum of 5 acres.
    2. Height: Pursuant to the R-3 Zone.
    3. Density: The total square footage of all buildings shall achieve a minimum floor area ratio of 0.3.

4. Usable open space: Pursuant to the R-3 Zone. At least 50% of the required open space shall be provided in the form of shared or aggregate open space.
5. Shared parking: As provided in § 14-16-3-1(E)(6)(b) except that parking for residential uses is eligible for a shared parking exception.
6. Approval process: Site development plan approval by the Environmental Planning Commission.
- (8) Retail sales of the following goods, plus incidental retailing of related goods and incidental service or repair:
  - (a) Arts and crafts objects, supplies, plus their incidental creation provided there is little or no reproduction of substantially identical objects.
  - (b) Auto parts and supply.
  - (c) Books, magazines, newspapers, stationery, provided that no such material is advertised to be forbidden to be sold to minors.
  - (d) Christmas trees, including outside sales, provided the use is limited to 45 days in one calendar year.
  - (e) Clothing, shoes, dry goods.

- (f) Cosmetics, notions, hobby supplies.
- (g) Drugs, medical supplies.
- (h) Flowers and plants, including minor and incidental outdoor sales.
- (i) Food and drink for consumption on premises or off, provided:
  1. There shall be no drive-in restaurant, and
  2. Alcoholic drink may be sold only under a restaurant license for sale of beer and wine, as provided by Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978 except the retailing of alcoholic drink, for on or off premise consumption, within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers, is prohibited pursuant to § 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994.
- (j) Furniture, household furnishings, and appliances.
- (k) Gasoline, oil, liquified petroleum gas, including outside sales.
- (l) Hardware, building materials, provided it is in a completely enclosed building.
- (m) Jewelry.
- (n) Musical instruments and supplies.
- (o) Pets, provided there is no outside pen. One outside exercise run is permitted, provided it is enclosed with a solid wall or fence at least six feet high, and no more than one animal is permitted in the run at any one time.
- (p) Photograph equipment.
- (q) Sporting goods.
- (9) Radio and television station.
- (10) Services:
  - (a) Automobile, bicycle and motorized bicycle (moped) repairing, but no body work. Repairing shall be done within a completely enclosed building at least 20 feet from any residential zone.
  - (b) Banking, loaning money, including pawn. Drive-in facilities permitted on the condition the vehicle movement plan is approved by the Traffic Engineer.
  - (c) Barber, beauty.
  - (d) Car washing.
  - (e) Day care center.
  - (f) Dry cleaning, laundry, clothes pressing, provided:
  1. Only nonflammable or noncombustible materials are used in the cleaning process.
  2. The number of persons employed in the establishment is limited to three, excluding pressers, office, clerical, or delivery personnel.
  3. That portion of the structure in which any cleaning process is done is at least 50 feet from any residential zone.
- (g) Games, electronic and pinball, provided:
  1. They are within a completely enclosed building; and
  2. If the games are within 100 feet of a residential zone there shall be no more than four game machines per business.
- (h) Health Gymsnasiums.
- (i) Instruction in music, dance, fine arts, crafts, modeling; training of dogs which are not boarded on the premises.
- (j) Interior decorating.
- (k) Medical or dental laboratory.
- (l) Parking lot, as regulated in the O-1 zone.

- (m) Pet grooming.
  - (n) Photography, photocopy, except adult photo studio.
  - (o) Repair of shoes, household equipment.
  - (p) Small animal clinic.
  - (q) Tailoring, dressmaking.
  - (r) Taxidermy.
- (11) Sign, off-premise, as in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
- (a) Location.
    1. Only wall signs and free-standing signs are permitted in the Established or Redeveloping Areas.
    2. Only wall signs are permitted in the Developing or Semi-Urban Areas.
    3. No sign shall be nearer than 300 feet to any other off-premise sign.
    4. No free-standing sign erected after January 1, 1976, shall be nearer than 100 feet to any preexisting on-premise sign.
  - (b) Size. Sign area of any sign shall not exceed 72 square feet. An additional add-on sign area of six square feet is permitted.
  - (c) Height. Sign height shall not exceed 15 feet, except the height of an add-on sign may be up to but shall not exceed 18 feet.
  - (d) Illumination. No sign shall be illuminated.
  - (e) Motion. Signs or sign parts shall not move.
- (12) Sign, on-premise, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
- (a) Location.
    1. A sign shall not overhang into the public right-of-way, except wall signs may protrude up to one foot into the public right-of-way.
    2. Building-mounted signs extending above the roof shall be permitted only if they are a continuation of the plane of a facade or of a projecting sign.
  - (b) Number.
    1. No limit on number of wall signs.
    2. In the Established or Redeveloped Areas, one free-standing sign or projecting sign shall be permitted for each street frontage of each premises, or joint sign premises, provided the street frontage is at least 100 feet wide.
    3. In the Developing Semi-Urban, or Rural and Open Areas:
      - a. Projecting signs as in division 2. above.
      - b. No free-standing signs on premises of under five acres.
      - c. One free-standing sign shall be permitted on premises of five acres or more, provided the street frontage is at least 100 feet wide.
    4. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
  - (c) Size.
    3. Projecting signs shall not project horizontally more than four feet.

1. Size of Free-Standing or Projecting Signs. Sign area for a free-standing or projecting sign shall not exceed the following area:
  - a. 75 square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a local street.
  - b. 100 square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a collector street, arterial street, or freeway.
2. Size, Building-Mounted Signs, Except Projecting Signs:
  - a. A building-mounted sign on premises or joint sign premises where there is no free-standing on- or off-premise sign shall not exceed the following:
    - i. Twenty percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied, if the sign is not wholly visible from an abutting arterial or collector street or freeway; or
    - ii. Twenty-five percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied, if the sign is wholly visible from an abutting arterial or collector street or freeway.
  - b. A building-mounted sign, on a premises or joint sign premises where there is a free-standing or projecting on-premise sign or any off-premise sign, shall not exceed one-half the percentage of facade area listed in division a. above.
- (d) Height.
  1. Height of a free-standing sign shall not exceed 26 feet, except a sign that is within 200 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, may be up to but shall not exceed 26 feet above the freeway at its closest point.
  2. Height of a building-mounted sign shall not exceed five feet above the height of the building, or it shall not exceed 30 feet, whichever is lower.
- (e) Illumination, Motion, Lettering. No regulations, apart from the general sign regulations.
- (f) Exceptions.
  1. Permitted building-mounted sign area from the front and sides of the principal building of the business may be transferred from the building to a customer service area of the same business on the same premises, provided the height of such signs shall not exceed 15 feet and setback shall be at least ten feet; such signing shall not be considered free-standing.
2. Any exceptions allowed for shopping centers, in order to provide adequate signing in special situations, shall be as provided under § 14-16-3-2 of this Zoning Code. Such a sign exception must be specifically defined in the Planning Commission resolution. Shopping centers approved prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code shall comply with sign regulations in this article, unless an exception is specifically defined in a Planning Commission resolution.
- (13) Storage structure or yard for equipment, material, or activity incidental to a specific construction project, provided it is of a temporary nature and is moved after the specific construction project is completed, or work on the project has been dormant for a period of six or more months, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year unless the time is extended by the Planning Director.
- (14) Uses or activities in a tent, if the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this subsection, provided:

- (a) The tent may not be erected for more than seven days at a time and may not be erected more than two times a year on a given premises; and
  - (b) 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
  - (c) There are toilet facilities on the premises available to the users of the tent; and
  - (d) 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.
- (15) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met, and as specifically allowed below:
- (a) A free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 65 feet in height.
  - (b) A collocated free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 75 feet in height.
  - (c) A face-mounted wireless telecommunication facility.
  - (d) A roof-mounted wireless telecommunications facility, up to 6 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed.
  - (e) A concealed wireless telecommunications facility.
  - (f) A Community Identity Feature, if it is approved by the Planning Commission pursuant to § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code.
  - (g) A wireless telecommunications facility for which all antennas are mounted on an existing vertical structure.
- (B) *Conditional Uses.*
- (1) Antenna, over 65 feet in height.
  - (2) Community Residential Program except not either Community Residential corrections program or Community residential program for substance abusers: up to 18 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
  - (3) Auto, trailer, and truck rental, service, storage, provided at least the following is complied with:
    - (a) The lot is graded and surfaced as follows:
      - 1. Blacktop or equal. Two inches of asphaltic concrete on a prime coat and a four inch compacted subgrade, or a surface of equal or superior performance characteristics.
      - 2. Such paving shall be maintained level and serviceable.
- (b) 1. A fence or wall which prevents vehicles from extending beyond the property line shall be erected. However, if the wall or fence plus retaining wall would have an effective height of over eight feet on the residential side, the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall decide the required height; such decision shall be made by the same process and criteria required for a conditional use.
2. In a parking structure there shall be a six foot high solid wall on every parking level, where the structure is within 19 feet of privately owned land in a residential zone.
- (c) Trucks and trailers parked outdoors for rental or storage, provided:
- 1. Such vehicles shall not exceed 35 feet in length, 12 feet in height, or a registered gross vehicle weight capacity of 26,000 lbs. The body of trailers shall not be over 14 feet



- long unless it is a recreational vehicle.
2. No such vehicles shall be truck tractors or road tractors.
  3. Parked or stored vehicles shall not cover more than 25% of the premises.
  4. Special restrictions on types and number of such vehicles as well as screening and location of parking shall be imposed if appropriate and necessary to protect the neighborhood.
- (d) Vehicle repairing, done within a completely enclosed building and at least 20 feet from any residential zone.
- (4) Bicycle and motorized bicycle (moped) sales and rental, provided that outdoor display is permitted only 50 feet or more from any residential zone.
  - (5) Drive-up service window, except where listed as permissive in this zone, provided that the vehicle movement plan is approved by the Traffic Engineer, and further provided that the service window and any associated order board are located at least 75 feet from any residential zone. Drive-up service windows in existence upon the effective date of this Zoning Code shall be considered as approved conditional uses.
- (6) Fireworks sales, provided the use is limited to 45 days in one calendar year.
  - (7) Games within a completely enclosed building, operated for profit, and not permissive in this zone.
  - (8) Kennel, provided:
    - (a) It is in a completely enclosed building.
    - (b) It is no closer than 30 feet from any residential zone.
    - (c) The noise from the kennel does not exceed the ambient noise level as defined in § 9-9-2, Noise Control, when measured 30 feet from any exterior wall of the kennel.
  - (9) Mortuary.
  - (10) One mobile home for a watchman or caretaker on the same premises developed with a commercial building or use provided that the mobile home shall not be within 100 feet of a lot in a residential zone or a dwelling unit in any zone.
  - (11) Outdoor storage or activity except as specifically listed as a permissive or conditional use in this section and as further provided below:
    - (a) The outdoor storage or activity is part of a use on the same premises, which use is a permissive only within a building in this zone.
- (b) Outdoor uses which would impact their environs with appearance, light, noise, odor, or similar environmental problems likely to be unpleasant to neighboring premises and uses shall not be approved.
  - (c) Outdoor conditional uses may justify special buffering to prevent the activity from negatively impacting adjacent land.
  - (d) Outdoor restaurant seating located within 75 feet of a residential zone.
- (12) Park-and-ride joint-use facilities, if it is determined that under the conditions imposed there will not be a shortage of on-site parking for the activities on the site; in such situations, no parking variance is required.
  - (13) Photo direct off-set printing, perforating, scoring, cutting, and other light duty printing services provided:
    - (a) The number of persons engaged in the business is limited to five excluding secretarial, clerical, and delivery personnel; and
    - (b) Activities or products are not objectionable due to noise, vibration or other cause.
  - (14) Public utility structure which is not permissive.

- (15) Recycling bin as an accessory use on the site, as provided in § 14-16-3-15 of this Zoning Code.
- (16) Schools, other than public.
- (17) Storage of household goods, office records, equipment or material reasonable to neighborhood function provided:
  - (a) All activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building, the scale and style of which fits its location;
  - (b) Individual storage cubicles, units, or facilities are not each directly accessible from outside the enclosed building; and
  - (c) Direct access to the premises from an arterial or collector street is available.
- (18) Uses or activities in a tent. If the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this section, provided there is sufficient paved off-street parking available on the premises to meet parking requirements for all uses on the premises, including the activity in the tent, and provided that the City Fire Marshal [i.e., the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau] or his authorized representative gives prior approval of the tent as meeting the requirements of Chapter 14, Article 2, Fire Code.
- (19) Restaurant serving liquor, provided that the restaurant is located within a shopping

center site for which a site development plan has been approved.

- (20) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Roof-Mounted, up to 20 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is located, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (C) *Height.* Structures shall not exceed 26 feet except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code, and for sign and antenna height, in division (A) of this section.
- (D) *Lot Size.* No requirements.
- (E) *Setback.* Setback shall be as provided in the O-1 zone.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (G) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.
- (H) *Shopping Center Regulations.* Any site in this zone classified as a Shopping Center site, as defined in §§ 14-16-1-5 of this Zoning Code, is subject to special site development regulations. The Shopping Center Regulations are provided in § 14-16-3-2 of this Zoning Code.

('74 Code, § 7-14-21) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 87-1976; Am. Ord. 88-1976; Am.

Ord. 1-1977; Am. Ord. 13-1977; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 74-1977; Am. Ord. 30-1978; Am. Ord. 31-1978; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 61-1980; Am. Ord. 74-1980; Am. Ord. 66-1981; Am. Ord. 94-1981; Am. Ord. 39-1983; Am. Ord. 40-1983; Am. Ord. 54-1983; Am. Ord. 101-1983; Am. Ord. 102-1983; Am. Ord. 74-1985; Am. Ord. 63-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 30-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 63-1990; Am. Ord. 69-1990; Am. Ord. 26-1991; Am. Ord. 43-1991; Am. Ord. 2-1994; Am. Ord. 58-1995; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 10-2004; Am. Ord. 4-2005; Am. Ord. 43-2005; Am. Ord. 7-2006; Am. Ord. 23-2007)

## **C-2 COMMUNITY COMMERCIAL ZONE**

This zone provides suitable sites for offices, for most service and commercial activities, and for certain specified institutional uses.

- (A) *Permissive Uses.* Permissive uses, provided there is no outdoor storage except parking and as specifically allowed below:
  - (1) Antenna, up to 65 feet in height.
  - (2) Clinic.
  - (3) Copying, blueprinting.
  - (4) Institution:
    - (a) Club.
    - (b) Day Care Center.

- (c) Library.
  - (d) Museum.
  - (e) School, including caretaker's mobile home.
- (5) Office.
- (6) Park-and-ride temporary facilities.
- (7) Public utility structure, provided its location is in accord with an adopted facility plan and a site development plan for building permit purposes has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- (8) Residential uses permissive in the R-3 Zone with the following exceptions:
- (a) Houses are not allowed.
  - (b) No less than 20% and no more than 60% of the gross floor area of the structures on the site shall be developed with residential uses.
  - (c) Residential uses shall be part of a vertical mix of uses (e.g. residential over commercial or residential over office).
  - (d) Where residential uses are proposed, the following regulations shall apply:
    - 1. Area: Minimum of 5 acres.
    - 2. Height: Pursuant to the R-3 Zone.
3. Density: The total square footage of all buildings shall achieve a minimum floor area ratio of 0.3.
4. Usable open space: Pursuant to the R-3 Zone. At least 50% of the required open space shall be provided in the form of shared or aggregate open space.
5. Shared parking: As provided in § 14-16-3-1(E)(6)(b) except that parking for residential uses is eligible for a shared parking exception.
6. Approval process: Site development plan approval by the Environmental Planning Commission.
- (9) Sign, off-premise, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
- (a) Location.
    - 1. Only wall signs and free-standing signs are permitted in the Established or Redeveloping Areas.
    - 2. Only wall signs are permitted in the Developing or Semi-Urban Areas except that free-standing signs designated to be read from the Interstate Highway and with at least one edge within 150 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, are also permitted.
3. Separation.
- a. No sign shall be nearer than 300 feet to any other off-premise sign.
  - b. No sign within 660 feet of the nearest edge of the public right-of-way of an Interstate Highway shall be nearer than 1,000 feet to any other off-premise sign.
  - c. But divisions a. and b. above shall not apply as to the distance between two signs separated by a building or other obstruction where the face of only one sign is visible from any point on the public right-of-way.
  - d. But divisions a. and b. above shall not apply to signs which are at some point within five feet of each other and only one of the sign faces is designed to be read from any given lane of traffic.
4. No free-standing sign erected after January 1, 1976, shall be nearer than 100 feet to any preexisting on-premise sign.
5. Setback

- a. No sign shall be nearer than seven feet to any public street right-of-way, except a public right-of-way containing an Interstate Highway without a frontage road between the sign and the Interstate Highway.
- b. No sign shall overhang a public right-of-way containing an Interstate Highway without a frontage road between the sign and the Interstate Highway.
- 6. No free-standing sign shall be nearer than 150 feet to any conforming residential property.

(b) Size.

- 1. Free-standing sign area of any one sign shall not exceed 300 square feet plus an additional add-on sign area of 18 square feet, except that within 150 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, the area of any one sign designed to be read from the Interstate Highway may be up to but shall not exceed 672 square feet plus an additional add-on sign area of 34 square feet. Free-standing sign length shall not exceed 60 feet.
- 2. Wall sign area shall be controlled by the provisions of division (9)(c)2. of this division (A).

(c) Height.

- 1. Sign height shall not exceed 26 feet, except:
  - a. As provided in division 2. below; and
  - b. the height of an add-on sign may be up to but shall not exceed 31 feet.
- 2. Within 150 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, the height of the highest point of the sign shall not exceed 29 feet, measured either from grade or from the elevation of the Interstate Highway at its closest point, except the height of an add-on sign may be up to but shall not exceed 34 feet, measured in the same way.

(d) Illumination, Motion: No regulations, apart from the general sign regulations.

(10) Sign, on-premise, as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:

(a) Location.

- 1. Building-mounted signs extending above the height of the building shall be permitted only if they are:

- a. A continuation of the plane of a projecting sign or of the nearest facade; or
- b. Counted and controlled by all number, size, and height regulations for free-standing signs, including division (c)2.b. below.
- 2. A sign shall not overhang into the public right-of-way more than five feet.
- 3. Projecting signs shall not project horizontally more than five feet, except marquee signs are permitted to project ten feet.

(b) Number.

- 1. In the Established or Redeveloped Areas. One free-standing or projecting sign shall be permitted for each street frontage of each premises or joint sign premises which has at least 100 feet of street frontage, or one per 300 feet of total street frontage (e.g., up to two signs allowed if 630 feet of frontage), whichever is more permissive.
- 2. In the Developing, Semi- Urban, or Rural and Open Areas.
  - a. No free-standing signs on sites of under five acres.

- b. One free-standing sign per street frontage shall be permitted on premises of five acres or more, provided the street frontage is at least 100 feet wide.
- c. One free-standing sign shall be permitted on a premises with 250 feet or more of street frontage but an area under five acres, provided the maximum sign area for each of one or two faces shall not exceed 35 square feet per face.
- 3. One canopy sign per entrance or exit shall be permitted.
- 4. No limit on number of wall signs.

(c) Size.

- 1. Size of Free-Standing and Projecting Signs. Sign area for a free-standing or projecting sign shall not exceed the following area:
  - a. Seventy-five square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a local street.
  - b. One hundred square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a collector street.
  - c. Two hundred and fifty square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is an arterial street

- or freeway (if division d. below does not apply).
- d. Three hundred square feet if the sign is within 200 feet of a moving lane of a freeway and is visible from the freeway; in addition to the regular limits on numbers of signs, there shall be no more than one sign this large per business.
- 2. Size, Building-Mounted Signs, Except Projecting Signs.
  - a. A building-mounted sign on premises or joint sign premises where there is no free-standing on- or off-premise sign shall not exceed the following:

- i. Twenty percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied, if the sign area is not wholly visible from an abutting collector street, arterial street, or freeway;
- ii. Twenty-five percent of the area to which it is applied, if the sign area is wholly visible from an abutting collector street; or
- iii. Thirty percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied, if the sign area is wholly visible from an abutting arterial street or freeway.

- b. A building-mounted sign on premises or joint sign premises where there is a free-standing or projecting on- or off-premise sign shall not exceed one-half the percentage of facade area listed in division a. above.
- c. An off-premise wall sign may be substituted for the area which otherwise would be permitted for an on-premise sign; such sign shall be regulated by height regulations for off-premise signs.

(d) Height.

- 1. Height of a free-standing sign shall not exceed 26 feet, except a sign which is within 200 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, may be up to but shall not exceed 26 feet above the freeway at its closest point.
- 2. Height of a building-mounted sign shall not exceed five feet above the height of the building, or it shall not exceed 30 feet, whichever is lower.
- 3. However, height of either a non-illuminated wall sign or an illuminated wall sign for a hotel or motel may be over 30 feet.



- (e) Illumination, Motion, Lettering. No regulations, apart from general sign regulations.
- (f) Exceptions.
  1. Permitted building-mounted sign area from the front and sides of the principal building of the business may be transferred from the building to a customer service area of the same business on the same premises, provided the height of such signs shall not exceed 15 feet and setback shall be at least ten feet; such signing shall not be considered free-standing.
  2. Any exceptions allowed for shopping centers, in order to provide adequate signing in special situations, shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-2 of this Zoning Code. Such a sign exception must be specifically defined in the Planning Commission resolution. Shopping centers approved prior to the effective date of this Zoning Code shall comply with sign regulations in this article unless an exception is specifically defined in a Planning Commission resolution.

(11) Radio or television studio or station.

- (12) Recycling bin as an accessory use on the site, as provided in § 14-16-3-15 of this Zoning Code.
- (13) Retailing of any consumer product and provision of any customer, personal, or business service, except adult amusement establishments and adult stores, hospitals for human beings and transit facilities, provided it is not listed as a conditional use in this zone, or as a permissive or conditional use listed for the first time in the C-3 zone, and with the following limitation:
  - (a) Alcoholic drink sales for consumption off premises; except the sale of alcoholic drink within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers is prohibited pursuant to § 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994:
    1. are limited to building area which is not within 500 feet of a residential zone; and
    2. shall not include the sale of broken packages or the following packages within 500 feet of a pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school, a religious institution, a residential zone, a designated Metropolitan Redevelopment Area (as defined in the State Metropolitan Redevelopment Code), a city

owned park or city owned major public open space:

- A. distilled spirits, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any package that contains less than 750 milliliters;
  - B. beer, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any single container labeled as containing 16 or fewer ounces; and
  - C. fortified wines with a volume of alcohol of more than 13.5 percent.
- (b) Vehicle sales, rental, service, repair, and storage, both indoor and outdoor, provided:
1. Outdoor activity areas (display and storage of stock in trade) meet all the specifications for a parking lot, as regulated in the O-1 zone.
  2. Outdoor storage of inoperative vehicles is limited to two vehicles at any time, and a given inoperative vehicle shall not be parked outdoors over two weeks in any 12-month period.
  3. Painting and major automotive repair is conducted within a completely enclosed building at least 20 feet from any residential zone.

- 4. A truck terminal is not permitted.
  - 5. Outdoor vehicle storage as a principal business, where vehicles are typically not moved for one week or more, is not a permissive use.
- (c) Banking, loaning money, including pawn. Drive-in facilities included on the condition the vehicle movement plan is approved by the Traffic Engineer.
- (d) Building materials, provided they are in a completely enclosed building or within an area enclosed on all sides by a wall or fence at least six feet high which must be solid when it faces or is contiguous to land not zoned C-2, C-3, M-1 or M-2.
- (e) Circus or Carnival operation outdoor or in a tent provided:
- 1. The use is located at least 300 feet from a dwelling in a residential zone;
  - 2. The use is permitted at one location for a period not to exceed seven days in any calendar year;
  - 3. Hours of operation, including erection and dismantling of equipment are:
    - a. If the use is located between 300 feet and 500 feet from a dwelling, between 7:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.;
    - b. If the use is located 500 feet or more from a dwelling, between 6:00 a.m. and 11:30 p.m.;
- (f) Drive-in restaurant, provided a solid wall or fence at least six feet high shall be erected on sides which abut land, other than public right-of-way land, in a residential zone. However, if the wall or fence plus retaining wall would have an effective height of over eight feet on the residential side, the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall decide the required height; such decision shall be made by the same process and criteria required for a conditional use.
- (g) Dry cleaning, laundry, clothes pressing, provided:
- 1. Only cleaning fluid which is not flammable at temperatures below 138.5° Fahrenheit may be used;
  - 2. The number of persons engaged in operating a laundry or dry cleaning establishment is limited to five, excluding pressers, office, clerical, or delivery personnel;
  - 3. That portion of the structure in which any cleaning process is done is at least 50 feet from any residential zone.
- (h) Flowers and plants, including out-door sales.
- (i) Gasoline, oil, and liquified petroleum gas retailing, including outdoor sales, but not truck plazas.
- (j) Golf driving range, miniature golf course, baseball batting range, located in a building or outdoors, provided fencing or other suitable device is employed to insure that balls are not hit out of premises.
- (k) Hospital for animals, provided it has no outside pens. One outside exercise run is permitted, provided it is enclosed with a solid wall or fence at least six feet high, and no more than one animal is permitted in the run at any one time.

- (l) One mobile home for a watchman or caretaker on the same lot with commercial uses, permissive or conditional in this zone, which do not have or normally require a permanent structure, including but not limited to used car sales lot; mobile home or recreational vehicles sales or rental lot; and circus, carnival, or similar enterprise. However, the mobile home shall not be within 100 feet of a lot in a residential zone or a dwelling unit in any zone.
- (m) Parking lot, as regulated in the O-1 zone.
- (n) Pets, as regulated in the C-1 zone.
- (o) Restaurant with outdoor seating.
- (p) Sample dwelling unit used to sell such units, including incidental sales office activity.
- (q) Secondhand store, including outside storage in the side or rear yard and if enclosed by a solid wall or fence at least six feet high.
- (r) Stand or vehicle selling fruit, vegetables, or nursery stock, provided it is limited to a period of 90 days in any calendar year. However, one renewal for an additional 90 days may be permitted by the Planning Director.
- (s) Not permissive as retailing or services are uses listed as conditional use in this section and uses that are in substantial part industrial or manufacturing activities, e.g., automobile dismantling, sheet metal working, or tire recapping and retreading.
- (14) Storage structure or yard for equipment, material or activity incidental to a specific construction project, provided it is of a temporary nature and is moved after the specific construction project is completed or work on the project has been dormant for a period of six or more months, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year unless the time is extended by the Planning Director.
- (15) Wholesaling of jewelry.
- (16) Uses or activities in a tent, if the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this subsection, provided:
  - (a) The tent may not be erected for more than seven days at a time and may not be erected more than two times a year on a given premises;
  - (b) There is sufficient paved off-street parking available on the premises to meet 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
- (c) There are toilet facilities on the premises available to the users of the tent; and
- (d) The City Fire Marshall or his authorized representative gives prior approval of the tent as meeting the requirements of Chapter 14, Article 2, Fire Code.
- (17) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met, and as specifically allowed below:
  - (a) A free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 65 feet in height.
  - (b) A collocated free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 75 feet in height.
  - (c) A face-mounted wireless telecommunications facility.
  - (d) A roof-mounted wireless telecommunications facility, up to 6 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed.
  - (e) A concealed wireless telecommunications facility.

- (f) A Community Identity Feature if it is approved by the Planning Commission pursuant to § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code.
- (g) A wireless telecommunications facility, the antennas of which all are mounted on an existing vertical structure.
- (B) *Conditional Uses.*
- (1) Antenna, over 65 feet in height.
- (2) Cold storage plant.
- (3) Church or other place of worship, including incidental recreational and educational facilities. Incidental uses allowed include but are not limited to an emergency shelter operated by the church on the church's principal premises which is used regularly for public worship, notwithstanding special limitations elsewhere in this Zoning Code.
- (4) Community residential program, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (5) Drive-in theater.
- (6) Emergency shelter, provided the standards of § 14-16-3-13 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (7) Fire wood sales and related storage, provided the wood is not visible from land not zoned C-2, C-3, M-1, or M-2.
- (8) Kennel.
- (9) Mobile home development, provided the development contains at least three acres. Approval of a site development plan and landscaping plan is required prior to development.
- (10) One mobile home for a watchman or caretaker on the same premises with a commercial use other than one of those uses enumerated in division (A)(12)(l) of this section. However, the mobile home shall not be within 100 feet of a lot in a residential zone or a dwelling unit in any zone.
- (11) Outdoor storage or activity, except as specifically listed as a permissive or conditional use in this section, and as further provided below:
- (a) No outdoor storage or activity specified as a principal special use in § 14-16-2-22(B) of the Zoning Code, the SU-1 zone, may be a conditional use considered under this division (B).
- (b) Combinations of uses, some or all of which are outdoor uses, which interact to create a more intense use, operating as one coordinated enterprise or attraction are not normally appropriate for approval as conditional uses under this division (B), being more properly controlled as SU-1 zone special uses.
- (c) Outdoor uses which would impact their environs with appearance, light, noise, odor, or similar environmental problems likely to be unpleasant to neighboring premises and uses shall not be approved.
- (d) Outdoor conditional uses often justify special requirements to keep the appearance or other aspects of the outdoor storage or activity from negatively impacting adjacent land.
- (e) Outdoor vehicle storage as a principal business, where vehicles are typically not moved for one week or more, is not appropriate if it will be significantly visible from adjacent streets or nearby residential, office, or commercial uses: if approved, this type of storage requires special buffering.
- (12) Parking of more than two truck tractors and two semitrailers for over two hours.
- (13) Park-and-ride joint-use facilities, if it is determined that under the conditions imposed there will not be a shortage of on-site parking for the activities on the site; in such situations, no parking variance is required.
- (14) Pony riding without stables, provided it is located at least 300 feet from a dwelling which is a conforming use.

- (15) Retail sale of alcoholic drink for consumption off premises, where the portion of the building used for such business is within 500 feet of a residential zone, provided such sales shall not include the sale of broken packages or the following packages within 500 feet of a pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school, a religious institution, a residential zone, a city owned park or city owned major public open space except the retailing of alcoholic drink, for on or off premise consumption, within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers, is prohibited pursuant to § 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994 and further provided that such sales shall not include:
- (a) distilled spirits, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any package that contains less than 750 milliliters;
  - (b) beer, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any single container; and
  - (c) fortified wines with a volume of alcohol of more than 13.5 percent.
- (16) Public utility structure which is not permissive.
- (17) Retail business in which products may be manufactured, compounded, processed, assembled, or treated, as an accessory use, including carpentry, plumbing, sheet-metal working, upholstering, sign painting, making of metal stamps, 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 manufacturing, processing, assembling, or treating of products is limited to ten, excluding office, clerical or delivery personnel.
  - (c) Activities or products are not objectionable due to odor, dust, smoke, noise, vibration, or other cause.
- (18) Tire recapping or retreading, provided:
- (a) The activity is incidental to the major use and is conducted within a completely enclosed building.
  - (b) Outdoor storage of tires is enclosed by a solid wall or fence at least six feet high.
  - (c) Tires stored outdoors may not be stacked above the plane established by the top of the required surrounding wall.
- (19) Transfer or storage of household goods, provided:
- (a) Parking and maneuvering of trucks is permitted only off the street in an off-street parking area as regulated by this article.
  - (b) Servicing of trucks is permitted only within a building or an area completely enclosed by a solid wall or fence at least eight feet high.
- (20) Uses or activities in a tent, if the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this section, provided there is sufficient paved off-street parking available on the premises to meet parking requirements for all uses on the premises, including the activity in the tent, and provided that the Fire Marshal [i.e., the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau] or his designated representative gives prior approval of the tent as meeting the requirements of Chapter 14, Article 2, Fire Code.
- (21) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Roof-Mounted, up to 20 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (C) *Height.* Height shall be as provided in the O-1 zone, except sign and antenna height shall be as provided in division (A) of this section.
  - (D) *Lot Size.* No requirements.
  - (E) *Setback.* Setback shall be as provided in the O-1 zone.

- (F) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (G) *Shopping Center Regulations.* Any site in this zone classified as a Shopping Center site, as defined in § 14-16-1-5 of this Zoning Code, is subject to special site development regulations. The Shopping Center Regulations are provided in § 14-16-3-2 of this Zoning Code.
- (H) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.

('74 Code, § 7-14-22) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 57-1976; Am. Ord. 13-1977; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 74-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 55-1978; Am. Ord. 74-1980; Am. Ord. 42-1981; Am. Ord. 40-1983; Am. Ord. 54-1983; Am. Ord. 74-1985; Am. Ord. 11-1986; Am. Ord. 80-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 62-1988; Am. Ord. 3-1990; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 30-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 63-1990; Am. Ord. 69-1990; Am. Ord. 43-1991; Am. Ord. 39-1992; Am. Ord. 50-1992; Am. Ord. 13-1993; Am. Ord. 2-1994; Am. Ord. 58-1995; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 11-2002; Am. Ord. 10-2004; Am. Ord. 42-2004; Am. Ord. 4-2005; Am. Ord. 16-2005; Am. Ord. 43-2005; Am. Ord. 7-2006; Am. Ord. 23-2007)

## IP INDUSTRIAL PARK ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for a wide range of industrial and commercial uses, provided such uses are conducted in a compatible and harmonious

manner within industrial environments achieved through a Development Plan.

### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Adult amusement establishment, or adult store, provided:
  - (a) The use is located at least 1,000 feet from any adult amusement establishment or adult store; and
  - (b) The use is located at least 500 feet from the nearest residential zone, or from any church or pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school.
- (2) Air separation plant for nitrogen, oxygen, and argon only.
- (3) Auditorium, place of assembly.
- (4) Bottling plant.
- (5) Club.
- (6) Cold storage plant.
- (7) Golf course or golf driving range.
- (8) Hospital for animals.
- (9) Institution, including library, museum, school, day care center, but not disciplinary institutions or hospital for human beings.

- (10) Laboratory — experimental, testing, or medical, provided all activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building. Noxious fumes, odor, or dust shall not be emitted from the premises.
- (11) Machine Shop.
- (12) Manufacturing, assembling, treating, repairing, or rebuilding articles except those conditional or otherwise limited in this zone and the M-1 zone or specifically listed as permissive or conditional in the M-2 zone, provided manufacturing is conducted within a completely enclosed building.
- (13) Office.
- (14) Office machine equipment sales and repairs.
- (15) One dwelling per premises for a watchman or caretaker on the same premises with commercial or industrial use.
- (16) Park-and-ride temporary facilities.
- (17) Parking lot related to another use permitted in this zone, as regulated in the O-1 zone.
- (18) Printing, publishing, lithographing, blue-printing, or photostating.
- (19) Public utility use or structure and fire stations, provided their location is in accord with an adopted facility plan and a



- site development plan for building permit purposes has been approved by the Planning Commission.
- (20) Radio and/or television station, provided the construction of any structure, tower or facility near an airport that interferes with airport airspace requirements as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration, is prohibited.
- (21) Railroad right-of-way and incidental facilities, provided they are at least 100 feet from any residential zone or approved by master plan.
- (22) Retail sales of the following goods, plus incidental retailing of related goods and incidental service or repair:
- (a) Books, magazines, newspapers, except adult book store.
  - (b) Cosmetics, notions, gifts.
  - (c) Drugs, medical supplies.
  - (d) Flowers and plants.
  - (e) Food and drink, for consumption on premises.
  - (f) Gasoline, oil, liquified petroleum gas.
- (23) Sales and display rooms or buildings for wholesalers, distributors, warehouses, or manufacturers.

- (24) Services:
- (a) Automobile repairing, but no body work; repairing shall be done within a completely enclosed building at least 20 feet from any residential zone.
  - (b) Banking, loaning money, including pawn. Drive-in facilities permitted on the condition the vehicle movement plan is approved by the Traffic Engineer.
  - (c) Barber, beauty.
  - (d) Car washing.
  - (e) Clinic.
  - (f) Day care center.
  - (g) Dry cleaning, laundry, clothes pressing.
  - (h) Health gymnasium.
  - (i) Hotel or motel, including incidental uses.
  - (j) Photography, except adult photo studio.
- (25) Sign, on-premises as provided in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, and further provided:
- (a) Location. A sign shall not overhang into the public right-of-way.

- (b) Number.
1. In the Established or Redeveloping Areas: one free-standing sign or projecting sign shall be permitted for each street frontage of each premises or joint sign premises which has at least 200 feet of street frontage.
  2. In the Developing or Semi-Urban Areas: as provided in division 1. above, except that there shall be no free-standing or projecting sign on a premises of less than five acres.
  3. One wall sign shall be permitted per facade per business.
  4. On a multi-business premises, one additional sign of any type shall be permitted as a directory sign, provided its area does not exceed 32 square feet.
- (c) Size.
1. Size of Free-Standing or Projecting Signs. Sign area for a free-standing or projecting sign shall not exceed the following:
    - a. 75 square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a local street.

- b. 100 square feet if the most important street abutting the lot is a collector or arterial street or freeway.
- 2. Size, Building-Mounted Signs, Except Projecting Signs. A building-mounted sign shall not exceed the following area:
  - a. Fifteen percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied if the sign is not wholly visible from an abutting arterial or collector street; or
  - b. Twenty percent of the area of the facade to which it is applied if the sign is wholly visible from an abutting arterial or collector street or freeway.
- (d) Height.
  - 1. Height of a free-standing sign shall not exceed 26 feet.
  - 2. Height of a building-mounted sign shall not exceed five feet above the building wall.
- (e) Illumination. Light bulbs illuminating signs shall not shine directly into adjacent conforming residential property.
- (f) Motion, Lettering. No regulations, apart from those in § 14-16-3-5.
- (26) Sheet metal working.
- (27) Swimming pool.
- (28) Warehouse.
- (29) Wholesaling.
- (30) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met, and as specifically allowed below:
  - (a) A free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 65 feet in height.
  - (b) A collocated free-standing wireless telecommunications facility, up to 75 feet in height.
  - (c) A face-mounted wireless telecommunications facility.
  - (d) A roof-mounted wireless telecommunications facility, up to 6 feet above the parapet of the building on which it is placed.
  - (e) A concealed wireless telecommunications facility.
  - (f) A Community Identity Feature if it is approved by the Planning Commission pursuant to § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code.
- (g) A wireless telecommunications facility, the antennas of which all are mounted on an existing vertical structure.
  - (B) *Conditional Uses.* Uses permissive or conditional in the M-1 zone and not permissive in this zone, except not Community residential program, Emergency shelter, or dwelling unit other than caretaker or watchman premises on the premises of the commercial or industrial use.
  - (C) *Height.*
    - (1) Structure height and width shall fall within 45° angle planes drawn from the horizontal at the mean grade along each boundary of the premises, but a structure shall not exceed a height of 120 feet.
    - (2) Exceptions to the above are provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code and, for sign height, in division (A) of this section.
  - (D) *Lot Size.* Minimum lot area shall be one-half acre. Minimum lot width shall be 100 feet. No more than 50% of the surface of any lot or site shall be covered with buildings.
  - (E) *Setback.* The following regulations apply, except as provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code:
    - (1) There shall be a front-yard setback of not less than 20 feet.
    - (2) There shall be a side-yard setback of not less than ten feet.

- (3) There shall be a rear-yard setback of not less than ten feet.
- (4) No setback will be required on sides abutting rail trackage or rail easements.
- (F) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.
- (G) *Outside Storage.* All outdoor storage and trash collection areas shall be visually screened from all property lines by a solid wall or fence or by an evergreen hedge at least six feet high.
- (H) *General Requirements.*
  - (1) *Minimum Zone Size.* The minimum total contiguous area eligible for an IP zone designation is 20 acres.
  - (2) *Master Development Plan.* A plan meeting the requirements of § 14-16-1-5 shall accompany an application for change to IP zoning. No building permit shall be issued for an IP-zoned property until a Master Development Plan has been approved. Amendment of an approved Master Development Plan shall be the same as in the SU-1 zone.
  - (3) *Landscaping.* Landscaping shall be as specified in § 14-16-3-10 of this Zoning Code, except that a minimum landscaped strip of ten feet shall be maintained between parking areas and the street right-of-way line, regardless of site size.

- (I) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.  
(’74 Code, § 7-14-24) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 6-1977; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 76-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 14-1984; Am. Ord. 11-1986; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 58-1995; Am. Ord. 22-1997; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 29-2003; Am. Ord. 42-2004; Am. Ord. 66-2005)

### M-1 LIGHT MANUFACTURING ZONE

This zone provides suitable sites for heavy commercial and light manufacturing uses.

#### (A) *Permissive Uses.*

- (1) Uses first listed as permissive and as regulated in the C-3 zone (§ 14-16-2-18(A)).
- (2) Uses permissive and as regulated in the IP zone.
- (3) Antenna, without limit as to height.
- (4) Automotive sales, rentals, service, repair, and storage, provided:
  - (a) The area meets all of the specifications for a parking lot as defined in this Zoning Code.
  - (b) Major automotive repair is conducted within a completely enclosed building.

- (5) Automobile dismantling, provided:
  - (a) All activities are conducted in a completely enclosed building or are enclosed by a solid wall or fence at least six feet high.
  - (b) Inoperative automobile bodies may be stacked to a height that does not exceed the height of the required wall.
- (6) Commercial agricultural activity and incidental structures. Animals permissive are cattle, horses, goats, and sheep, provided the number of head of cattle or horses does not exceed one for each 10,000 square feet of open lot area, or one sheep or goat for each 4,000 square feet of open lot area, or equivalent combination. Animals shall be so controlled that they cannot graze on any other premises. Animals under four months old are not counted.
- (7) Emergency shelter, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-13 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (8) Manufacturing, assembling, treating, repairing, or rebuilding articles, except those conditional or otherwise limited in this zone or specifically listed as permissive or conditional in the M-2 zone, provided all manufacturing is conducted within a completely enclosed building.
- (9) Incidental uses within a building, most of which is occupied by offices, including

- news, cigar or candy stand, personal-service establishment and the like, provided:
- (a) The use is intended primarily for the use of occupants of the building.
  - (b) The use is limited to a maximum of 10% of the total floor area.
- (10) Parking lot, as regulated in the 0-1 zone.
- (11) Recycling bin as an accessory use on the site, as provided in § 14-16-3-15 of this Zoning Code.
- (12) Sign, off-premise, as provided in the C-2 zone and § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code, except:
- (a) Size. Free-standing sign area of any one sign shall not exceed 672 square feet. An additional add-on sign area of 34 square feet is permitted.
  - (b) Height.
    - 1. Sign height shall not exceed 29 feet except:
      - a. As provided in division 2. below; and
      - b. the height of an add-on sign may be up to but shall not exceed 34 feet.
2. Within 150 feet of a moving through lane of an Interstate Highway, excluding interchange ramps, the height of the highest point of the sign shall not exceed 29 feet, measured either from grade or from the elevation of the Interstate Highway at its closest point, except the height of an add-on sign may be up to but shall not exceed 34 feet, measured in the same way.
- (13) Sign, on-premise, as provided in the C-2 zone and in § 14-16-3-5 of this Zoning Code.
- (14) Storage structure or yard for equipment, material or activity incidental to a specific construction project, provided it is of a temporary nature and is moved after the specific construction project is completed, or work on the project has been dormant for a period of six or more months, and further provided that it is limited to a period of one year, unless the time is extended by the Planning Director.
- (15) Trailer sales, rentals, service, repair, and storage, provided:
  - (a) Paving shall be maintained level and serviceable. The lot must be graded and surfaced with one of the following:
    - 1. Gravel: Two inches of compacted gravel (3/8 inch to one inch size) at least 1/2 inch of which shall be maintained on the surface; gravel shall be kept off of the right-of-way; or
    - 2. A hard surface superior to division 1. above.
  - (b) A fence or wall which prevents vehicles from extending beyond the property line shall be erected.
  - (c) A solid wall or fence at least six feet high shall be erected on sides which abut land, other than public right-of-way land, in a residential zone. However, if the wall or fence plus retaining wall would have an effective height of over eight feet on the residential side, the Zoning Hearing Examiner shall decide the required height; such decision shall be made by the same process and criteria required for a conditional use.
- (16) The following uses, provided all activities are conducted within a completely enclosed building and provided that noxious fumes, odors, or dust shall not be emitted from the premises:
  - (a) Blacksmith shop.
  - (b) Poultry or rabbit live storage or killing and dressing.
- (17) Uses which must be conducted in a completely enclosed building or within an area enclosed on all sides by a wall or



fence at least six feet high which is maintained in a state of good repair and which must be solid when it faces or abuts land not zoned C-2, C-3, M-1, or M-2:

- (a) Concrete or cement products manufacturing, batching plant, processing of stone.
- (b) Gravel, sand, or dirt removal, stockpiling, processing, or distribution.
- (c) Truck terminal, tractor, trailer, or truck storage, including maintenance facilities.

(B) *Conditional Uses.*

- (1) If so approved, the following uses may be conducted in an area not completely enclosed by a wall or fence:
  - (a) Air separation plant not otherwise allowed as a permissive use.
  - (b) Animal raising, other than those animals which are permissive in this section.
  - (c) Building material storage or sales.
  - (d) Concrete or cement products manufacturing, batching plant, processing of stone.
  - (e) Contractor's equipment storage, or contractor's plant.

- (f) Feed or fuel storage or sales.
- (g) Gravel, sand, or dirt removal activity, stockpiling, processing, or distribution.
- (h) Rental, sales, display, and repair of operative contractor's and heavy farm equipment.
- (i) Salvage yard for storage and sale of used material provided the yard is enclosed on all sides by a solid wall or fence at least six feet high.
- (j) Truck terminal, tractor, trailer, or truck storage, including maintenance facilities.

- (2) Community residential corrections program: up to 15 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (3) Community residential program for substance abusers with up to 15 client residents, provided that the standards of § 14-16-3-12 of this Zoning Code are met.
- (4) Public utility structure which is not permissive.
- (5) Retailing which is not permissive, provided retailing shall not include the sale of alcoholic drink for consumption off premises within 500 feet of a pre-elementary, elementary or secondary school, a religious institution, a residential zone, a city owned park or city owned

major public open space if the alcoholic drink is in a broken package or in the following package except the retailing of alcoholic drink, for on or off premise consumption, within 500 feet of a community residential program or hospital for treatment of substance abusers, is prohibited pursuant to § 14-16-3-12(A)(11) ROA 1994 and further provided that such sales shall not include:

- (a) distilled spirits, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any package that contains less than 750 milliliters;
- (b) beer, as defined in the New Mexico Liquor Control Act, in any single container; and
- (c) fortified wines with a volume of alcohol of more than 13.5 percent.

- (6) Uses or activities in a tent, if the uses or activities are listed elsewhere in this section, provided there is sufficient paved off-street parking available on the premises to meet parking requirements for all uses on the premises, including the activity in the tent, and provided that the City Fire Marshal [i.e., the Chief of the Fire Prevention Bureau] or his authorized representative gives prior approval of the tent as meeting the requirements of Chapter 14, Article 2, Fire Code.
- (7) Wireless Telecommunications Facility, Roof-Mounted, up to 20 feet above the

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parapet of the building on which it is placed, provided that the requirements of § 14-16-3-17 of this Zoning Code are met.

large retail facility regulations are provided in § 14-16-3-2 of the Zoning Code.

(74 Code, § 7-14-25) (Ord. 80-1975; Am. Ord. 40-1976; Am. Ord. 13-1977; Am. Ord. 26-1977; Am. Ord. 74-1977; Am. Ord. 38-1978; Am. Ord. 34-1981; Am. Ord. 74-1985; Am. Ord. 41-1987; Am. Ord. 3-1990; Am. Ord. 12-1990; Am. Ord. 47-1990; Am. Ord. 2-1991; Am. Ord. 43-1991; Am. Ord. 22-1997; Am. Ord. 9-1999; Am. Ord. 11-2002; Am. Ord. 42-2004; Am. Ord. 4-2005; Am. Ord. 43-2005; Am. Ord. 23-2007)

(C) *Height.*

- (1) Structure height up to 36 feet is permitted at any legal location. The height and width of the structure over 36 feet high shall fall within a 45° plane drawn from the horizontal at the mean grade along each boundary of the premises, but a structure shall not exceed a height of 120 feet.
- (2) Exceptions to the above are provided in § 14-16-3-3 of this Zoning Code, and, for sign height, as provided in the C-2 zone.

(D) *Lot Size.* No requirements.

(E) *Setback.* Setback shall be as provided in the O-1 zone.

(F) *Off-Street Parking.* Off-street parking shall be as provided in § 14-16-3-1 of this Zoning Code.

(G) An air quality impact review and assessment may be required. See § 14-16-3-14 of this Zoning Code.

(H) *Large Retail Facility Regulations.* Any site containing a large retail facility, as defined in § 14-16-1-5 of the Zoning Code, is subject to special development regulations. The



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## Appendix A: Interim Guidelines for Development within City Designated Landfill Buffer Zones

Through normal decomposition of buried refuse in former landfills, methane gas may be produced as a byproduct. If production of methane is significant, the landfill becomes pressurized forcing the methane gas out beyond the boundaries of the landfill. Methane generally follows the path of least resistance when it migrates. Typical areas it migrates through are utility corridors, existing gravel and/or sand deposits below the surface or areas where prior excavations have occurred and the fill was not properly compacted. Because methane may migrate onsite and to offsite areas surrounding a landfill, there is a potential danger to development and activities associated with development as the methane may enter buildings through utility corridors or other means. Trenching during construction activities associated with development also has the potential to expose workers to methane. Methane gas is explosive when the concentration in air reaches a certain level. Landfill gas may also be a health hazard due to other byproduct gases. As a result of the above concerns, these Interim Guidelines for Development (Interim Guidelines)

within City of Albuquerque (City) Designated Landfill Buffer Zones are to be followed by all development within the City's jurisdiction. These guidelines apply to all active or inactive City designated landfill buffer zones of City and private permitted landfills, unpermitted landfills, and/or illegal dumpsites.

1. All development, whether it proceeds through the Environmental Planning Commission (EPC), Development Review Board (DRB), Design Review Committee (DRC) or the building permit process shall be subject to the Interim Guidelines if the property falls on top of or within a City designated landfill buffer zone. The Albuquerque Environmental Health Department Environmental Services Division or its consultant will review all documentation concerning development within each designated landfill buffer zone from professional engineers and the developers/owners/responsible parties to ensure that the Interim Guidelines have been followed.
2. Development projects will include input from a professional engineer, with expertise in landfills and landfill gas issues, to determine if landfill gas (including but not limited to methane) exists on the property in question and whether there is a potential for the migration of landfill gas to impact the property or other properties in the future.
3. If landfill gas is present at the property in question or there is a potential for the property to be impacted in the future, plans must include risk abatement measures, which are adequate to address any existing and/or future risk related to landfill gas.

The portion of the construction plans dealing with landfill gas abatement measures shall be certified by a professional engineer with landfill gas experience, noted on plat/site development plans or building permits, reviewed and signed-off by designated Albuquerque Environmental Health Department Environmental Services Division staff or its designated consultant. Work orders for construction of public infrastructure will not be issued by the Public Works Department until the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department has verified that the risk abatement measures are properly detailed on infrastructure construction plans. Certificates of occupancy will not be issued by the City's Planning Department until the Albuquerque Environmental Health Department has verified that the risk abatement measures are properly detailed on the building permit plans and properly constructed.

The certification process shall include the following steps:

- An assessment performed by the professional engineer, with expertise in landfills and landfill gas, to determine the current presence and/or potential for future presence and extent of landfill gas at the property. The scope of work undertaken concerning the assessment of landfill gases and/or the risk abatement measures at the property must be sufficient for the professional engineer to render an unqualified opinion concerning the current presence and/or potential for future presence and extent of landfill gases at the property, and the sufficiency of the risk

abatement measures to eliminate any hazards or potential hazards associated with landfill gases.

- A commitment by the owner/developer/responsible party to follow abatement measures and acknowledgment that the commitment is a condition of development approval. (In the case of a large corporation, the certification letter will be signed by a representative, who has the authority to commit the corporation to implement the risk abatement measures.)
- Construction plans detailing the risk abatement measures shall be submitted with the building permit plans.
- A stamped certification from a professional engineer licensed to practice in New Mexico certifying that the construction of the project has been completed in compliance with the risk abatement measures as detailed on original construction plans (any changes in the original design of the risk abatement measures shall be coordinated with the landfill gas professional engineer and Albuquerque Environmental Health Department prior to implementation of the change).

E. Copies of landfill certification documentation will be submitted to the Planning Department and maintained in its development files.

F. If a determination is made that there is no landfill gas existing at the property and there is no future risk from landfill gas, the assessment report shall state how such a determination was made and shall

be certified by a professional engineer with landfill gas experience. The “no risk” certification process shall include the same steps outlined above.

G. Properties within City designated landfill buffer zones must note on the site plan/plats/as-builts the following disclosure statement:

“The subject property is located (near, on) a (former, existing) landfill. Due to the subject property being (near, on) a (former, existing) landfill, certain precautionary measures may need to be taken to ensure the health and safety of the public. Recommendations made by a professional engineer with expertise in landfills and landfill gas issues (as required by the most current version of the Interim Guidelines for Development within City Designated Landfill Buffer Zones) shall be consulted prior to development of the site.”

H. The Interim Guidelines are for the development process and are not intended to affect planning or administrative processes that are not associated with physical changes to sites on or within City designated landfill buffer zones other than to raise the awareness of procedures to be undertaken prior to development.

I. Any removal of landfill materials during development of the property must also be coordinated with the New Mexico Environment Department – Solid Waste Bureau.

J. The following City designated landfill buffer zones are:

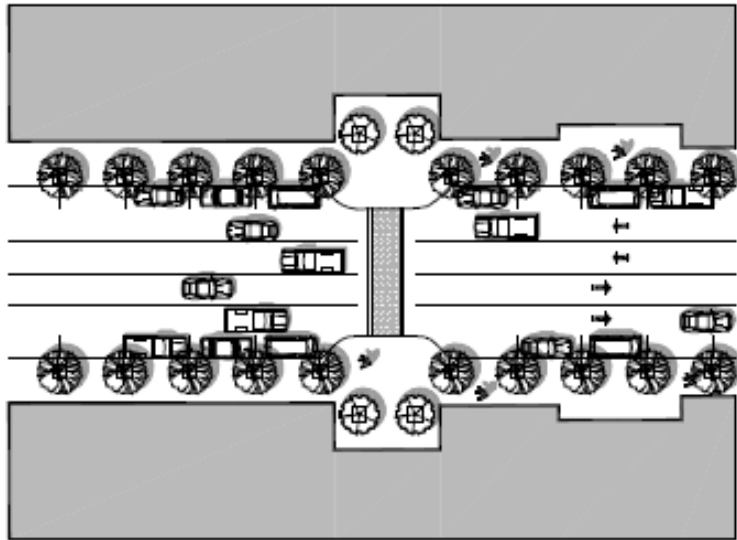
- Atrisco LF-250 ft

- Coronado LF North Cell -250 ft
- Coronado LF Middle and South Cells -1000 ft
- Eubank LF- 1000 ft (Except those areas within Sandia Science and Technology Park Phase I area)
- Los Angeles LF-1000 ft
- Nazareth LF-500 ft
- Oakland Avenue Landfill – 1000 ft
- Riverside LF-1000 ft
- Russ Pitney LF-1000 ft
- Sacramento LF- 500 ft
- San Antonio LF- 1000 ft
- San Francisco Drive LF-1000 ft
- Seay Brothers LF-1000 ft
- South Broadway LF-1000 ft
- Southwest LF-1000 ft
- Swartzman LF-1000 ft
- W.W. Cox LF-1000 ft
- Yale LF – 1000 ft
- Private Permitted Landfills\* – 1000 ft
- Private Unpermitted Landfills\* – 1000 ft
- Illegal Dumpsites- 1000 ft

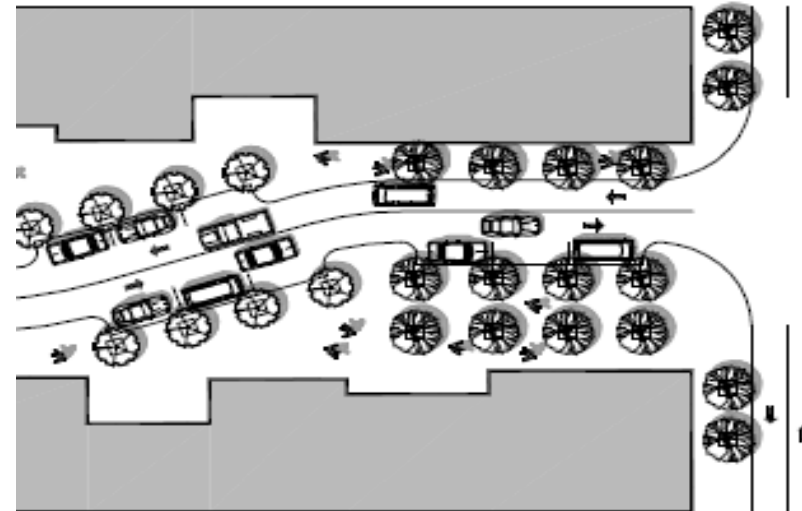
\*Note – private permitted landfills have been permitted by the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) Solid Waste Bureau, while private unpermitted landfills have not been permitted by the NMED Solid Waste Bureau.

# Appendix B: Traffic Calming Techniques

<b>Speed Table/Raised Crosswalk</b>	
Flat-topped speed humps often constructed with brick or other textured materials on the flat section.	
<i>Pros</i>	<i>Cons</i>
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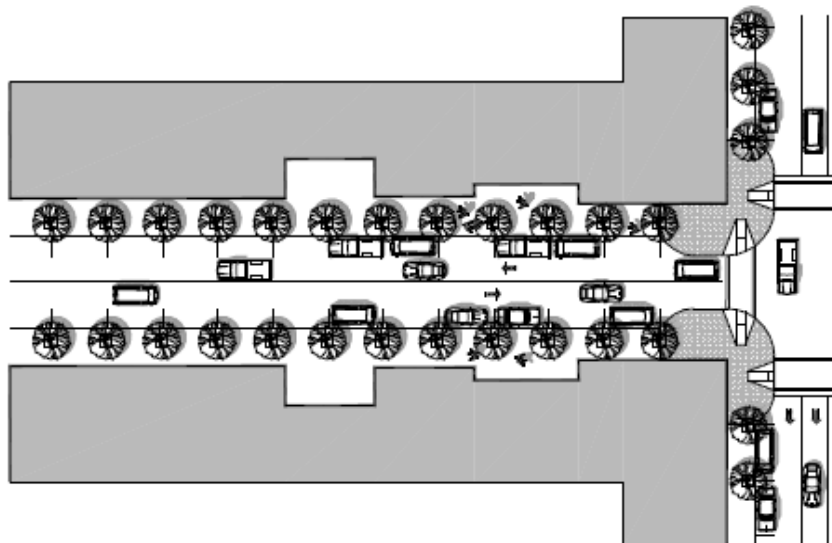
<b>Chicane/Serpentine</b>	
Curb extensions that alternate from one side of the street to the other, forming S-shaped curves.	
<i>Pros</i>	<i>Cons</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Shortens pedestrian crossing distance</li> <li>Low impact on emergency response time</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential drainage problems</li> <li>Increased maintenance costs</li> </ul>



**Bulb-Out/Curb Extension/Neckdown**

Curb extensions at intersections that reduce roadway width curb to curb.

<i>Pros</i>	<i>Cons</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Shortens pedestrian crossing distance</li> <li>▪ Reduces speed of turning vehicles</li> <li>▪ Can be landscaped</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Increased landscape maintenance costs</li> <li>▪ Potential drainage issues</li> </ul>



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